

Prince of Peace Parish

Established 1987

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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

Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1

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

Sunday, January 2

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

Monday, January 3

8:30 am Mass
♦ Intentions of Rosaline
† Gilbert Fonseca

Tuesday, January 4

8:30 am Mass
† Julie M.K. Chan

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 am Mass
† William & Alice Chan

Thursday, January 6

8:30 am Mass
† Ivy Cecilia Edward
♦ Wedding Anniversary of
Jaimol & Anto

Friday, January 7

7:00 pm Mass
† Georgette Fadel

Saturday, January 8

8:30 am Mass
♦ Thanksgiving

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTURARY LAMP

January 2-8

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

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The Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.



At Christmas we celebrate the miracle of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ, our "Emmanuel." Let us openly welcome the Christ child into our hearts. At this time, I pray that the grace of the Christmas message will brighten our lives, renew our faith and strengthen the bonds of friendship among us. We would also like to acknowledge that during this season of family celebration, there are people who welcome Christ into broken hearts. In their home there is an empty spot at the dinner table and around the Christmas tree. It is hard to feel the joy of the season. For you, know that even in these darkest hours, there is still light, which will take us to the place where we need to be. This light will take us to the heart of Christ who will heal our brokenness, remove our anger and hurt and fill us with the peace and strength we need to not just move forward but to reclaim the life that is ours as a community in Christ Jesus. For those who are blessed to be surrounded by children, spouses and good friends, perhaps a prayer could be offered before gift opening for those who are suffering and lonely. Finally, this is a time for gratitude and so we give thanks for all of you, the people of the parish. It is a privilege for us at Prince of Peace to serve you and we are continually encouraged and edified by you. We wish you, and all who are visiting with us this season,

Marry Christmas and a Happy New Year



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



In observance of New Year's Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday **January 3, 2022**. In the event of an emergency, please call 416-291-9422 ext: 9.

MONDAY MORNING MASS

Given that the attendance to the 7pm Mass on Mondays was surprisingly low, beginning **January 3** we will this mass will go back to **8:30am** which is a time when the attendance is greater. Other mass changes will be discussed

once the current restrictions pass so that we can plan more effectively.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

This coming Friday, **January 7** is First Friday. We invite everyone to join us for mass at **7pm**. After mass we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30pm. Confessions will be heard during the adoration between 7:30 and 8:30pm. There will be no morning mass on first Fridays.



ShareLife



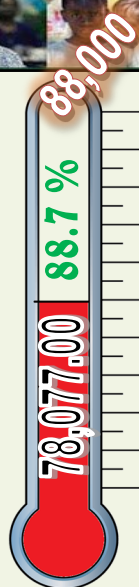
As you consider your blessings, please make an act of hope today by supporting those in need. With your continued support we can reach our parish goal and get through this new stage of the pandemic if we do it together. Thank you.

To date we have collected **\$78,077. (88.7%)** of our parish goal of **\$88,000**. Will you help us reach our ShareLife campaign goal?

ShareLife donations are welcome anytime at

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.



WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE

Due to the latest COVID - Omicron Variant the Archdiocese has asked that we limit singing during mass to that of the cantor only. Help us by following the rules and protect your fellow parishioners by humming quietly within our hearts.



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).



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

The Prince of Peace Conference welcomes new members, especially young adults as we con-

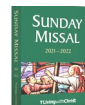


tinue our commitment to Christ's invitation to grow closer to Him, to love one another and to spread the message of His love wherever we go. When you join our Society, Jesus is always the star and He leads us to those who need help, the poor, the lonely, the suffering. Please call 647-234-0265 if you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

You can make a difference!

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.



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

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 26

\$9,616.

Our Weekly Expenses

Average is

\$8,191.00



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.

VOCATIONS



“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto, Fr. Matt McCarthy.

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

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.

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.



FIRST COMMUNION

We remind all parents who had their children celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in **2021** 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. 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.

PRIVATE PRAYER



Currently we are open for prayer Monday to Saturday

from 9am to 12noon. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass has been suspended, but time for private prayer continues as usual. If a funeral or a wedding is held, private prayer will be cancelled. As previously announced, we have returned to the pre-covid practice in relation to the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This practise will be more in keeping with having it on First Fridays.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Marriage Mass on **February 13** at **2:30pm.** St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica for married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. Due to current social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per



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.

celebrant couple. **Registration is now open.** We encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration, beginning 2:15pm via livestream: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25 is prayer for Christian Unity week on the theme “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him” (Mt.2:2). Join Cardinal Carter-**4pm** Mass celebrated at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Scarborough, in person or livestream:



www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God’s will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality

GUIDELINES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Masses offered for loved ones who have died, or even for the living who have some need. This is an ancient Christian practice, and all are welcome to make mass intention requests. However, mass intentions are subject to the Norms of the Church and as such we are obligated to follow them. Therefore:

A Mass intention may be set for

- ◆ A deceased loved one
- ◆ A person who is ill or suffering
- ◆ In thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in a person’s life.
- ◆ In thanksgiving for prayers answered.

An announced Mass intention cannot be set for:

- ◆ An *unknown* or *private* intention.
- ◆ A prayer intention that contradicts Catholic moral doctrine.
- ◆ An intention that includes a “list of names (each can be a different intention).”
- ◆ An intention with wordy explanations that seem to be intended as information to the community

The intentions that include more than one name or complicated wording will be announced as “for the intentions of the donor”.

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/



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.

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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