

Prince of Peace Parish

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass **CANCELLED**

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Mass

8:00pm Mass

10:00pm Mass

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am Mass

† Sebastian Fernandes

† Ronald Cooper

Wednesday, December 27

8:30am Mass

† David Lurshay

† Rodolfo & Wenceslao Cantos

7:00pm Mass

† Ben & Priscilla Pinto

◆ Shaun Liu

Thursday, December 28

8:30am Mass

◆ Prayer Group Members

◆ Allen & Esther D'Souza

Friday, December 29

8:30am Mass

◆ Shankami Sothiroopan

◆ Margaret Wong

Saturday, December 30

8:30am Mass

† Kemraj Boodhoo

† Maristella Mariadas

SANCTUARY LAMP

DECEMBER 25-30

For the Health of: Efen Cantos & Vince McGovern

For the Eternal Rest of:

Elsie Lin, Carmel Shim, Foo

Chung Wong, & Elizabeth Ah

Mao

Pro Populo



As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience. Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.



A Christmas Wish

As we welcome the birth of our Saviour this Christmas, I am acutely aware of the challenging times that surround us. Yet, in the midst of these trials, we find ourselves drawn to the profound message of Christmas....

At its core, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. In times of turmoil, His message becomes all the more relevant. The world may be engulfed in conflict, but Christmas reminds us that there is a greater power at work, a power that transcends the chaos of our human existence. Let us reflect on the angels' proclamation of "Peace on Earth, goodwill toward all." The Christmas story teaches us that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, compassion, and love. It challenges us to be ambassadors of peace in our communities, advocating for reconciliation and understanding.

As we navigate through these challenging times, let the Christmas message serve as a guiding light. Let us be beacons of hope, agents of peace, and vessels of love.

The darkness may seem overwhelming, but remember, it is in the darkest night that the stars shine the brightest.

In the spirit of Christmas, let us pray for the courage to be instruments of change in a world thirsting for healing. May the love that was born in a stable in Bethlehem be reborn in our hearts, bringing comfort to the afflicted, strength to the weary, and hope to the despairing.

May this Christmas be a time of renewal, a season of transformation, and a celebration of the enduring light that darkness cannot overcome. On behalf of our pastoral team and office staff, Merry Christmas to all the parishioners and friends of Prince of Peace parish.



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!

PRAYER GROUP

Attention, we are taking a Christmas break and we will be returning on **January 11, 2024 at 7pm** in the parish hall.

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.

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 the Embrace Life Council located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide. Thank you for your prayers and support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING

In the month of **January 2024**, the Mass of Anointing will be on **January 17 at 12:00pm.**



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.

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.



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

Office Closed
December 25 & 26 January 1, 2024


VOCATIONS

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God's plan for her life and she said "Yes!"...and so the Saviour came into the world.  Pray to know God's Will for your life, so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. McCarthy for more info: vocations@archtoronto.org.

STEWARDSHIP

 The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily and prayerfully say yes to the current step of the mission that He is calling us to. We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are ready for pick up in the Parish Office during regular office hours. We ask that you **do not use envelopes from previous years** as those numbers might have been reassigned to someone else.  If you did not use envelopes in 2023, we ask that you visit the office to get a new box of envelopes.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular Offertory
December 16-17

\$ 11,283

Christmas Flowers

\$ 2,225

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2022

\$11,848

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PICK OF THE WEEK



The True Meaning of Christmas: Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts, but when they are caught in one of their antics, Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

Sacred Art "Adoration of the Shepherds" by Gerard van Honthorst. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas: Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.



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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