



# Prince of Peace Parish

Founded 1983

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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-Saturday:** 8:30 am  
**Tuesday & 1st Friday:** 7:00 pm

## Confessions

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

### PASTOR

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### HOUSEKEEPING

Geneveve Macariola-Amini

### CARETAKERS

Jessie Guinto \* Tom Mitrovski

### NEW PARISHIONERS

To become a member of our parish,  
visit the parish office in person.

### VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Contact the office or our volunteer  
coordinator Hsiu Hau at  
[screening@princeofpeacesc.ca](mailto:screening@princeofpeacesc.ca)

### 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. Look for  
bulletin announcements.

### 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

The date of our Mass of anointing is  
published in the bulletin. For home vis-  
its, call the parish office. From the hos-  
pital, ask for a priest directly at the  
nursing station.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Following the 7pm mass there is expo-  
sition, adoration (confessions during  
adoration) and Benediction at 8:30pm.

### MASS OF ANOINTING

Second Wednesday of every month at  
12:00 noon.

### 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](mailto:GK9144@ontariokofc.ca)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meet on the 2nd Monday of every  
month. For assistance, donations or to  
join call 647-234-0265.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every  
Month.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Prince of Peace	416-393-5416
Our Lady of Grace	416-393-5372
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	416-393-5381
St. Rene Goupil	416-393-5408
The Divine Infant	416-393-5414
Fr. Michael McGivney	905-472-4961
Francis Libermann HS	416-393-5524

## Nativity of the Lord

### Mass Intentions

Pro Populo

#### Saturday, December 24

4:00pm Mass  
6:00pm Mass  
8:00pm Mass  
10:00pm Mass

#### Sunday, December 25

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

1:00pm Mass

#### Monday, December 26

8:30am Mass

#### Tuesday, December 27

8:30am Mass

† Ivana Kumprey

† Eranio De Pala

7:00pm Mass

♥ Apolonio Junta

#### Wednesday, December 28

8:30am Mass

♦ William Ah-Cong Family

† Sinnathurai & Annamah  
Bastiampillai

#### Thursday, December 29

8:30am Mass

† Ronald Cooper

† Sebastian Fernandes

#### Friday, December 30

8:30 am Mass

♦ Virginie & Jean Philippe  
Chan Family

† Dora Okotie-Popo

#### Saturday, December 31

8:30am Mass

♦ Margaret Wong

#### New Years Eve

5:00 pm Mass

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving  
♥ For the infirm

### SANCTUARY LAMP DECEMBER 26-31

For the Repose of the Souls of

Pacifico Concepcion,  
Raniel David Fronda,

Wally D. Nunez Jr.

Elizabeth Ah Mao,

Foo Chung Wong



“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Even Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, needed time to ponder, reflect and savor this most holy mystery. There is no end to the depth of the “pondering” to which we must commit ourselves if we want to enter more deeply into the mystery of the birth of the Son of God drawing us ever deeper into this Mystery of our Faith.



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, the priests and staff of Prince of Peace to serve you and we are continually encouraged and valued by you.

We wish you, and all who are visiting with us this season

**A happy and peaceful Christmas.**



### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Catholic Church celebrates the season of Christmas up to and including the Epiphany of the Lord on January 8, 2023. You can still make donations towards Christmas Flowers by using the special envelopes provided at the entrance of the church throughout the entire Christmas season. Your donations may be made “In Memoriam” or “In Thanksgiving”.

### GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

On Thursday, January 19, 2023 there will be a meeting in the church from 7pm to 8:30pm with Stan Kwadrans, tour Manager of International Heritage Tours. This will be the final meeting before the trip in February, please make every effort to attend.



### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEARS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

5:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

NEW YEARS DAY

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

Regular weekday

Mass schedule returns

Monday, January 2, 2023.

Office Closed

December 26 & 27 January 2, 2023



### MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING



In the month of **January 2023**, the Mass of Anointing will be moved from **January 11** to **January 18** at **12:00pm**. Please be sure to let your family and friends know of this change in our regular schedule.

