



# 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 Fridays Confessions-see below)

### PASTOR

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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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 25

5:00 pm Mass  
(Sunday Vigil)

### Sunday, Sep 26

8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass  
1:00 pm Mass

*Pro Populo*

### Monday, September 27

7:00 pm Mass

† Lucia Coutinho

◆ Intentions of Boris & Marietta

### Tuesday, September 28

8:30 am Mass

◆ Intentions of Antonipillai family

### Wednesday, September 29

8:30 am Mass

◆ Intentions of Brielle Roach

### Thursday, September 30

8:30 am Mass

† Giuseppina DePalma

### Friday, October 1

8:30 am Mass

† Franklin Sequeira

### Saturday, October 2

8:30 am Mass

† Angela Pais

◆ Intentions of Mary Ann Alaiza



There is nothing elitist about the kingdom of God. Jesus promises that 'people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God'. This diverse group will surely include many who may not have been recognized in this life as doing God's work. It may even include some who may have been hindered in the doing of this work because they were judged not to belong to the right group. In light of today's readings we pray for God's breadth of vision that allows us to recognize the Spirit of God at work, wherever that may be.

### MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



Please note that on Mondays we have moved **the 8:30am mass to 7:00 pm.** Also, on First Fridays, the **8:30 am Mass will be moved to 7:00 pm** and will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass, a **Holy Hour**, Confessions during adoration and Benediction at 8:30pm.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

Our parish is currently establishing a Building Committee to advise the Finance Council with Property matters. This is an advisory committee, and it requires that its members have professional backgrounds such as architects, structural engineers, real estate agents, property managers, etc. Just like your home, maintaining and im-



proving our building and facilities is an ongoing process, we are looking for a few parishioners who would like to sit on our new Building Committee. Those of you who have a background in engineering or general building construction concepts are especially encouraged to apply. However, a general interest in the welfare of our church property is ok too. The committee will be meeting on an as needed basis. A minimum of 4 times a year to a maximum of 12 times a year, depending on what work we may have ongoing. If you have interest in this opportunity to serve your parish community, please email your contact details to the office.

### SCHOOL PARKING LOT

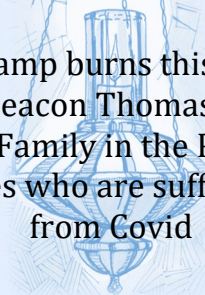
Please park in the Church parking lot during school hours. Thank you your co-operation.



### SANCTUARY LAMP

September 26-October 3

The lamp burns this week For Deacon Thomas Aquino's Family in the Philippines who are suffering from Covid



### CONGRATULATIONS FR. EFREN

On Saturday, **September 18th at the 5:00 pm Mass**, Fr. Efren was installed as Pastor of our parish by our regional Bishop **Vincent Nguyen**. This installation marked the beginning of a new chapter in our parish under Fr. Efren's leadership and our willingness to work in collaboration with him. Many parishioners expressed their gratitude for the gift that it is to have a pastor join our community and indeed it is a blessing that we can continue to welcome pastor after pastor whose service to our parish is so valued by all, especially in this time of constant change. Congratulations, Fr. Efren. We are blessed to have you with us.



**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.”

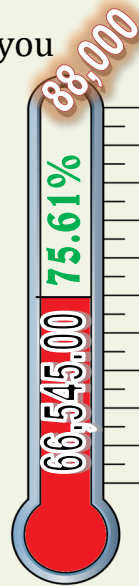
*Cardinal Thomas Collins*

**OUR GOAL THIS YEAR: \$88,000.00**  
**SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED 66,545.00 (75.61%)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**October 3rd** is the next ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously during this special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)



**LET THE WORD BE HEARD**



We have begun the installation of our new sound system. The first phase included the replacement of two microphones that are currently used by both priests. They already made a difference but once all microphones are installed we will see more improvements. We also have installed all the wiring in the church for the new speakers that will significantly change the sound in our church. Both the speakers as well as the remaining new microphones will arrive in the next four weeks and it is our hope that the sound system project will be completed by the end of October. We encourage everyone to be aware of personal hearing challenges in order to do our part and compensate by actively finding the areas where we can hear best, and try, as much as possible, to sit there. Let us remember that quality of Sound cannot do all the work for effective hearing. It requires personal effort as well.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Prince of Peace Conference) welcomes new members – and 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 our St Vincent de Paul cellphone at (647) 234-0265 and leave a message that YOU are interested in volunteering. All are welcome!



**PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**



The Office of Formation for Discipleship is hosting their 4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference, **With Burning Hearts, from October 26 to 30, 2021.** The conference will be a virtual, interactive place, **Save the date** and visit for more info: [www.archtoeronto.org/conference](http://www.archtoeronto.org/conference)

**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.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

We ask that you **do not use envelopes from previous years** as those numbers might have been reassigned. If you were not able to pick up your 2021 envelopes we invite you to consider contacting the office so that we can assign you a new number when we receive our 2022 supply of envelopes. Your support during this time of pandemic is greatly valued, especially as we return to more normal operations.

**OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**September 26th**

**\$ 4,672.40**

Our 2021 Weekly Expenses Average is  
**\$ 8,191.00**



**VOCATIONS**



Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the "Bread from Heaven" if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call:

Fr. Matt McCarthy:  
416-968-0997  
[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**PRIVATE PRAYER**



Time for Private Prayer in the Church is still increasing. We are now in a position to review this again to allow for different times so that everyone gets equal opportunity to come to church to pray. Currently **we are open for prayer Monday to Saturday from 9:00am 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.

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**Sacramental Preparation Programs**

**FIRST COMMUNION**



Parents who **missed the First Communion** Masses last July are asked to contact the parish in order to book a date for their child to receive First Holy Communion. We have **assigned the 1:00 pm mass on Sundays for the month of October.** Eight (8) families at the most will be accepted at each mass and only one or two parents will be able to sit with their child. Other guests must register for the mass on Eventbrite on a first-come-first-serve bases . Instructions will be provided once parents book their mass. The Children will receive communion in the same way we are currently receiving it on Sundays. Please call the parish office at **416-291-9422 as soon as possible.** Alternatively, you can email us with the information at:

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

**CONFIRMATION**

We are now ready to sign up those who are waiting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be the last chance this year for candidates that are have competed the program successfully. We expect all remaining candidates to make themselves available for Confirmation on October 22, 2021 at 7pm. We re-



mind parents that due to our recent change of our email address, emails often end up in peoples spam. Please be sure to check it periodically or take the time to send us an test email so that our systems recognize the email address as safe.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**



We are currently planning an RCIA program in our parish. This 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. Please keep in mind that this program is meant for a group as it requires a great deal of organization. We need a minimum of 5 participants to take part in this program due to the work and the people that are needed to run one. Please call the parish office to let us know if you or someone you know, are interested in this program.

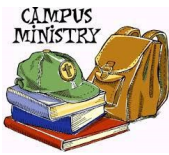
**MARRIAGE PREP COURSES**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, call or email for details on their **2021** course programs. Contact: 905-278-5229 or email us at [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)



**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)

**CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**



Grade 12 students: If you are going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you! Connect with the Catholic community on your campus by visiting:

[www.chaplaincyconnect.ca](http://www.chaplaincyconnect.ca)

**ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL**



The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for **September 2022**. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic School for young men from grade 7 to Grade 12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, October, 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to register at [ApplySMCS.com](http://ApplySMCS.com). St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

**ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN**



Our parish will be participating in the Annual Pro-Life chain on Sunday October 3, 2021 at the intersection of Steeles and McCowan from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. This rally (Life chain) is a silent protest against abortion, and will be held in more than 200 locations across Canada. Placards will be handed out to you at the south east corner of McCowan and Steeles Avenue. Parking is available at the Milliken community center. All

you have to do is stand with a placard so that passing motorists see it. All parishioners are urged to participate and pray while maintaining social distance.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Requests for prayers can be submitted to the parish office to be published in the bulletin for a period of 4 weeks. These prayers are for those who are currently ill or have recently passed away. For the sick, it is up to the one requesting it to let us know if the condition of the person changes.

