# **Prince of Peace Parish**

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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)

PASTOR

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#### DEACONS

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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

In normal times, these programs run from September to June. Registration is announced in the bulletin.

#### 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. Confessions Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:45 am 4:00 pm-4:45 pm (First Friday Confessions-see below)

#### 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

#### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 26 5:00 pm Sunday, February 27 8:30 am \* 10:00 am 11:30 am \* 1:00 pm Monday, February 28 8:30 am Mass Lucia Coutinho **+** Kwang Kim Chiu **Tuesday**, March 1 8:30 am Mass Avelino Maranan **†** Mark Borja Ash Wednesday, March 2 8:30 am Mass **†** V. Swampillai ♦ Paramanathan Family 7:00pm Mass Thursday, March 3 8:30 am Mass ◆ Lolita Luna Cordero Parker Wong Shahkhanem Nawabi Friday, March 4 7:00pm Mass Lucia Coutinho Haurita Macariola Saturday, March 5 Delfin Reves Rita Barreto ♥ For the infirm

#### 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)



Pro Populo

Let us reflect upon the important mission we have been given to go forth and to bear an abundance of good fruit in our world. This mission can be accomplished only as a result of a life of holiness. This holiness is only accomplished when our

roots are firmly grounded in the life of grace. Let us embrace this life of grace through the many means that God has set before us, and know that the commitment we make to holiness will bring health not only to our soul, but also to the souls of those whom God will touch through us.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, March **2** is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be cele- Wednesday brated at 8:30am and **7pm** and the imposition of ashes



will take place after the mass, following the final blessing. We will also have a celebration of ashes at **12noon**, but please note that this is not a mass, but a liturgy of the word to allow those who may have just enough time to come to the church to receive the imposition of ashes. More Lenten practices, such as stations of the cross, will be announced next weekend.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays during Lent, we gather in the church at **7pm** to pray the Stations of the Cross. On first Fridays we will pray

the Stations of the Cross after the 7pm Mass. Confessions will be available at 6:30pm to 7:30pm every Friday during Lent.

#### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

This Friday. coming March 4 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.

#### **Response Leaders**



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

**OUR PARISH HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS** parish.office@princeofpeacesc.ca

Please use the above address to communicate with us effective immediately.

# SL 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**

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.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



Saturday, February 26, at **7pm** the Knights begin screening the first season of the TV Series "The Chosen" based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. All parishioners and friends

on zoom. For further details viswww.KOFC9144.com it :

are invited to join the screening

#### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

The Prince of Peace Conference welcomes 🗪 new members, especial-



ly 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

#### SUNDAY MISSALS

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

#### SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE **GIFT OPTION**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds & mutual funds). You pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. Call:

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

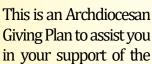
#### **PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING** PROGRAM

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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** UNLOCKING THE SECRET **OF HAPPINESS**

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God <mark>for what He is sending us</mark> every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love.

#### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

On February 14, your 2021 donation tax receipts were mailed out to you. We ask you to please notify the office by email or by phone if you have changed your contact information.

> **OFFERTORY COLLECTION** February 19-20, 2022

\$ 5,587. 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: **G** www.archtoronto.org.

#### **Prayer and Sacraments**

#### ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY VOCATIONS

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you work in His to vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or Fr. deacon. contact Matt McCarthv Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto: 416-968-0997 vocations @archtoronto.org

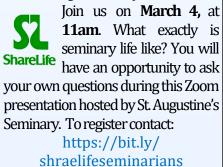
#### VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER

Tuesday March 1, 7pm, celebrate the men being ordained to the priesthood from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

#### via: youtube.com/archtoronto

#### SHARELIFE SPEAKER SERIES

Answering the Call from Within



#### LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 12, 9:30am-1pm. Join a day of virtual reflection on "The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter. Help for Our Lenten Journey." Contact: 416-261-7207 lay.formation@staugustines.on

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#### **COME & SEE-DAY RETREAT March 19, 9am-3pm,** single men 18yrs+. Includes prayer, reflection,

18yrs+. Includes prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming a priest. Registration and further information at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/ comesee.

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Plans for the **2022** First Communion Program will be published in our bulletin



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.

#### LEGION OF MARY

A plenary indulgence has been granted to the Legion of Mary worldwide by his Holiness, Pope Francis on

ness, Pope Francis on the occasion of its onehundredth anniversary. A plenary indulgence properly fulfilled under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff) to the members of the Legion of Mary and Auxiliary members of the faithful who are truly peni-

tent, to be gained from Septem-



ber 7, 2021, until September 7, 2022. Contact: Erlinda Henderin:

eghenderin@gmail.com or Fatima Sequeira: sequeifa@gmail.com

#### **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 LENTEN 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

#### **CATHOLIC MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL**



Are you or someone you know divorced? Every Catholic has the right to investigate their mar-

Archdiocese (Toronto) riage. Talk to your pastor about the Catholic Marriage Tribunal and the marriage nullity process or visit our website:

> www.archtoronto/ MarriageTribunal

#### **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."

#### AMEN

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

#### https://apple.co/2ZkgmvM

#### WORSHIPSAFE PROTOCOLS TAKING **EFFECT ON TUESDAY MARCH 1**

- All capacity limits, including social distancing requirements are removed from churches and parish halls.
- Choirs & cantors must be masked or 3 metres/9ft. from anyone else.
- Indoor mask use is still required.
- Holv Communion on the tongue can resume, instructions will be given at all masses.
- Sign of peace has not resumed.
- Contact tracing and online Mass registration is no longer required.
- The use of hand sanitizer is • highly recommended and will continue to be available to all those attending Mass.
- Self Assessment before coming to Mass is recommended.

The Archdiocese of Toronto continues to release details that we will pass on to you.

#### **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

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died, or even for the living who

have some need. This is an an-

cient Christian practice, and all

are welcome to make mass inten-

tion requests. However, mass in-

tentions are subject to the Norms

of the Church and as such we are

obligated to follow them. There-

A Mass intention may be set for

• A person who is ill or suffering

• In thanksgiving for a birthday,

• In thanksgiving for prayers an-

An announced Mass intention

• An unknown or private inten-

• A prayer intention that contra-

dicts Catholic moral doctrine.

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#### **UNREGISTERED VOLUNTEERS**

We remind all volunteers that being a Registered Parishioner is a re-



quirement 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 assigned envelope and 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 **T** members to have

backgrounds professional 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.

nations 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".





#### 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.