

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: 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 12

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 13

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

1:00 pm Mass

Monday, February 14

8:30 am Mass

† Elias Diniz

† Letty & Santiago D'Souza

Tuesday, February 15

8:30 am Mass

† Jose & Menino Fernandes

Wednesday, February 16

8:30 am Mass

† Merlyn Fernandes

† Raul Poblette

Thursday, February 17

8:30 am Mass

† Ivana Kumprey

† Lydia Pobre

Friday, February 18

8:30am Mass

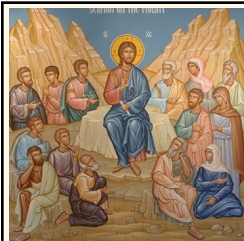
† Raul Poblette

† Peter Nunes

Saturday, February 19

† Honorio Bautista

Pro Populo



“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man...Rejoice.” It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice. But with that said, this level of faith and love is possible! If it were not, our Lord would not have given this teaching. It is a teaching to live the highest ideal. It's a calling to live in Beatitude.

RESPONSES LEADER

We continue 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.



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.



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

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



You can make a difference!

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.ca

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

Auditions are now open for **September 2022** placement! Boys begin their 10-year journey in grade 3. The choir school offers a complete curriculum of academic studies, alongside its world-renowned music program. Contact: Sabrina Leva at: 647-613-6367 or email:



admissions@smcs.on.ca

SANCTUARY 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 to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

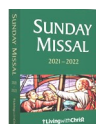
Those prayer requests will be published in the bulletin and the weekly slides. The stipend for each intention is \$5 and can be booked in the office and the names (only) will be published under the following types:

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

(these will be multiple intentions)

SUNDAY MISSALS

2022 Sunday Missals are available for purchase; call the office for details.



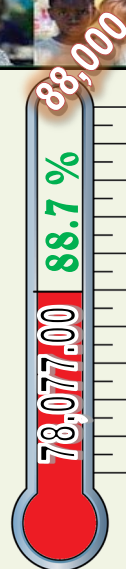


As you consider your blessings, please make an act of hope today by supporting those in need. We can reach our parish goal and get through this new stage of the pandemic if we do it together. Thank you.

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



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.

STEWARDSHIP BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS



Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may at times be discouraged when the fruits of our labour are not visible. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.



PUTTING OUR FAITH IN ACTION

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



Beginning the week of **February 14**, your **2021** donation tax receipts will be mailed out to you. We ask you to please notify the office by email or by phone if you have changed your contact information.

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

What you need to know about your 2021 tax receipts...

- ◆ If you switched to using your credit card to make your donations, those donations will be receipted by the Archdiocese. That amount is not included in your receipt from Prince of Peace.
- ◆ If you made a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, you will receive a separate receipt from them.
- ◆ If you made a ShareLife donation to Prince of Peace, the amount is included in your receipt; however, if you

used your credit card to make that donation, the Archdiocese will send you a receipt for the ShareLife portion.

- ◆ We remind everyone that processing a replacement copy of a tax-receipt requires the work of an accountant which incurs additional cost to the parish. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for **2022** are ready for pick up in the parish hall after mass. Please remember to pick up your **2022** envelopes soon. Thank you.

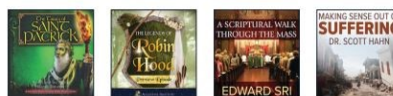
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 5-6, 2022

\$ 5,371.00

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.

VOCATIONS



Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto: [416-968-0997](tel: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.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY



This weekend, **February 13 at 2:30pm**. Bishop Robert Kasun will preside over this special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Mass at: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Registration is mandatory and livestream is available. Details at:

<https://bit.ly/3L2R8p8>

FIRST COMMUNION

We remind all parents whose children celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last 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.

Married Couples' Prayer

Father of life and love,
You created us in your image – woman and man.
We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.

Sustain us in our love
and lead us
to a deeper understanding
of your love.

Jesus, we come before you,
seeking your guidance
and direction

in our relationship.
In marriage you call
and challenge us to
a permanent, exclusive
and sacred friendship.
Be our strength and support,
therefore, as we continue
this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us
to strive towards a lasting,
honest commitment
united in love.

Give us your strength
to carry each other
in times of darkness,
your joy in times of happiness,
and your gift of awe
in the uniqueness
and sacredness of each other.

May our love be a reflection
and a sign of your love
in the world.

Amen



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.”

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.

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES
LENENT RETREAT SCHEDULE**



Saturday March 5 or Tuesday March 15- 9am to 3:30pm. Friday April 1 at 7pm through Sunday April 3, 2pm. Registration & Information at: 905-278-5229 or: office@qoa.ca

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 - email at: office@qoa.ca

AMEN

Amen is a free Catholic app from the Augustine Institute bringing you daily Mass readings, devotions, Scripture and more. Click on the link for your free app download.



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

WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE

- 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.
- Anyone who attended Mass and subsequently tested positive within 5 days of the Mass, should contact the Parish immediately

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