

Prince of Peace Parish

Founded 1983

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed 12pm-1pm)
Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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, December 9

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 10

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 11

8:30am Mass

† Walter Gonsalves

† Peter Nunes

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am Mass

† Hon Sum Lai

† Amado Laxamana

Wednesday, December 13

8:30am Mass

† Apolinar Buling

† Albert Akam

7:00pm Mass

† Yuen-Chiao Chiu & Sin Chung Huang

† June Abayan Villaflor

Thursday, December 14

8:30am Mass

† Elias Diniz

◆ Praveen Balakumar

Friday, December 15

8:30am Mass

† Wally D. Nunez Jr.

◆ Tyson Wong

Saturday, December 16

8:30am Mass

† Charles Chiu

† Esmeralda Braganza

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
DECEMBER 11-16**

For the Intentions of:

Michaela Watson

For the Health of:

Camille Fabian

For the Eternal Rest of:

Roberta Hill

Esperidion & Felisa Castillo

Elizabeth Ah Mao

Foo Chung Wong

Pro Populo



God continues to call many today to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Though John was a real person sent on a real mission at one particular moment in time, the mission he fulfilled is one that still needs fulfilling in various ways today. The "way of the Lord" still needs to be prepared. The Lord still desires to come to many, and He needs prophets to prepare the way for His continual coming by grace. Are you one of those people?

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 ✦ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm * 8:00 pm
10:00 pm

December 25 ✦ Christmas Day

8:30am * 10:00am
11:30am * 1:00pm

December 31 ✦ New Years Eve

5:00pm

January 1 ✦ New Years Day

8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 1:00pm

*Regular Weekday Mass Schedule
returns Tuesday, January 2, 2024.*

Office Closed

December 25 & 26 January 1, 2024

MASS OF ANOINTING



Our next Mass of Anointing is on Wednesday, **December 13** at **12 noon**, followed by our Seniors social in the parish hall. We continue to invite parishioners to bring the sick and the elderly to this mass.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING



The next Training Sessions for **all** children and youth altar servers will be in the church on **December 16** from **12:30pm - 2:00pm**. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, contact Fr. Martin.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Our parish's schedule for the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions is as follows:

Dec 18: 9am to 10:30am

Dec 19: 9am-10:30am, 1pm-2:30pm
6pm-7:30pm

Dec 20: 9am-10:30am, & 6pm -7pm

Dec 21: 9am-10:30am, & 6pm -9pm

Dec 22: 9am-10:30am, 1pm-2:30pm & 6pm -7:30pm

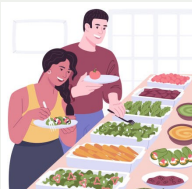
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children and their parents who celebrated First Reconciliation this weekend. It's a significant milestone that marks a journey towards communion, forgiveness, and spiritual growth. May this experience strengthen the bonds within your families and bring you closer to each other and to your faith. Wishing you all continued blessings and joy on this meaningful Sacrament. Let us keep these families in our prayers as they move towards First Communion this coming year.



TRIDUUM IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Triduum in Our Lady's honour will begin on Saturday, **December 9th** and conclude with the Feast day on Tuesday, **December 12**. On these trinity of days (December 9, 10 & 11) we will meet in the church at 6pm to pray the Rosary led by one of our parish groups and afterwards, we will proceed to the parish hall to learn about the history of the apparitions and their significance today. On the Feast day, **December 12**, we will again pray the Rosary at **6pm** which will be multilingual to commemorate our Lady's miracle that brought together two cultures at war, followed by the solemn Mass at **7pm**.



After mass, we will all gather in the parish hall to share some refreshments. Everyone is welcome to **contribute to our table by bringing a dish to share** our traditional foods. We encourage to bring your dishes to the parish hall before the mass, preferable appetizers and finger foods.



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We have children in our community whose Christmas can be brighter by the simple gesture of a small gift. Please consider donating a toy for children ages 4 to 13 years old. Bring the toy, already wrapped indicating the age and the gender and place it under the tree located in the foyer of the Church. We need the toys no later than **Thursday, December 21.**



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

In our Catholic tradition, we always strive to place a great deal of care into the Liturgical Environment. Every year we welcome your help by making donations toward the decorations for Christmas. These donations may be made **"In Memoriam"** or **"In Thanksgiving"**. Dedicated envelopes will be provided this weekend and on the weekend of December **16-17**, we will have a collection after communion.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9144, announces the "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest open to all children of the parish; (grades K to 8). The Council would like to promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parish and our community. Winners will be awarded prizes/certificates. Posters along with the entry form should be submitted by **December 17, 2023.** Entry forms are available from the sacramental team leaders for children currently in the First Communion and Confirmation Programs or at: GK9144@ontariokofc.ca



CHRISTMAS PLAY

We thank all the families who attended our general meeting last Friday in which roles were given to the children. If you were unable to attend, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible. Those still interested are asked to contact us so that we can include you in our distribution list and assign a role to their children at the first rehearsal. Please con-



tact us via email (see parish email address on the cover page) let us know the name, age, and height of your child. We will determine the role (shepherd, angel, sheep, or any of the other roles) your child is able to undertake.

SING PRAISES TO THE LORD!

As we continue to grow and strengthen our faith community, we are excited to announce the implementation of "Journeysongs," a new hymnal, to enhance our liturgical celebrations and worship experience. To make this endeavor more meaningful and reflective of our collective spiritual journey, we propose a unique opportunity for parishioners to dedicate one or more hymnals in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for blessings received, or for any other approved dedication. This initiative allows us to come together as a community, not only to sing but also to pray for and remember those who hold a special place in our hearts.



Each time a dedicated hymnal is used, parishioners will see the special dedication. Let us come together in prayer, remembering and celebrating the lives and intentions of those commemorated. By participating in this initiative, you contribute to the spiritual tapestry of our parish, making our liturgies more engaging and more participatory, more personal and interconnected. We believe that the "Journeysongs" hymnals, enriched with your dedications, will become a powerful symbol of our shared faith and community bonds.

This Christmas, consider making a meaningful gift by participating in this initiative. To find out more about next steps, please email the parish office to receive more detailed information. We hope to put these hymnals in our pews before the new year.

VOCATIONS

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. Contact Fr. McCarthy for more info: vocations@archtoronto.org.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular Offertory

December 2-3

\$ 10,864

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2022

\$11,848

*Thank you for
your continued support.*

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick them up before and after the weekend masses, except for the weekend of the 23-24, at the Parish Hall. They can also be picked up from the parish office during regular office hours. Please refrain from using envelopes from **previous years** as those numbers might have been reassigned to someone else. Also, the 2024 envelopes should not be used until January 2024. *Offertory envelopes will not be available for pickup on December 24 & 25.*

SHARELIFE NEWS

Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Through your compassionate generosity, Mary Centre partners with adults with a developmental disability in its mission of "building a good life." This ShareLife-funded agency offers integrated support services, providing respite for clients and their caregivers. Thank you for living the Gospel!

STEWARDSHIP

As stewards, we must imitate the example of John the Baptist and help prepare the way for others to encounter Christ. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season, as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

ADVENT The Spirituality of Advent

The Spirituality of Advent: Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.

Our Lady of Guadalupe: A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?



Yakhal-Hope Advent: Word Studies - The Bible Project In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.



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 ad in our bulletin. Our bulletin is printed from September to June on a weekly basis and is available on our parish website. As an exam-

ple, 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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