

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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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

Feast Of The Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

New Years Eve

5:00pm Mass

Monday, January 1

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Tuesday, January 2

8:30am Mass

✠ Maria Rosa De Carvalho

✠ Manuel Vallesteros

Wednesday, January 3

8:30am Mass

✠ Martha Massey

♥ Kalyani Selvaraj

7:00pm Mass

✠ Eva Oufi

✠ Akram Khayat

Thursday, January 4

8:30am Mass

✠ Sr. Maria Gorette

✠ Harold Massey

Friday, January 5

8:30am Mass

✠ Ong Ang Ko

✠ Alex Alphonso

7:00pm Mass

✠ Amelia Barroso

✠ Rev. Victor Jeyasingham

Saturday, January 6

8:30am Mass

✠ Francisco Alphonso

✠ Muttiah Jeyabalan

SANCTUARY LAMP

JANUARY 1-6

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

In Thanksgiving By:

Elvina Issacson

For the Eternal Rest of:

Cecil David Manipula, Inez

Steaman, Lucy Aquino

Pro Populo



Today's readings speak to us about living as a family and a community. They confirm that both require work, generosity, patience and openness to the unexpected. We look to the Holy Family as a model for ourselves, and we learn, with some relief, that Jesus' parents were as challenged and confounded as we often are. We can be like them because they were like us in so many ways.



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.



**New Year 's
Mass Schedule**

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.*

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



THANK YOU



As we reflect on the success of this year's Nativity Christmas Eve Play, we want to express our deepest gratitude to those who participated and helped us weave a tapestry of love and faith. Your contributions have enriched our worship, deepened our sense of community and allowed us to experience the Christmas story in a truly meaningful way. May the blessings of the newborn King be with you and your families throughout this coming year.

MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING



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

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world **January 18-25** on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo on **Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 4 pm**. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Markham.



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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

If you've been one of our parish's generous  heroes in 2023, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing from trauma, or is thriving as a young mother, or isn't going hungry – among the many lives your kindness has transformed. There's still time to join our incredible chorus of heroes. If you give at share-life.org/donate by December 31, you will receive a 2023 tax receipt. Thus far we have raised **\$81,315**. (76%) toward our goal of **\$106,800**. Thank you for your generosity.

VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997


vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP



It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. The Holy Family had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform, yet they did all these ordinary things with extraordinary love. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family members with great love and sacrifice.

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 23-24

\$ 11,742

Christmas Collection

\$ 18,452

The Weekly Average Operating Expense in 2022

\$11,848

**Thank you
for your support.**



As we stand on the verge of a new year, our hearts are burdened with the weight of the challenges that surround us. The world is gripped by wars, and the realities we face may seem hopeless at times. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, we gather as a community of faith, seeking solace, strength, and the light of God's unwavering love. The passage of time leaves its mark on every sphere of our lives. We ourselves get older, our families change, people move on, either through death or when someone leaves to earn their living or study in another part of the country or even the world.

Change is inevitable and necessary for us all to move forward and grow. With best wishes for your spiritual and temporal welfare, I pray that this new year will bring peace and health to you all.....

Fr. Efen

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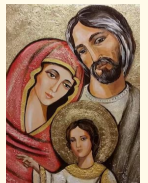


PICK OF THE WEEK



New Year's Resolutions: What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

The Holy Family: We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus: Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.



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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