

# Prince of Peace Parish

Established 1987

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**Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm / Weekends Closed**

## Weekend Masses

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:00 am,  
11:30 am & 1:00 pm

## Weekday Masses

**Monday:** 7:00 pm

**Tuesday – Saturday:** 8:30am

**First Friday:** 7:00 pm (see below)

## Confessions

**Saturday:** 9:00 am - 9:45 am

4:00 pm-4:45 pm

(First Friday Confessions-see below)

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office where you can also learn the various ways how you can share your *time, talent and treasure*.

## VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Contact the office if you have any questions or if you wish to be a volunteer.

## BAPTISM

Contact the parish office 3 months before the desired date of Baptism.

## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREP

These programs begin in September and conclude after Easter. To register call the parish officer

## R.C.I.A

The Christian Initiation of Adults is for those wishing to learn more about how to become Catholic. Please contact the parish office for further information.

## MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the desired date.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For home visits, call the parish office. From the hospital, ask for a priest directly at the nursing station.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Following the 7pm mass there is exposition, adoration (confessions during adoration) and Benediction at 8:30pm.

(Please note that on First Fridays there is no morning mass.)

## VISITING MINISTRY

Currently no visits for Holy Communion are available.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Postponed until further notice.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bento D'Cruz—Grand Knight

[GK9144@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK9144@ontariokofc.ca)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

To volunteer, make a donation or if you require assistance call 647-234-0265.

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the Month. Appointed by the pastor. Jimmy Chang—Vice-chair

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Prince of Peace	416-393-5416
Our Lady of Grace	416-393-5372
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	416-393-5381
St. Rene Goupil	416-393-5406
The Divine Infant	416-393-5414
Fr. Michael McGivney	905-472-4961
Francis Libermann HS	416-393-5524

# 4th Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm Mass

(Sunday Vigil)

### Sunday, December 19

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

1:00 pm Mass

### Monday, December 20

7:00 pm Mass

† Clara Lobo

† Rodolfo Quiros Jr.

### Tuesday, December 21

8:30 am Mass

† Clara Sy

### Wednesday, December 22

8:30 am Mass

◆ Intentions of George & Dolly

### Thursday, December 23

8:30 am Mass

† Helen Ong

† Mr. & Mrs. Rita Barreto

### Friday, December 24

8:30 am Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mass

8:00 pm Mass

10:00 pm Mass

### Saturday, December 25

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

Pro Populo

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† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

### SANCTURARY LAMP

### December 18-25

The Lamp burns this week for all who are suffering from Covid and for those taking care of them.



As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience. Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

### DAY OF CONFESSIONS



This year, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions

in all parishes during the week of December 12-18. At Prince of Peace Parish confessions will be held as follows:

December 20

6:00pm to 9:00pm

December 21

9:00am to 11:30am

December 22

9:00am to 11:30am

December 23

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Registration is not necessary and walk-ins will be accepted.

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

The Prince of Peace Conference welcomes new members, especially young adults as we continue our commitment to Christ's invitation to grow closer to Him, to love one another and to spread the message of His love wherever we go. When you join our Society, Jesus is always the star and He leads us to those who need help, the poor, the lonely, the suffering. Please call 647-234-0265 if you are interested in joining.

*You can make a difference!*

### 2021 SOCKS CAMPAIGN



We are pleased to announce that we are resuming our yearly Socks Campaign for the Good Sheppard Ministry. As always the socks (men's and women's) that are donated are very much appreciated. For those who visit the centre, a pair of clean socks gives warmth and comfort especially during the winter months. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

### RESPONSES LEADER

We are still welcoming parishioners who can both lead in the responses and manage the PowerPoint slides during the mass. This new role emerged due to the need to livestream masses. Training will be provided. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office or email (see email address on the cover page).



### SUNDAY MISSALS



2021-2022 Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the parish office Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm./\$5.00 per missal. Call the office or see one of the ushers after any of our Sunday masses.



Register for Mass on Eventbrite



Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?  
 "Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability." *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

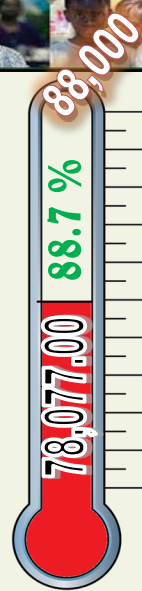
**OUR GOAL THIS YEAR: \$88,000.00**

**SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED 78,077. (88.7%)**

Although **October 30/31** was officially the last ShareLife Sunday, you are welcome to give anytime at

[sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM**



This is an Archdiocesan Giving Plan to assist you in your support

of the work of Prince of Peace Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Archdiocese and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.

**2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Offertory Envelopes for 2022 are now ready for pick up in the parish hall after mass. They are being distributed by volunteers so please do not help yourself as we need to make sure that they are picked by the person whose name is on the box. We ask everyone to wait until **January 1, 2022**, to start using these envelopes and not before. If you did not use envelopes in 2021, please contact the parish office so that a box can be assigned to you. Please remember to write your information for the first few envelopes to make sure that we have your correct information in our records.



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

December 11-12

**\$10,103**

Our Weekly Expenses

Average is

**\$ 8,191.00**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm \* 6:00pm,  
8:00pm \* 10:00pm**

**Christmas Day**

**8:30am \* 10:00am  
11:30am**

**New Year's Eve**

**5:00pm**

**New Year's Day**

**8:30am \* 10:00am  
11:30am**

Livestreaming will be available for all Christmas and New Year's Masses

Registration for Mass on **Eventbrite** opens Monday, December 20



**CANTORS NEEDED**



We invite parishioners who have singing talents (able to sing and read music) to consider being trained to lead the congregation in song. This role has been a longstanding tradition in the church and one that has been forgotten and devalued, especially when music has become more sophisticated and challenging for us to join in. This calls for leadership so that we can all sing with one voice as a symbol the Lord's call to not only be pitch-perfect but be one in every way, including our singing. This is a volunteer position and those interested are asked to contact the office via email. Auditioning and training will be provided.

