

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)

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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

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 16

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 17

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 18

8:30am Mass

† Remedios Vargas

† Roberto Macariola

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am Mass

† Raul Poblete

♥ Lydia Maria McGrann

Wednesday, December 20

8:30am Mass

† Duncan Morgan Russell

† Benito Fronda

† Norman D'Souza

7:00pm Mass

† Jesudas Amalanayaki

† Melchora Mejorado

Thursday, December 21

8:30am Mass

† Clara Sy

† Ma Natividad Tabarez

Friday, December 22

8:30am Mass

† Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

◆ Connie Junta & Family

Saturday, December 23

8:30am Mass

† Antonio & Helen Ong

◆ Nuzanthiny Sayakoban

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
DECEMBER 18-23**

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

For the Intentions of:

Praveen Balakumar

For the Eternal Rest of:

Elsie Lin, Jamie Ogaard,

Julie Fernandes, Veronica

Rampersaud, Elizabeth Ah

Mao & Foo Chung Wong

Pro Populo



Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised

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

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Catholic Church celebrates the season of Christmas up to and including the Epiphany of the Lord on **January 7, 2024**. You can still make donations towards Christmas Flowers by using the special envelopes provided at the entrance of the church throughout the entire Christmas season.

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



CHRISTMAS PLAY



Children of our parish are currently preparing a dramatization of the Nativity to be held during the **4:00pm** Christmas Eve mass. This will be a mass where families with young children will be present and space will be limited. Plan to arrive early. Those still interested are asked to contact the parish office so that we can include you in our distribution list and assign a role to your child.

BELLS WILL BE RINGING



This Christmas Eve, we invite each and every one of you to bring your hand bells to join in a joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior. After a serene Advent season, we're thrilled to announce that we will be singing the Gloria (refrain only) and, for the first time since Advent began, ringing the bells in unison. This festive tradition will add an extra layer of jubilation to our Christmas Eve Mass, symbolizing the joy that the birth of Jesus brings to our hearts. If you own hand bells, we encourage you to bring them with you to Mass. For those who do not have hand bells, fear not, we will have some extras available for sharing the joyful experience.


KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus have **extended the contest submission date to December 24, 2023**. Entry forms are available at: GK9144@ontariokofc.ca


WE ARE GRATEFUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul along with our neighbors in need would like to thank everyone who donated to the SSVP annual Christmas collection. Your generosity touched the hearts of all the assisted families who were extremely grateful for your kindness. A total of \$4,970.00 was collected which enabled SSVP to assist 27 families with a total of 38 children. Thank you so much for remembering the poor in our community!

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you  enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto. Double the impact of your kindness by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope or anytime at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel.


INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

 On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families. Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called Giiwedín Anang. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Next session for new altar servers, children and youth: **January 6 from 12:30-2:00pm** in the church. Contact Fr. Martin: fr.martin@princeofpeacesc.ca

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

 **January 18-25, 2024**, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Markham.

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 for living the Gospel!

PIANO OR KEYBOARD DONATION

Our current Yamaha keyboard in the parish hall is no longer useful for us due to its size and repairs needed. We are looking for anyone in our community to help us acquire a replacement. If you or someone you know is willing to donate a piano or full size keyboard, we assure you that it will be put to excellent use. Conversely, if anyone is able to fix the baby grand keyboard and wishes to take it, we are more than happy for you to bring it home.




VOCATIONS

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. McCarthy for more info:
416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org



STEWARDSHIP

 This Gaudete Sunday St. Paul exhorts all of us to "rejoice always." One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are still available in the parish office during regular office hours. If you would like to have your own copy, the cost is **\$7.00** per missal.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Regular Offertory
December 9-10**

\$ 12,693

Building Maintenance Fund

\$ 3,092

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2022



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PICK OF THE WEEK

"Love" Agape/Love /Advent: The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.

Mary of Nazareth: What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: Brother Francis Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.



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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