

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: 8:30am

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

Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 9

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

1:00 pm Mass

Monday, January 10

8:30 am Mass

◆ Thanksgiving

◆ Intentions of Eleanor Braganza (Birthday)

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 am Mass

† Mrs. Ling Ong

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am Mass

† Pedro Andrada

♥ Health of Ong Family

Thursday, January 13

8:30 am Mass

♥ Health of Philip Lim

Friday, January 14

8:30 am Mass

† Elias Diniz

Saturday, January 15

† Peter Nunes

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

Pro Populo



The Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism was a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE



On **January 3, 2022**, the provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to a modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Re-opening. These changes took effect beginning on **January 5, 2022**, with most restrictions lasting a minimum of **21** days. Capacity restrictions for places of worship are set at 50% of pre-Covid capacity however distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) must be maintained by those not from the same family. We offer the following guidance given the latest announcement:

- In light of the highly contagious Omicron variant, the archdiocese strongly recommends against congregational singing at this time. A cantor or small choir remain acceptable.
- Parishioners not feeling well or showing symptoms should not attend Mass at this time.
- Parishioners should not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible.
- Given the increased potential of positive cases for those who may have attended church, contact tracing remains a best practice (either online registration or self sign-in). Wherever possible, an e-mail address provides the fastest way to reach large number of attendees should notification be

required following a positive case.

- Anyone who attended Mass and subsequently tested positive should contact the Parish immediately

We recognize that the Christmas season posed significant challenges given the number of Masses as well as the need to adapt to the fluid nature of the Omicron situation. A special thank you to clergy, staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts to serve the faithful and foster a safe environment for all! We will continue to provide relevant updates as appropriate. *Archdiocese of Toronto*

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 continue our commitment to Christ's invitation to grow closer to Him, to love one

SANCTURARY LAMP

As you know, the sanctuary lamp burns near the tabernacle to remind us of Jesus' Presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Here at Prince of Peace, each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Those prayer requests will be published on the bulletin and the weekly slides. The stipend for each intention is \$5 and can be booked in the office and the names (only) will be published under the following types:

The Repose of the Soul of
For the Health of
In Thanksgiving by
For the intentions of

(these will be multiple intentions)

ShareLife

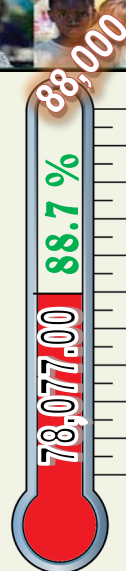


As you consider your blessings, please make an act of hope today by supporting those in need. We can reach our parish goal and get through this new stage of the pandemic if we do it together. Thank you.

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

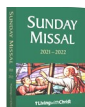


another and to spread the message of His love wherever we go. When you join our Society, Jesus is always the star and He leads us to those who need help, the poor, the lonely, the suffering. Please call 647-234-0265 if you are interested in joining.

You can make a difference!

SUNDAY MISSALS

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 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.

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

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 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. A few things to remember : **Use only 2022 envelopes for your donations.**



- ◆ Do not use your old envelopes from previous years, please destroy them.
- ◆ Fill in your name and address on each envelope for the first month when you start using your **2022** box of envelopes.
- ◆ The number on your box of envelopes is designated for **your** use only.
- ◆ Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 2, 2022

\$ 4,805.00

Our current 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.

Prayer and Sacraments

VOCATIONS



As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, 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

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.

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 private prayer Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12noon.** If there is a Funeral or a Wedding Scheduled, private prayer will be cancelled. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will return to pre-Covid practice included in our First Friday devotions.



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). An **8-Day** Online Bible Study available at:

[https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/ChristianUnityBibleStudy)

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Join Cardinal Carter - **4pm** Mass-Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Scarborough, in person or-livestream:

www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Celebration of 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.

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



MARRIAGE PREP COURSES

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, call or email for details of their **2022** course programs. For information call: 905-278-5229 or email at: office@qoa.ca

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."

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.

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

WRITING CONTEST 2022

Students ages 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500 word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2022. The deadline for your submission is Monday, **February 14, 2022 at 2pm**. For contest details visit:

<https://bit.ly/3oFTXmO>

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC ADVISORS

Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and who can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development Office at:

416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or development@archtoronto.org.

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.

princeofpeace.sc.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/sign-up/

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 volunteer 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.



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.



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