



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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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

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

Pro Populo

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 21

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 22

8:30am Mass

†Gualbert Monteiro

†Bernard Fernandes

Tuesday, January 23

8:30am Mass

†Agnes D'Souza

†Cletus Castelino

Wednesday, January 24

8:30am Mass

†Cyril Gonsalves

†Abelardo Rapera

7:00pm Mass

†Jesulita Villarama Roy

†Elsie Lin

Thursday, January 25

8:30am Mass

†Xavier Titus

†Norma D. Laxamana

Friday, January 26

8:30am Mass

†Mateo Tanuan

◆ Edwin Jesudasan Family

Saturday, January 27

8:30am Mass

†Elsie Lin

†Kemraj Boohood

†Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

JANUARY 22-27

In Thanksgiving By:

Jocelyn Fronda,

Jasmine Garraway

For the Intentions of :

Mary Grace Barroga

For the Eternal Rest of:

Indra Sukhu, Leslie Selvan,

Pat Weston, Randy Fronda.



The kingdom of God is near! The time is short! Reform your lives, just as the people of Nineveh turned from their evil way. Leave behind your attachment to possessions and security and come follow Jesus. There is much for which we have to repent: poverty, hunger, homelessness, discrimination, war, the destruction of the earth and the wasting of its resources. The Christian believes what Paul wrote, that the world as we know it is passing away. Ahead lies the kingdom of God, and each of us must choose between solidarity with a world headed for destruction and solidarity with a world ruled by God.

CANDLEMAS



On the feast of *Candlemas* we invite everyone to the blessing of candles to be held before mass on Friday, **February 2 at 8:30am**. If you wish to have your own candles, we ask that you bring them. Otherwise, tapers will be available for everyone.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS



On this day, the Church gives a "Blessing of the throats"; a tradition that comes from the eighth century that has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. On Saturday, **February 3** after the **8:30am** mass, we will administer the blessing of the throats immediately after the final blessing.

DINNER DANCE



Mark your calendars for a night of celebration! The Knights of Columbus are thrilled to announce a Dinner Dance on Saturday, **April 20, 2024**, in the parish hall. Get ready for an evening filled with delicious cuisine, lively music, and fantastic company. More details will follow soon.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP



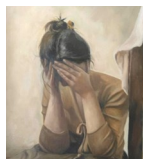
Embark on a transformative journey of faith with our upcoming Prayer and Life Workshops series Monday's from **7pm to 9pm** beginning **February 12** for 15 weekly sessions, each lasting 2 hours, as we delve into the profound aspects of prayer and its impact on our lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and connect with others on the same journey. Next weekend we will have a special announcement from one of the facilitators who will provide further details on how to join.

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.

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. Efen 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 that 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>

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. Visit a loved one or stranger who is shut in, lonely or sick. Offer gratitude to a healthcare professional or volunteer. "We are called to learn how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture." Pope Francis.



CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES



"Breathing Space" is a program specifically for Caregivers caring for Seniors. The sessions are free and based on drop-ins; therefore, registration is not required. Those who may be interested in the program will be sent a Zoom link. Participants are not re-

quired to attend all the sessions; and can attend as many or one session/s as they want. Contact: Corina Sumaway at 416 921-1163 ext. 2230

DIVINA ELOQUIA SERIES

All are welcome to attend the St. Augustine's Seminary talk on "Patristic Conceptions of Martyrdom and Their Relevance Today" taking place on **January 30 at 6:30pm**. For more information and to register, visit:

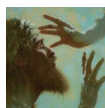


<https://staugustines.on.ca/events>.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION

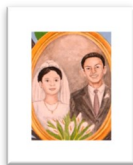
Parents are invited to register their children for kindergarten for next September, beginning **January 24, 2024**.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Friday, **February 2**, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day.

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

VOCATIONS

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997



vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP

As Jesus calls the apostles, He uses their own language by inviting them to be "fishers of people." There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. This is the heart of stewardship, so let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call of Christ to become "fishers of people," each in our own way.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Offertory
January 13-14**

\$ 6,386

Building Maintenance Fund

\$ 2,845

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2023
TBC

BENEVOLENT FUND

The Benevolent Fund aims to address the unique and pressing needs within our community, providing assistance based on individual requests for help. Your generous contributions will directly impact the lives of those facing immediate challenges and give support where it's needed most. The first collection for this worthy cause will take place on **February 11, 2024**.



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PICK OF THE WEEK



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion : (Part 1 of 4) In this four-part series, we sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

The Conversion of Saint Paul:

Discussions on the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



The Hour of Our Death - Eternal Rest: Episode 3



The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and in the hour of our death.

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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