

# 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)

### PASTOR

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### HOUSEKEEPING

Geneveve Macariola-Amini

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2

5:00pm Mass

## Sunday, December 3

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

## Monday, December 4

8:30am Mass

† Pat Weston

† Belen Macariola

## Tuesday, December 5

8:30am Mass

† Gabriel Victoria Noronha

† Avitus D'Cruz

## Wednesday, December 6

8:30am Mass

† Eugene Anthony Cuccia

♥ Lydia Maria McGrann

7:00pm Mass

† Fe Gregorio Abayan

† Roland Israel

## Thursday, December 7

8:30am Mass

† Juana & Pedro Andrada

♦ Meighan Reel Wong

## Friday, December 8

8:30am Mass

† Piu Ying Lau

† Delfin Reyes Sr.

## Saturday, December 9

8:30am Mass

† Jacob Chacko

† Joy George

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

## SANCTUARY LAMP DECEMBER 4 - 9

For the Intentions of:

Connie Junta

For the Eternal Rest of:

Islyn Ramsarran

Elizabeth Ah Mao

Foo Chung Wong

*Each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.*

Pro Populo



What a glorious day that will be! Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows for us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. Our parish's schedule for the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions is as follows:

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|---------------|--|
| <b>Dec 18</b> | 9am—10:30am                              |
| <b>Dec 19</b> | 9am-10:30am, 1pm to 2:30pm & 6pm -7:30pm |
| <b>Dec 20</b> | 9am-10:30am, & 6pm -7pm                  |
| <b>Dec 21</b> | 9am-10:30am, & 6pm -9pm                  |
| <b>Dec 22</b> | 9am-10:30am, 1pm to 2:30pm & 6pm -7:30pm |

## 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. Parents are encouraged to motivate their children to participate. Winners will be awarded prize certificates. Posters along with the entry

form should be submitted by **December 17, 2023**. For entry forms and rules contact:

**Bro. Fion:** GK9144@ontariokofc.ca

**Bro. Keith:** coutinhos@rogers.com

**Bro. Bob:** bobcaldwell597@yahoo.ca

**Bro. Lawrence:** frakwuba@yahoo.com

Entry forms are available from the sacramental team leaders for children currently in the First Communion and Confirmation Programs.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN UP

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our invitation and we are happy to announce that a general meeting will be held on Friday, **December 8** at **6:30pm** in the parish hall. Those who have already signed up as



## TRIDUUM IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In 1998 the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council founded December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous peoples. 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 in our parish and afterwards, we will proceed to the parish hall to hear the story of our Lady of Guadalupe led by one of our priests. 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 celebrate with food from our various cultures. Those willing the help are asked to contact the parish office. Let us once again celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe in our Parish.



well as those who have not are welcome to attend. At this meeting, roles will be tentatively assigned to the children and the schedule of rehearsals will be discussed. Children in the First Communion and Confirmation Programs are encouraged to take part in this project and collect service hours. There are plenty of ways to be involved in the Nativity play for both children and also their parents. This year due to Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, the Christmas Family mass will be at 5pm and we ask parents to ensure that their children will not only be available for rehearsals but for the actual 5pm mass in which they will present the Nativity Story to our parish community.

### ARCHDIOCESAN CONSULTATION



Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. Visit the link below to learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and to complete the short survey by **December 15, 2023**. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation)

### SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the office during regular office hours and **after** all weekend masses.

### VOCATIONS

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy: 416-968-0997-[vocations @archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### STEWARDSHIP



Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

### FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER



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. "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". Please support the fight against hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://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.

### SING PRAISES TO THE LORD!

It has been at least twenty years since the parish last purchased hymnals. After careful consideration and content research, we have decided to purchase 300 copies of the *Journeysongs* Hymnal. This will supplement (not replace) the Gather hymnal which we are currently using and provide us with a wider variety of music to use in our praise and worship of God. If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the hymnals, we will be offering you the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of someone who has died or in thanksgiving for favors received, for those who are still living. Dedicating a hymnal or a number of hymnals will foster a sense of prayer in our community. Therefore, every time we pick up a hymnal, we could visit the dedication page so that we bring those whom the hymnal is dedicated to into our prayers. For each hymnal that we cover the cost for, we get a different dedication plate in which we can remember those we love, living and deceased. More details will be provided in the weeks to come.



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Regular Offertory  
November 25-26  
\$ 8,607**

The Weekly Average  
Operating Expense in 2022

**\$11,848**

**Thank you for  
your continued support.**

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend **December 9-10** we will have our building maintenance fund collection to help maintain our church property.



### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for **2024** are ready for pick in the Parish Hall this weekend **after the 5pm mass and before and after all Sunday masses**. Find the letter range of your last name so that you can find your box quickly (i.e. A-H, etc.). The 2024 offertory envelopes will also be available at the parish office during regular office hours. If you are presently donating by Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) or Credit Card (CC) and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office for options. Parishioners who would like to use PAG or Credit Card donating methods can register using the forms available at each station. If you need assistance with this, please call the office. We ask that you **do not use envelopes from previous years** as those numbers might have been reassigned to someone else, and do not use the 2024 envelopes until January 2024. If you would like to donate and do not have an assigned envelope number, any regular envelope can be used as long as you indicate your name and full address or visit the parish office where you will be assigned a box of offertory envelopes.

*Offertory envelopes will not be available on **December 24 & 25.***

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### PICK OF THE WEEK

**What Is the Immaculate Conception?** Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



**St. Nicholas Day:** Kendra Tierney shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs .



**Shalom:** "Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

## 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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