**PLANNING TO BECOME A TEACHER IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?**

Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process (not the week before you are submitting your application) and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted. The following are required by all those requesting a pastoral reference:

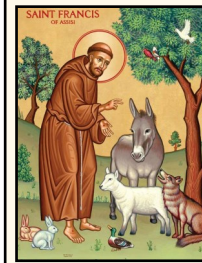
- ◆ You participate at Sunday/Saturday mass in our parish for a minimum of one year prior to the request.
- ◆ You are involved in some way at our parish.
- ◆ Make your request 3 months prior to the submission of your application.

You are the one making the request personally. No request will be accepted by a relative or a parent or any other party.

**BLESSING OF PETS**

(St. Francis Feast)

Monday, October 4, 2021



Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because

of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. This year, on the request of several parishioners, on **Monday, October 4th, after the 7pm mass**, we will be having a special blessing for pets. This will take place in our parking lot near the grotto of our Lady. Please be sure to have them restrained at all times.

**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.

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR PARISH BULLETIN**

Copy and paste the link below, provide your name and email address, scroll down the list and select "Parish Bulletins" at the very bottom.

<https://princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/>

## STEWARDSHIP A LIVING FAITH

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” In our second reading from the Letter of James we are challenged to have a living faith, a faith that is backed up by action. However, we should first realize that the most generous and loving thing we can do for someone is pray for them. However, after entrusting everything to God, we can then play our part and concretely try to help through proper use of our time and talents.



## Planning ahead for Christmas

### ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO MESSAGE

*(The information below was sent to all parishes by the Archdiocese of Toronto to be observed when planning masses for Christmas and New Year's)*

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturday in the coming Christmas Season. In order to give relief to the parish clergy, the following norms are in effect throughout the Archdiocese to regulate the Christmas schedule of Masses:

#### CHRISTMAS

- No Mass should be scheduled on Saturday, December 25th after 2:00 p.m. The Saturday evening Masses, which anticipate Sunday, are to be suppressed.
- Parish priests, particularly those that serve various language groups and will have difficulty serving their groups because of no Mass being celebrated after 2:00 p.m. on December 25th, should consult their regional bishop as soon as possible about any foreseen difficulties.
- No confessions are to be scheduled on December 25th or January 1st.

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

- The obligatory Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God, may be anticipated on Friday, December 31st beginning no earlier than 4:00 p.m.
- You are, once again, to suppress all Masses on Saturday afternoon and evening January 1st that would anticipate Sunday, January 2, 2022.
- No Mass may begin on New Year's Day after 12 noon.

These norms, which have been employed in the past, proved to be of assistance to the clergy. I encourage you to publish them well in advance and on a number of occasions. I trust that their use will benefit your liturgical celebrations.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PRINCE OF PEACE VOLUNTEERS

Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005), the Archdiocese of Toronto, is required to train all existing and new volunteers, on the accessibility law requirements (including AODA and the Ontario Human Rights Code), that apply to their duties and our organization, to serve customers of all abilities. They also keep and maintain a record of when training is provided, including dates and the number of individuals trained, by having the volunteers complete the SurveyMonkey at the end of their online training. **Please, as soon as you can,** refer to the Communication for Parish Volunteers re: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) page in this bulletin and complete your training. Thank you.



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

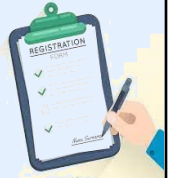
(POSITIONS OF TRUST):

- ◆ 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 are not assigned an 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.



Your talent is  
God's gift to you  
What you do  
with it  
is your gift  
back to God

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As a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous People of this land along the pathway of hope, The Bishops of Canada are making a nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. With a target of \$30 million over up to five years, this will include initiatives in every region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners.



## 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