



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

Wednesday & 1st Friday: 7 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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CARETAKERS

Jessie Guinto

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

Fion Lee—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

Saturday, September 30

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 1

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, October 2

8:30am Mass

† Angela Pais

◆ Elizabeth Wong

Tuesday, October 3

8:30am Mass

† Lydia McGovern

† Gerardo Virtusio

Wednesday, October 4

8:30am Mass

◆ Melroy & Anna Fernandes

♥ Lydia Maria McGrann

7:00pm Mass

◆ Patricia Tavernier

† Augusta D'Souza

Thursday, October 5

8:30am Mass

† Jason Angeles

† Leonora Afonso

Friday, October 6

8:30am Mass

† Avitus D'Cruz

◆ Avril & Charo DeSilva

7:00pm Mass

† Wilfred Silva

† Carolyn Caldwell

Saturday, October 7

8:30am Mass

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

† Pui Ying Lau

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
OCTOBER 2-7**

For the Intentions of:

Connie Junta

For the Eternal Rest of:

Cecilia Baldonado Pena,
Ted Curtis Hedley, Randy
Frona, Milagros Rosa,
Elizabeth Ah Mao & Foo
Chung Wong

Pro Populo



Today we will hear that strange Gospel story about the two sons — one who says “Yes” to his father’s request, but then fails to do as he promised; the other who initially says “No,” but then reconsiders and does as his father asked. Our actions are more important than our words. Let us remember that our Lord is one whose words and actions are always faithful and who calls us to be like him.

BLESSING OF PETS



Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis’ feast day because of his love for animals. On Wednesday, **October 4** after the **7pm** mass, we will be having a special blessing for pets. The blessing will take place outside in the area near the Grotto where parishioners whose pets are catholic enough, will be allowed to participate. Please be sure to have your pet restrained at all times.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we give thanks for the many blessings we have, let us not forget those in our community who are not as fortunate. On **October 7-8** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations of dry and canned goods. Please bring your food items to the entrance of the church and place them inside the large wooden container provided. Due to health code laws, we cannot use items that have gone past the expiry date stamped on the labels. If you can help, please do. Thank you.



YOUTH GROUP



As we continue to grow and strengthen our faith community, we are excited to extend an invitation to adult parishioners who

have a passion for working with young people and would like to volunteer their time and talents to launch a Youth Group at Prince of Peace. If you feel called to be part of this exciting venture, please contact the parish office and leave us your contact information. We will be hosting an initial meeting for all interested volunteers to discuss our vision, goals, and the steps we will take to bring this Youth Group to life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

5-Pin Bowling for Fellowship returns on **Sunday October 15** at Markham Bowl. Registration and practice: **2:30pm**, games at **3pm**. Bowlers (minimum age 10 yrs.) \$25.00 per person. Information and registration/ e-transfer please contact: Allan Figueiredo: 647-504-5204, Gordon Alias: 647-883-1358, Fion Lee: 416-573-5072, Bento D’Cruz: 647-202-5322. Deadline for booking is **September 30**. Register early to avoid disappointment.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS



We are inviting Prince of Peace parishioners to help as adult altar servers for weekday Masses, Monday to Saturday at **8:30am** and Wednesdays at **7pm**. Please contact Fr. Martin to begin the screening process and training.

ShareLife



Archbishop Leo invites you to join ShareLife’s fight against hunger

“It is heart-wrenching and unacceptable that anyone today lacks access to food which is a most basic human right,” shares Archbishop Francis Leo. “Our parishioners are taking action in response to the Lord’s call to feed the hungry. Since the earliest days of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the faithful have cared for those in need, on the margins of society and we continue this life-giving legacy.” Please support the fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for reaching out with the hands of Christ to feed the hungry. We have currently raised **\$67,215. (62.9%)** towards our suggested goal of **\$106,800.**

Congratulations and Thank You for your Generosity

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

RCIA REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2023-2024 program is now closed. Those of you who may still be interested in joining the program to become a Catholic are invited to wait for next year or we ask that you call the parish office during regular office hours to discuss the options available to you.

CONFIRMATION



Plans are underway for the 2023-2024 program and will be announced once the First Communion registration is complete. Be sure to follow our weekly bulletin for updates. Thank you for your patience.



ALTAR SERVERS CHILD/YOUTH



The training sessions for new altar servers will be every Saturday in the Church, up to and including **November 25**, from **12:30 to 2pm**. If you would like to be an altar server send an email to: fr.martin@princeofpeacesc.ca

PRAYER GROUP



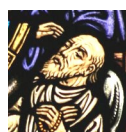
You are invited to join the Life in the Spirit Seminar Series Thursday evenings at **7pm** up to and including **Thursday, November 9**. Complete details are posted in the church foyer or contact Ethlyn at 416-292-8674.

MEMORIAL MASSES

We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to celebrate private memorial masses so that you and your family can come together and remember your loved one in a special way. Memorial masses are very similar to Funeral services in which you can choose to have music, readings, and the name of your loved one written in the Book of Life. Please call the office for further information.



MASS OF ANOINTING & SENIORS



Our next mass of Anointing will be held on **Wednesday, October 11 at 12pm** followed by our Seniors Social in the parish hall. The Sacrament of the sick will be administered at this mass. We are accepting names of those who cannot attend due to sudden illness, hospitalization or surgery, and those names will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at this mass. If you have

been blessed with a singing voice and wish to put it at the service of others, we invite you to join our Mass of Anointing Choir. Please take the time to sign up after mass at the back of the Church, or in the parish hall afterwards. We ask those who have already been singing with the choir to also sign up with the organist. Call the parish office for details.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga invites all women to the 2023 Women Together Retreat. Join fellow sisters in faith on Wednesday, **October 25** from **9am to 3pm**. Call to register: 905-278-5229.