### 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for **2023** are ready for pick in the Parish Hall **after** the Saturday 5pm Mass, and **before and after** all Sunday Masses. Offertory envelopes will also be available from **Monday to Friday** from **9am to 12pm** and from **1pm to 5pm** at the Parish Office. We ask that you **do not use envelopes from previous years** as those numbers might have been re-assigned to someone else. If you did not use envelopes for 2022, we ask that you visit the office to get a new box of envelopes. **Offertory envelopes will not be available for pickup on December 24 & 25.**



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Brother Knights of Prince of Peace Council 9144 wish all friends and parishioners a Holy, Blessed Christmas & prosperous New Year. We completed the following Faith in Action Programs. Aid & Support After Pregnancy, The council donated \$500. to Sisters of Life in Toronto. Supreme council will donate another \$100 directly to the Sisters. Besides other activities they operate a Pregnancy center in Toronto. The council also adopted two Teen moms for Christmas by providing them gifts through Sisters of Life. Winter Coats for Kids; A KOFC program to ensure that no child in Canada goes without a coat during the winter season. POP council distributed 60 Coats to the needy children at St. René Goupil Catholic School. The council 9144 appreciates the donation from the brother Knights and support from our parishioners who make our charitable contributions possible.



### THE GIFT OF GIVING

*Message from Prince of Peace School*

Christmas always reminds us of giving to those in need. During the month of December, the students at Prince of Peace school have been very involved in charitable work. The students of Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Adamo began a "Gift of Giving" campaign to help those in need in the community. The Prince of Peace Social Justice Committee comprised of the grade 5 & 6 students are happy to announce that through their efforts and donations from our school community, we were able to present Father Efren with a cheque and gift cards totalling \$1686.95 which has been donated to the Prince of Peace Parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Father Efren reminds us that our efforts can make a big difference in the lives of others. The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all those who donated and participated in our Christmas donation drive of the "Gift of Giving". Merry Christmas!

### THANK YOU



We want to express our deepest gratitude to teachers, students, families and friends who contributed so generously to our Toy Drive this year. We also thank those who unassumingly took the time to buy gifts and placed them under our tree beautifully wrapped. Your loving gesture will put a smile on children faces this Christmas. We had planned to have a time to celebrate with the children, including the children who worked tirelessly to prepare the live Christmas Nativity Story, but the inclement weather forced us to postpone it. We will have it on the feast of the **Epiphany, January 6**, when we can celebrate gift giving by the example of the Wisemen.

### PRAYER GROUP

Attention, we are taking a Christmas break and we will be returning on **January 12, 2023** at **7pm** in the parish hall.



### VOCATIONS

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy:



416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### SUPPORT YOUR PARISH WITH A GIFT OF SECURITIES THIS CHRISTMAS

As Christmas approaches, it is a good time to call to mind some of the blessings we've experienced thus far. Thank you for your support throughout the year! While you are planning your seasonal giving benefiting the parish and the community, consider making a gift of securities. It is one of the most financially sound ways to make a difference. When you donate stocks, bonds or mutual funds, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and greater support to the parish. To learn more about gifting securities and how you can make an impact for the 2022 tax year, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or visit [bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities](http://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities). Thank you once again for your continued support. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 17-18

**Weekly Offertory**

**\$10,135.**

**Christmas Flowers**

**\$2,020.**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

# BULLETIN ADVERTISING



If you are a business owner, we invite you to consider advertising your business in our parish bulletin, available weekly at Mass and virtually through our parish website. This is a valuable, effective, local and affordable method to promote your business to our congregation.

The most common sizes are displayed below but we do have other options. Please call the parish office if you wish to place

an add in our bulletin. Our bulletin is printed from September to June on a weekly basis and website. As an example, we have posted these past advertisements that were previously in our parish bulletin. We hope this will provide you with an idea of how your advertisement might appear in our parish bulletin.



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