

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

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, December 11

5:00 pm Mass
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday, December 12

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

Monday, December 13

7:00 pm Mass
† Nic D'Souza

Tuesday, December 14

8:30 am Mass
† Elias Diniz
† Robert Catli

Wednesday, December 15

8:30 am Mass
† Elias Diniz
† Raul Poblette

Thursday, December 16

8:30 am Mass
† Merlyn Fernandes

Friday, December 17

8:30 am Mass
† May D'Souza

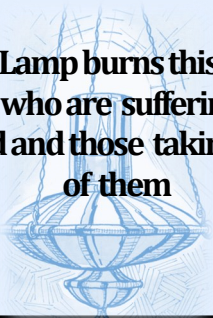
Saturday, December 18

8:30 am Mass
† Raniel David Fronda
† Francis Magalhaes

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
December 11—18**

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



Pro Populo



Rejoice! John is longing for this promise in the middle of the hot desert. He understands that Jesus, through his presence and ministry, becomes the revelation of salvation. Rejoicing is key to our lives as we enter such a mystery. We are almost there, but not yet. However, we understand that what we wait for is the coming of the Kingdom in the end of time. We wait for more than the baby since we already did that many years ago. Salvation is in our hearts waiting to bear fruit in our day and age.

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**
6:0pm to 9:00pm
- December 21**
9:00am to 11:30am
- December 22**
9:00am to 11:30am
- December 23**
6:0pm to 9:00pm

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

EVENING OF CAROLS

The Knights of Columbus Council of Prince of Peace invites you and your families to an Evening Carols on Zoom (Link below) On December 17th at 7pm. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86353215440?pwd=SSsrZHF5UkpYSy9rbG1xWThTGg5UT09>



**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
5:00 pm

New Year's Day
8:30am * 10:00am
11:30 am

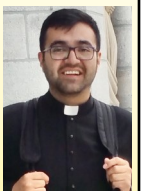
Livestreaming will be available for all Christmas and New Year's Masses

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



DIACONATE ORDINATION BANNS

Mr. **Eduardo Lopez** is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Archdiocese of Toronto** on **December 17, 2021** at St. Augustine's Seminary Chapel, Scarborough. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or the pastor.



ShareLife

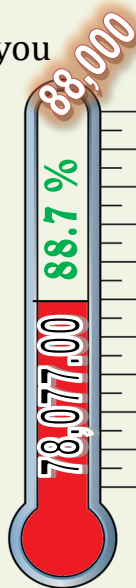


Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?
 “Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best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

Cardinal Thomas Collins

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR: \$88,000.00
SO FAR WE HAVE COLLECTED 78,077 (88.7%)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Although October was the last ShareLife Sunday. You are welcome to give generously for this special collection anytime at sharelife.org



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 1st, 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.



Thank You FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 us at 647-234-0265 if you interested in joining us.

ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers online services for individuals, couples or families to address mental health or relationship concerns. Contact: 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048 or at info@cfstoronto.com



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 and women) that are donated is very much appreciated. For those who visit the centre, a pair of clean socks always gives them such warmth and comfort specially during winter time. 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).



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, November 7

\$6,222.00

Our Weekly Expenses

Average is

\$ 8,191.00?

VOCATIONS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997 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.

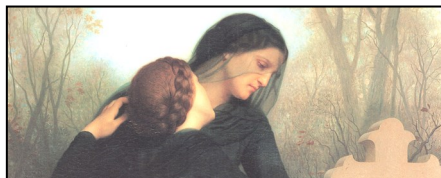
ALL SOULS PRAYER

Eternal Father, turn your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg you, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded, manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way than through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion.

Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy on the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Amen.

(St. Faustina)

PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY



In this month of November we continue to join our prayers for all the Faithful departed. We also invite everyone to give us the names of those who passed away

within the last year to be remembered during the weekend masses in the month of November. Please keep in mind that for this to be meaningful, we need to keep our lists short including only our immediate families so that the most important names get to be visibly remembered during mass. Although not by individual names, everyone is actually remembered when we pray for All Souls in Purgatory. Every day we see these names rise through the slide giving us all the opportunity to not only remember and pray for our own beloved departed but for all in our parish community.

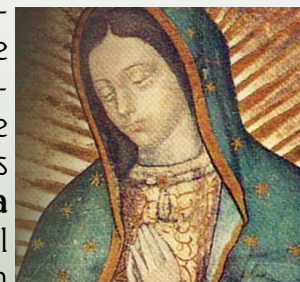
PRIVATE PRAYER

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.



SOLEMN MULTI-LINGUAL ROSARY

In 1998 the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council founded December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous peoples. Because the event falls on a Sunday this year, we will only have special prayers during all Sunday masses and on Sunday **afternoon at 4pm** we are all invited to a **Solemn Multi-lingual Rosary** in the Church. We will



have the chance to pray for the ongoing reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in this Country and hear the story of the first indigenous man, San Juan Diego, to be canonized. **Registration is not required** but we will ask everyone to still observe social distancing and wearing a face covering. Following the Rosary we will hear the story of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe. Invite your friends and join us in our efforts to pray for Reconciliation with indigenous peoples in our Country and around the world.

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. 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.

CONFIRMATION -2022

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

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. Our office ours are on the front page of this bulletin and we ask that you take the time to pick them up sometime soon. Our plans for next year's First Communion Program will be published here in our bulletin, our website, the slides in Church as well as during the announcements on Sundays. We will also send this information to our parish schools to be sent to the parents.

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.



SUNDAY

THE PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING



The Augustine Institute is proud to introduce Amen, its latest offering. Amen is the free Catholic app that brings you daily Mass readings, beautiful prayers, faithful meditations, and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God.

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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.

ARCHDIOCESEAN NORMS FOR CHRISTMAS

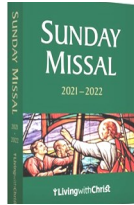
Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturday in the coming Christmas Season. In order to give relief to the parish clergy, the following norms are in effect throughout the Archdiocese to regulate the Christmas schedule of Masses:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ No confessions are to be scheduled on December 25th or January 1st.
- ◆ 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.

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

MISSALS



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

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 improving 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, de-

pending 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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING IN YOUR PARISH

Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the local church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the local church and may help immigrants in future immigration law-related matters. Please note that parish and diocesan leadership will not share the registration information with anyone and it is completely confidential. The benefits include:



- ◆ Establishes evidence of presence.
- ◆ Provides proof of sacramental participation.
- ◆ Demonstrates community involvement.
- ◆ Demonstrates financial commitment.
- ◆ Empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed.
- ◆ Provides you with a Tax-Receipt
- ◆ Allows us to plan for the parish's needs in all aspects.

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.



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.



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 apologies¹, we², 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