



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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Geneveve Macariola-Amini

CARETAKERS

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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

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

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 1

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 2

8:30am Mass

† Mary Frances Griffin

† Sam & Margaret Alfred

Tuesday, January 3

8:30am Mass

† Ivy Edward

† Wilfredo Balatbat

7:00pm Mass

† Maria Rochelle Fabia

♦ Anmira Jeyalingam

Wednesday, January 4

8:30am Mass

† John Castanha

† Thomas Varghese

Thursday, January 5

8:30am Mass

† William Sy

Friday, January 6

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Mass

♦ Mathews Family

♥ Celia Noronha

Saturday, January 7

8:30am Mass

† Pui Ying Lau

† Lu Hua & Lourdes Lim

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP JANUARY 2-7

For the Repose of the Souls of
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI,

**Wally D. Nunez Jr.,
Elizabeth Ah Mao,
Foo Chung Wong**

The sanctuary lamp is an opportunity to let it burn for a particular prayer or intention. Call us if you wish to make an offering for your intentions.

Pro Populo



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, World Day of Peace and, of course, New Year's Day. On this day of new beginnings, let us join believers all over the world and pray to the Prince of Peace to make us peacemakers and, like his mother, Christ-bearers to the world.

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 and 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 and express gratitude to all those who generously gave time and talent to the various celebrations and special events we had leading up to Christmas. We thank the special choir that prepared the Christmas Concert as well as those who prepared the social afterwards. This was truly a community celebration that made our preparations for Christmas more meaningful. We acknowledge the children and their parents who participated in the Nativity Play that took place during the 4pm Christmas Eve mass. We thank all the ministries that made the Christmas masses so meaningful: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Choirs, Cantors and those who decorated the Church and made the Sanctuary look so beautiful. We also thank all those whose contributions are not as visible but make our parish function not only at Christmas, but all year long: Members of the Finance and Building committees, Catechists, Leaders of the various groups Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Prayer group, Legion of Mary, Rosary Apostolate, Offertory Counters, Office Volunteers and all those who serve under undefined capacities. And finally, 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 your families blessings for the new year.



SPECIAL MASS IN MEMORIAM FOR HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI



Early Saturday morning, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died following a long life of humble service to God. We mourn his passing and give thanks for the devoted pastoral ministry he offered as theologian, priest, bishop and supreme pontiff, but most of all for the witness of his holy life as a disciple of Jesus. At the request of Cardinal Collins, all parishes will celebrate a special mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope. Our mass will be celebrated on **Monday, January 2nd, at 10am** and we invite all parishioners to join us as we pray with the whole Church in mourning for the Pope's passing.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of New Year's Day, the parish office will be closed on **Monday January 2, 2023**. We wish you everyone a happy and safe New Year's weekend.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

January 6 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 during the adoration between **7:30 and 8:30pm**.



NATIVITY PLAY

As the Christmas Liturgical Season closes with the Feast of Epiphany, we are planning to have the Nativity Play again on Saturday, January 7 at the 5pm mass and give the parish an opportunity to experience it. This will take place only if we receive



confirmation from most of the children to commit. The Nativity takes place during the reading of the Gospel and as such, if we are unable to have the children be there, the mass will just be as usual. We won't be able to confirm this until closer to the weekend. We invite the parents of the children in the play to respond to our invitation via email.

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.

THANK YOU

We want to express our 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's faces this Christmas.



GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE



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

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up at the parish office. If you did not use envelopes in 2022, 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.



PRAYER GROUP

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



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 \$1,686.95 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!

MARRIAGE SUNDAY



Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to join in this celebration Mass on **February 13, 2023** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Given the limited attendance at the Cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Information at:

<https://bit.ly/3h9jjPw>

FIRST COMMUNION

Classes for Groups 1 and 2 will resume on **Saturday, January 7** in the Parish Hall, followed by the Celebration of Reconciliation on **Saturday, January 14** at 10:00am - 12:00 noon in the church.



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VOCATIONS

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy:



416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 24-25

Weekly Offertory

\$15,210.

Christmas Offertory

\$9,881.



As you consider your blessings, please make an act of hope today by supporting those in need. To date we have collected **\$100,256. (120.8%)** of our parish goal of **\$83,000.** **Thank you for your Generosity.**

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend **January 7-8** we will have our building maintenance fund collection. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our parish, please remember to register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.

Thank you
FOR YOUR 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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