



# 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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### 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

Pro Populo

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, January 14**

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

**Monday, January 15**

8:30am Mass

✠ Agnes Alias

✠ Elias Diniz

**Tuesday, January 16**

8:30am Mass

✠ Domenic Da Silva

◆ Avril & Charo DeSilva

**Wednesday, January 17**

8:30am Mass

✠ Mary D'Souza

✠ Michael Pinto

7:00pm Mass

✠ D'Souza Family Members

✠ Thomas Varghese

**Thursday, January 18**

8:30am Mass

✠ Minguel Alphonso

✠ Estela Francisco

**Friday, January 19**

8:30am Mass

✠ Ivan Peykov

✠ Graciana Alphonso

**Saturday, January 20**

8:30am Mass

✠ Agapito NAGRANIPA

✠ Jesus Dacoco

✠ Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

## SANCTUARY LAMP

JANUARY 15-20

In Thanksgiving By:

Ethlyn Shim

For the Intentions of:

Sophia Chen

For the Eternal Rest of:

Ivy Lue, Kevin Musken,  
Wilson Family Members

Call the parish office to book your intentions to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



What does it mean to be called, and how should we respond? Today we hear two powerful stories about God's call and those who heard it. In both stories, the call comes without warning, offers no explanation, and requires openness and risk from the ones called. It is safe to assume that we, too, will be called over and over again. When, where how and why remain unknown. But we can also assume that God is behind it. The rest is up to us.

## MASS OF ANOINTING

We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to our next Mass of Anointing on **Wednesday, January 17 at 12pm** followed by our Seniors Social in the parish hall.



## ALTAR SERVERS



Training for altar servers, both children and youth every Saturday up to and including **March 16 from 12:30-2:00pm** in the church. Contact Fr. Martin.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

We are looking for members of our parish to volunteer for the role of the sponsor for some of our RCIA candidates this year. If you feel called to take on this role, please contact the parish office for further information.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Fr. Efren will be conducting a program to train adults to become leaders to preside at the liturgy of the Word for Children during some Sunday masses. Next weekend, we will have a sign up station after all masses where handouts with more information will be available. A general meeting to learn more about this ministry will be held on Tuesday, **January 23 at 7pm** in the parish hall. You can also sign up to attend via email.

## 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.

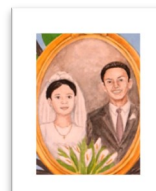
## YOUTH GROUP APPEAL

As we continue to grow and strengthen our faith community, we are excited to extend an invitation to adult parishioners who would like to participate in starting a Youth Group in our parish. If you feel called to be part of this, please contact the parish office and leave us your contact information. We will be hosting an initial meeting to discuss our vision, goals, and the steps we will take to start this ministry on **Thursday, January 25 at 7pm.** Call or email the office to sign up for this meeting.



## MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2024 are invited to join in this celebration Mass on **February 11, 2024-3pm** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Given the limited attendance at the Cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Visit us for more details: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

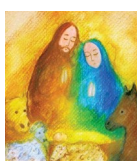


## 2024 PASTORAL LETTER



"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from Archbishop Francis Leo is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. See document at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## POSTER CONTEST WINNER



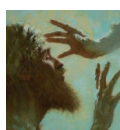
On Saturday, **January 20**, after the 5pm mass, the Knights of Columbus will publish the winner of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest in the parish hall. All are welcome. If you can, join us.



## DAY OF REFLECTION

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre in Pickering presents, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you." on **January 29** from **9am to 3pm** for a time of reflection on the importance of this rite. Information at 905-839-2864.

## GOD'S HEALING LOVE



Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, invites patient and caregivers to a one-day retreat on Saturday,

**February 17**. For information, contact: Jean at 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Many parishioners have inquired if our parish has a bereavement ministry to help those who are currently suffering loss. We recognize the need to provide our community with this ministry which requires the participation of a team of well trained volunteers. To that end we are calling those who are in any of the professions that relate to it, such as therapists, counselors, or willing individuals who possess the gift of compassionate listening to consider sharing their gifts with our parish. If you are interested, please call Fr. Efren who will include you in a meeting to further discuss what this ministry will involve and what type of commitment will be required. Let us be near to those who mourn and accompany them in their suffering. The Archdiocese will be offering training sessions on line on Thursdays, **February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14 & 21, 2024** from **7pm to 8:30pm**. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in our parish. Registrants are required to participate in . There is no cost to attend but registration is required (space is limited). Register by February 13 at: 416-934-3400 ext. 518 or visit us at:

<https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2024>

## CATHOLIC PRE-SCHOOL



Mary, Mother of God School is registering children, ages 3-5 years old, for 2 ½ hours of enriched programming on Wednesday afternoons, **1pm-3:30pm**. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416-531-7897.

## FREE DIGITAL BABY GRAND PIANO

Our current Yamaha keyboard in the parish hall is no longer useful for us due to its size and repairs needed. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to arrange for a time to visit us and take a look at it. The piano will be yours to take and we ask that you make arrangements to transport it home.



## STEWARDSHIP

In the Gospel today, after Andrew's encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Moreover, upon meeting Christ Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. As stewards, let us constantly seek to go deeper in our relationship with Christ and strive to invite others to the parish so that they too may "come and see" the goodness of the Lord.



## MEN'S GROUP



Before the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, our parish had a Men's Group that Fr. Efren would like to know more about in order to consider bringing it back. Those who were involved in this ministry are invited to contact Fr. Efren to arrange a meeting to explore and discuss its feasibility and necessity.

## VOCATIONS

A good vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are young until we are in our golden years, is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997 [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

### Weekly Offertory

**January 6-7**

**\$ 13,391**

The Weekly Average  
Operating Expense in 2022  
**\$11,848**

*Thank you for your support.*

## 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Remember Your Offerings Parishioners who did not pick up their assigned box of envelopes and parishioners who would like to start using offertory envelopes can pick up a new box at the office during regular office hours. We continue to ask that you only use envelopes that reflect the year 2024. We are currently working on the 2023 tax receipts, and we ask for your help in keeping our records updated: if you have a new address, contact number or any changes that involve family members please call the parish office so that we can update your current registration. We appreciate your support.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our parish, please **remember to register with us** and let your old parish know that you have moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.



*Divine Infant, I give You my hands to touch those I meet with Your love and peace. I ask You to heal those in pain, to encourage the hopeless, to console the sorrowing, and to provide for those in want. I ask You to reach out to the lonely. I especially plead for the many people suffering from great poverty and injustice. Amen*

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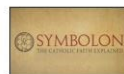
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### PICK OF THE WEEK



**God's Doorkeeper:** This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

#### The Bible Collection, Genesis:

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



**Padre Pio:** Between Heaven and Earth Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

## 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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