



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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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

Mass Intentions

Pro Populo

Saturday, February 11

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 12

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 13

8:30am Mass

† Roberta Hill

† Santiago D'Souza

Tuesday, February 14

8:30am Mass

† John Yeuk-Yee Chen

† Jose Menino Fernandes

7:00pm Mass

† Hyacinth Myers

† Letty & Santiago D'Souza

Wednesday, February 15

8:30am Mass

† Fr William & Fr. Thomas Harding

† Elias Diniz

Thursday, February 16

8:30am Mass

† Letty D'Souza

† Raul Poblette

Friday, February 17

8:30am Mass

† Mario Marella

† Kumprey family members

Saturday, February 18

8:30am Mass

† Chang Ken Chiu

† Victor Gnappagasam

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
FEBRUARY 13-18**

For the Repose of the Souls of

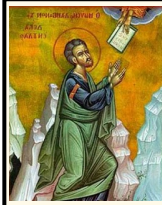
Chang Ken Chiu

Letty & Santiago D'Souza

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.



Today's readings are about making choices. We hear in the first reading that we are offered life and death, and whichever we choose will be given to us. In the Gospel Jesus preaches about our choice to be angry or not, truthful or not, faithful or not. What we choose will have lasting impact on our earthly lives, the lives of our loved ones, and our life beyond the grave. Let us pray today for wisdom.

PRACTICING OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES



During the Fridays of Lent, everyone is invited to join us in our communal practice of the disciplines of Lent: Pray, Fast and Give (alms). We are introducing a new practice to help us engage in these disciplines. The various groups and organizations of our parish will take a turn to prepare and serve **Soup and Bread** (known as Lenten Soup)



and starting at **5pm to 6pm** pm we can participate as family by eating a simple meal in exchange of a meaningful **Alms Giving** (suggested love offering of \$5) which will be destined to help the poor and in so doing we not only fast but give alms at the same time. After the meal, we will have our Lenten Spiritual Exercises based on the Lenten Series *Eternal Rest* which include a 30 minute episode from FORMED and group reflection afterwards (6pm-7pm). Then we move to pray the **Stations of the Cross** at **7pm** in the church led by one of the parish groups. Each group will use a different version of the Stations of the Cross to help us appreciate the beauty of the many that have been written over the years. This practice allows us all to participate in as much as we are able to. You can choose to participate in all or in part. We hope this helps you enter into the holy season of Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**, and the imposition of ashes will take place after each mass following the final blessing. Information about more Lenten practices, will be made available to all in the weeks to come.

RECONCILIATION TREE



The real work of conversion happens when we concretely address the areas in our lives where we are most in need of mercy and reconciliation. This year, as a parish community, we will set up a Reconciliation Tree in the sanctuary of the Church. Each week, we will focus on an area of our lives in which we are in need of healing and reconciliation. You are encouraged to attach a ribbon onto the tree to indicate each instance of such mercy that you experience throughout the week. This can be times when you have been the object of mercy or when you have been merciful to others. At the end of lent, when the tree is completely covered in ribbons, we can rejoice knowing that we have experienced God's compassionate, forgiving love in our lives and brought that same healing love to others.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ROSES FOR LIFE: Lapel roses will be available this weekend at entrance of the church after all masses. All contributions will be donated to various pro-life organizations that help foster the culture of LIFE from conception to natural death. **50/50 DRAW:** On-line raffle in support of Special Olympics, food banks & the Prince of Peace Council 9144 sponsored charities at: <https://bit.ly/3DDIw6l>



40 Day Lenten Food Drive: February 25 through April 16, we will be accepting donations in cash and in kind. Kindly place your items in the box located in the church foyer beginning **February 25**. We appreciate the following items: food cans, granola/chocolate bars, juice boxes, tooth brushes/paste, soaps, shower gel and deodorants. Cash donations \$20 + will receive a tax receipt from The Good Shepherd Ministries. All donations will

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION

SESSION FIVE

February 25

Group 1 9:00 am-10:30 am

Group 2 11:00 am -12:30 pm

CONFIRMATION

SESSION THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN

Feb 25: Group 2 3pm-4:30pm

March 4: Group 1 3pm -4:30 pm

be given to The Good Shepherd Ministries. For assistance/eTransfer contact Bro. Ryan Lee at 647- 986-1062, Bro Fion Lee at 416-573- 5072, Bro. Bento D’Cruz at 647- 202- 5322. Please do not deliver any items to the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS



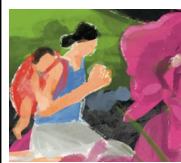
Training sessions for new altar servers, both children and youth, interested in joining this ministry are asked to join Fr Martin in the church on Saturday **February 18** from **12:30 pm to 2:30 pm** and on **February 25**, from **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**.

LENTEN RETREAT

Weekend retreat with Father Ron Rolheiser, **Friday March 3- Sunday March 5**. Theme: Wrestling with God and with Love – Resistance and Surrender Within Our Spiritual Journey. Contact: 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



St. Aidan Roman Catholic Church, Scarborough, is extending invitations to area churches to participate and attend this event on Tuesday **February 28**, at **7pm**. The service program for 2023 is written by the women of Taiwan and the theme is "I have heard about your Faith" based on scripture passage Ephesians 1:15-19. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCAM ALERT



Be aware, if you receive a call, text or email asking you to purchase gift cards on behalf Fr. Martin or Fr. Efren, this is a **SCAM!** Do not respond, do not open any link, simply delete the message. Our priests would never contact anyone making this type of request.

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE



Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website - By phone through the Development Office at 416-934-3411 - Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Prince of Peace Parish-Turkey and Syria Earthquake: Humanitarian Relief -Humanitarian Relief envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church this weekend with a second collection on **February 18-19**. Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

2023 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

This years theme is "Empowered to Stand". Join us at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on, **March 4**, from **9am -5:30pm**. Agenda will include inspirational talks, and mass celebrated by his Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. Contact Angela & Monty Hensen at 416-297-8167.



THANK YOU

On Sunday, January 29 at the 1pm Mass the children preparing for First Communion celebrated their Enrolment Ceremony. We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for taking part in this event and for providing each child with the gift of a cross.



VOCATIONS

"No eye has seen, nor ear has heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy: [416-968-0997](tel:416-968-0997) vocations@archtoronto.org



ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM LENTEN RETREAT



We extend a warm invitation to all for this day of reflection, with a particular welcome to all Catholic school teachers, administrators, support staff, and to all who work in the homeschooling community. The theme of this retreat will speak to all Catholics, for all of us live and participate in the world of Catholic education, and its critical importance touches us all. **March 4** from **9:30am to 3pm**. Contact: Chere MacLean at: 416-269-3445 chere.macleam@utoronto.ca

STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 4 -5

Weekly Offertory

\$10,001.

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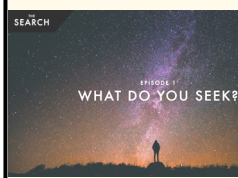
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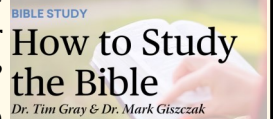
PICK OF THE WEEK

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1 What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to



start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

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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