**MARRIAGE PREP COURSES**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, call or email for details of their **2022** course programs. For information and to register call: 905-278-5229 or email at:



[office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

## VOCATIONS



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Call Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto, Fr. Matt McCarthy.

416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

Humbly we come before you asking for a swift eradication of the coronavirus

Graciously hear the prayers we offer for all those affected by the virus currently ravaging various parts of the world.

Calm our fears and give strength to those who support and care for others. Grant healing to all suffering in mind, body and spirit, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved. Inspire those who are working to find an effective vaccine.

Counsel governments and health authorities to take appropriate steps for the good of all. Look lovingly upon us all, and in your mercy, forgive our failings. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## DO YOU NEED THE PRAYERS?



Requests for prayers for those who are currently ill or recently deceased can be submitted to the parish office to be published in the bulletin.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

We are currently planning an RCIA program in our parish to start in the fall of 2022. Due to low numbers this year and the challenges that Covid-19 presented to our staff and volunteers, we regret not having one ready now. The RCIA is intended for Adults who wish to become Roman Catholic. If you or someone you know wishes to explore our faith, please call the parish office and leave your name and contact information and we will inform you when this program will be ready to begin. We need a minimum of 5 participants to take part in this program due to the work, organization and the people that are needed to run one. Please call the parish office to let us know if you or someone you know, is interested in this program.



## FIRST COMMUNION



We remind all parents who had their children celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year that the **certificates are ready for pick up at the parish office**. We ask that you take the time to pick them up as soon as possible. Office hours are on the

bulletin cover page. Plans for the 2022 First Communion Program will be published in our bulletin, website, the slides in Church as well as during the announcements on Sundays. Updates will also be made available to our parish schools to be sent to the parents.

## CONFIRMATION -2022

Updates for registration will be announced soon. Subscribe to the parish bulletin to receive information as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience.



## PRIVATE PRAYER



Currently we are open for prayer Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12noon.

If there is morning mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer until 12noon. If a funeral or a wedding is booked, private prayer will be cancelled.

## THE PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

Amen is a free Catholic app from the Augustine Institute bringing you daily Mass readings, meditations, devotions, and Scripture to calm restless hearts and distracted minds. Click on the link below for your free app download.

Amen

<https://apple.co/2ZkgmvM>

## TOGETHER WE PRAY



“For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation. God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance. Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.”

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.



Strengthening Our Caring Community was mandated by the Cardinal over 20 years ago as part of the larger Archdiocesan Safe Environment policy, implemented for the safety and care of our community and all who participate and engage in our parishes and programs. All volunteers are required to comply with this program which is implemented and managed by the Archdiocese Volunteer Screening Department and administered through each Parish's Volunteer Screening Coordinator and Screening Committee.

Ministry positions are assigned a **"High" or "General" risk** level based on responsibility, government laws and regulations, participant vulnerability, and volunteer exposure to which the volunteer screening process directly supports. Outlined below is an overview of the mandatory screening steps that all applicants must successfully complete and commit to, before they can be accepted into (or continue in) ministry and become an active Archdiocese/Parish volunteer.

## MANDATORY SCREENING STEPS

### GENERAL RISK:

- ◆ Application Form
- ◆ Ministry Position Review
- ◆ Orientation & Training (includes Code of Conduct, AODA, OHRC, Parish, and Ministry training)
- ◆ Volunteer Acknowledgement and Agreement Form
- ◆ Ongoing Supervision and Evaluation

### HIGH RISK

(POSITIONS OF TRUST):

- ◆ Application Form
- ◆ Interview
- ◆ Reference Check
- ◆ Criminal Records & Judicial Matters Check (adults 18+ complete through our third-party service provider)
- ◆ Orientation & Training (includes Code of Conduct, AODA, OHRC, Parish, and Ministry training)
- ◆ Volunteer Acknowledgement and Agreement Form
- ◆ Ongoing Supervision and Evaluation

Volunteers usually **commit for one year**, during which time there is a probationary period to review mutual "best fit", along with **ongoing training** to support them in their role, **performance evaluations**, and feedback to review and ensure "best fit" continually. Please contact, Jimmy Chang, our local Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator/Screening Committee for further details.

## UNREGISTERED VOLUNTEERS

We remind all volunteers that being a Registered Parishioner is a requirement to be a volunteer in any parish. Our records show that a great number of volunteers are not registered parishioners. Filling out volunteers forms does not imply registration. If you currently do not have and assigned envelope number, there is a very good chance that you are not registered in the parish. Please call the parish office to find out how you can correct this. Part of the administration of Volunteer Screening involves having your information in our system. Please help us run this program effectively for the protection of all in our parish.



## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PARISH BULLETIN

Copy and paste the link below, to subscribe and receive the bulletin in your inbox every week and keep your family informed. [princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/](http://princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/)



## BUILDING COMMITTEE



The Building Committee is an advisory committee that requires its members to have professional backgrounds such as architects, structural engineers, real estate agents, property managers, etc. Those of you who have a background in engineering or general building construction concepts are especially encouraged to apply. If you

have interest in this opportunity to serve your parish community, please email your contact details to the office.

## LIVE STREAMING

Live Streaming is now available for our parishioners as the dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist continues. Alternatively, a full list of Livestream services can be accessed at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)



## **Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land**

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community: physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies<sup>1</sup>, we<sup>2</sup>, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021