THE SEARCH BEGINS

This new seven-episode video series features teen commentary and shorter segments to facilitate honest conversations between teens and their youth ministers, parents, teachers, and peers. Who is Jesus Christ? How do I respond to his invitation? Sign up for free at: formed.org/signup.



RENEW TORONTO



On Saturday, **November 4, 2023**, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and the Office of Catholic Youth will be celebrating this year's Young Adult Conference at Canada Christian College in Whitby for young adults ages 19-39. The day includes workshops, worship music, Mass, fellowship and more. Contact: www.renewtoronto.org



VOCATIONS

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy: **416-968-0997**
vocations@archtoronto.org



STEWARDSHIP



St. Paul challenges us to be true stewards as he says that we should "look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." In order to begin this conversion, we need to turn to prayer as well as seek to imitate Jesus, who always sought to serve rather than be served. Let us strive to serve those in our parishes whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family or supporting a family undergoing a major change in their life, or any other way.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular Offertory
September 23-24
\$ 9,264

Needs of the
Canadian Church
\$ 3,020

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2022
\$11,848

*Thank you for
your continued support.*

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to the 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.



2022 PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear parishioners,

As in every year, together with the Finance Council, I am providing you with the 2022 Financial Report of our parish. Its purpose is aimed at the importance of transparency for our parishioners to be well informed about the Temporal Affairs of our parish. In fact, the vital financial and administrative work of any parish will make little sense unless we are aware of the way it relates to the pastoral and spiritual work of a parish and how they sustain each other.

A common misunderstanding among Catholics, is where the offertory goes. Some may believe that it primarily supports the clergy's livelihood or the physical upkeep of our church building. While it may contribute to these aspects, the offertory serves a much broader purpose. It supports the numerous ministries, programs, and outreach initiatives that define our parish's mission. It helps us subsidise religious education, support those in need, and spread the message of Christ to our community and beyond. To ensure that our parish remains financially stable and can continue to serve our community effectively, I encourage everyone to use offertory envelopes. These envelopes not only help us keep track of our individual contributions and provide donors with tax receipts, but they also ensure that our giving remains transparent and consistent. Moreover, I want to stress the importance of Preauthorized Giving (PAG). PAG is a convenient and efficient way to contribute to our parish. It ensures a steady and reliable source of income, which is vital for maintaining our programs and ministries. PAG allows us to plan more effectively for the future, knowing that we can count on a predictable income stream. By using PAG, we can ensure that our giving remains consistent, even during times when we may not physically attend Mass. Our bills come whether we attend mass or not.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FAITHFUL			
Receipts		Payments	
Offertory	\$ 456,564	Staff Salaries	\$ 157,712
Rental & Interest Revenue	53,342	Clergy Salaries	89,049
Christmas & Easter	21,135	Payroll Remittances	29,466
Parish Programs	19,545	Parish Programs	22,837
Sacraments	16,375	Office Services, Supplies	17,510
Mass Intentions	15,740	Other Salaries	12,535
Bequests & Other Donations	14,575	Rectory Payments	12,400
Other Collections	12,156	Liturgy/Mass	7,904
Sub-total	609,432	Choir/Music	4,273
ShareLife	54,118	Other Payments	2,030
Humanitarian Relief	10,870	Sub-total	355,716
Shepherd's Trust	10,104	Furnishings & Equipment	41,219
Good Friday	6,772	Repairs & Maintenance	39,790
World Missions	5,550	Utilities - Church	24,455
Other Diocesan Collections	4,972	Grounds Maintenance	12,762
Canadian Church	3,351	Property Insurance	7,815
Pope's Pastoral Works	3,211	Security Services	4,495
Canadian Missions	2,685	Sub-total	130,537
Marygrove Camp	2,263	Diocesan Assessments	134,448
Sub-total	103,896	Diocesan Disbursements	103,896
Sundry Receipts	150,460	Sub-total	238,345
Investments Redeemed	0	Sundry Payments	36,634
Total Receipts	\$ 863,788	New Investments	207,060
Opening Cash Balance	195,750	Total Payments	\$ 968,292
TOTAL	\$ 1,059,539	Ending Cash Balance	\$ 91,247
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION				
Account	Beg Balance	Additions	Withdrawals	End Balance
Investments at Chancery	\$ 3,156,059	\$ 197,759		\$ 3,353,818
Family of Faith Investments	295,140	9,301		304,441
Total Investments	\$ 3,451,199	\$ 207,060	\$ -	\$ 3,658,258

One item in our report that may be confusing for many is the "Diocesan Assessment". All parishes share a common responsibility to support and fund the services provided by the Archdiocese which is why 15% of the offertory is sent to the chancery office, leaving parishes with 85% of the Offertory to cover for its expenses.

Sacrificial giving, a core tenet of stewardship, involves making financial contributions that may require us to stretch beyond our comfort zones. It's about understanding that our giving should reflect our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives and our desire to support the mission and ministry of our parish. This sacrificial giving is

essential because it enables us to carry out the work of the Church, including serving the needy, educating our youth, and maintaining our place of worship. Should we all give the same donation amount? Of course not...

"We are not called to make the same Gift, but we are called to make the same Sacrifice"

Provided by the Finance council:
Jimmy Chang (Vice-chair)
Aris Naidas, Archie Carvalho
& Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo

Questions and concerns can be directed to us via email at :
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