



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 18

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 19

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 20

8:30am Mass

† Mr. & Mrs. Manfred Gitsels

† Hermelinda Klein

Tuesday, February 21

8:30am Mass

◆ George Poblette

† Remic Anton

7:00pm Mass

◆ Boris & Marietta D'Souza

† Francisco Ignacio Fernandes

Ash Wednesday, February 22

8:30am Mass

† Bernadette & Lee Voon Ah-Chong

† Sr. Maria Gorrettie &
Annamah Bastiampillai

12:00pm Mass

7:00pm Mass

Thursday, February 23

8:30am Mass

◆ Brendan D'Souza

† Antonio Ong

Friday, February 24

8:30am Mass

◆ Nena Villamayor

† Joe Braganza

Saturday, February 25

8:30am Mass

† Jimmy Saldanha

† Lucia Coutinho

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP FEBRUARY 20-25

For the Intentions of
Jennifer & Rudolf Gobin
For the Repose of the Souls of
Elizabeth Ah Mao
Foo Chung Wong

Call us if you wish to make an offering
for your intentions.

Love your enemies



Today's readings seem especially pertinent to us living in a climate of sarcasm and insults, offensiveness and bullying, violence and hatred. Sparing, let alone forgiving and loving one's perceived enemies, or refusing to judge others is hardly "natural" to most of us. But God sees it differently, and we are faced with the choice of whether we will too.

ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, **March 25, 2023, at 10am**. Due to space restrictions, we anticipate this will be an invitation-only event. During this time of transition in the archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo. Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.

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 beginning **Friday, February 24, at 5pm to 6pm** you are invited to participate as a 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.

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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.



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



40 Day Lenten Food Drive: February 25 through April 16, we will be accepting donations in cash and in kind. Beginning next weekend, kindly place your items in the box located in the church foyer. 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 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. **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>

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 25,** from **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.**



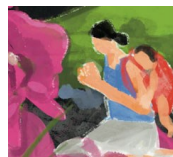
TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE



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 envelopes that are available at the entrance of the church. Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

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.



LENTE 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

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.



FAMILY DAY



Monday, **February 20** is Family Day. The parish office will be closed. Please make use of our emergency extension in the event of the unexpected (i.e. funerals, anointing someone in danger of death, personal crisis).

SCAM ALERT

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, simply delete the message.



VOCATIONS

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy:



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.maclean@utoronto.ca

STEWARDSHIP

God says to all of us "be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." The Second Vatican Council teaches us that we can reach holiness by gratefully acknowledging the gifts God has given us and cooperating with God in giving these gifts back for the service of the Church. Therefore, let us take some time to reflect on how we can become better stewards in our parish community so that we may move closer, through God's grace, towards holiness.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 11 -12

Weekly Offertory

\$8,314.

Building Maintenance Fund

\$2,481.

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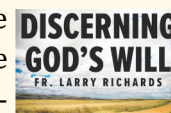
PICK OF THE WEEK

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer. In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!



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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