



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

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

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, March 4

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 5

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, March 6

8:30am Mass

♦ Jaimol Mathew

† Delfin Reyes Sr.

Tuesday, March 7

8:30am Mass

♥ Lydia Maria McGrann

† Maurita Macariola

7:00pm Mass

† Nick & May D'Souza

† G.S. Mariathan

Wednesday, March 8

8:30am Mass

† Pui Ying Lau

♥ Lydia Maria McGrann

Thursday, March 9

8:30am Mass

† Antoinette Molella

† Joy George

Friday, March 10

8:30am Mass

† K.J. Mathew

† Anthony Pinto

Saturday, March 11

8:30am Mass

† Hon Sum Lai

† James Monisse

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP MARCH 6-11

For the Repose of the Souls of:
**Charles Chiu, Elizabeth Ah
Mao, Foo Chung Wong**

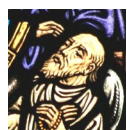
BIBLE READINGS & CALM PRAYERS

Amen Amen is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God.



As we begin the second week of Lent, we encounter Abram moving to a new place, the disciples struggling to understand Jesus, and the early Christians trying to figure out how to live the Gospel. If our own understanding about who Jesus is remains a struggle with ongoing questions, let us not be discouraged. If our hearts are open, we can trust that there will be people and experiences to help us along the way.

MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING



In the month of **March**, the Mass of Anointing has been moved to **March 15** at **12:00pm**. Please be sure to let your family and friends know of this change in our regular schedule.

REVITAIZING OUR SENIORS GROUP

We are happy to announce that planning is underway to re-establish our Parish Seniors Group. Following our next Mass of Anointing on **March 15**, we invite the Senior members of our parish to gather in the parish hall for a time of fellowship. Parishioners interested in volunteering to serve in this ministry are asked to contact the parish office. We currently have a team who in the past has been running this program and they will be meeting with our pastor to make plans for the revival of this ministry.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



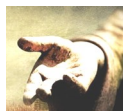
40 Day Lenten Food Drive:

Kindly place your items in the box located in the church foyer.

We would appreciate: food cans, granola/chocolate bars, juice boxes, tooth brushes/paste, shower gel soaps, and deodorants. Cash donations \$20 + will receive a tax receipt from The Good Shepherd Ministries. For details or assistance/eTransfer contact Bro. Ryan: 647- 986-1062, Bro Fion: 416-573-5072, Bro. Bento:647- 202- 5322.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

March 17-19 at St. Augustine's Seminary, single Catholic men 18 years and older are invited for a time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. The weekend includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confession. Registration is mandatory at:



www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

TORONTO PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join brothers and sisters in Christ for prayer, reflection and to hear the witness of individuals whose faith has sustained and guided them in their service. Tuesday, **March 7** from **7am to 9am** at The Brighton Convention & Event Centre, Scarborough. Register at: <https://bit.ly/3IJ6Zsv>



OFFICE FOR REFUGEES

The Archdiocese has launched its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This program assists parishioners who would like to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with the pastor. Interested parishioners are asked to provide the funds that will be required for sponsorship.



LENTEN RETREAT

Queen of Apostles Retreat Day on Saturday **March 18** from **9am-3pm**. Information and details at: 905-278-5229, or office@goa.ca



LIVING THE GOSPEL

ShareLife Speaker Series presents "Breaking Barriers: Supporting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community". Our deaf and hard of hearing brothers and sisters need more aware and compassionate people on their side. How can we help? How can we become better allies to the Deaf and hard of hearing community? Find out how on **March 8** at **7pm**. Q&A during a 60- minute Zoom presentation. Register to receive the link at: <https://bit.ly/3y3N1DY>



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION



Due to the expected severe weather conditions, the Saturday, **March 4** classes have been cancelled. To make up for this, the class dates will now include **Saturday, April 15, 2023**. Parents, mark this date on your calendar! We are still very concerned with the lack of attendance to Sunday Mass by our First Communion children. **Parents, this is your obligation and your responsibility.**

ENROLMENT CEREMONY



This Sunday, **March 5** at the **1pm** mass, a second group of Confirmation students will have the opportunity to indicate their willingness to live up to the commitment they will make on their Confirmation Day, as well as their willingness to continue their preparation for Confirmation. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they make their journey into adulthood.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Archdiocese has again planned a day of confession, and it will take place at Prince of Peace Parish on the following dates:



Tuesday, March 28
9:00am to 10:00am
10:30am to 12:00pm
6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Wednesday, March 29

9:00am to 10:00am
10:30am to 12:00pm

Thursday, March 30

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, March 31

9:00am to 10:00am
10:30am to 12:00pm
6:00pm to 9:00pm

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.

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) **Friday, March 10** 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.

VOCATIONS

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy:



416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP



The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." Let us take some time to reflect on the teaching of divinization and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes, for to be a good steward is to be like Christ.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 25-26

Weekly Offertory

\$8,377.

Thank you for funding the many services, ministries and programs our community depends on.

MAINTENANCE FUND



We remind everyone that next weekend, **March 11-12** we have our collection to help maintain our church property.

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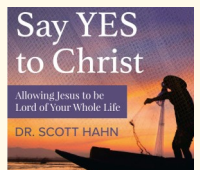


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Story of Death, Eternal Rest: Episode 1: Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life by Scott Hahn. Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 of 4) Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Keenan and Bri Fitzpatrick, parents of four, to discuss liturgical living during Lent and marks of the Christian home in our world today.

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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416-291-9422

Email us at:

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