



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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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 27

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 28

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 29

8:30am Mass

† Catherine D'Souza

† Sebastiampillai &

Theresamma Mariyanayagam

Tuesday, January 30

8:30am Mass

† Francisco Mariazetta Jr.

† Gloria Cruz

Wednesday, January 31

8:30am Mass

† Peter Nunes

† Thankamma Matthew

7:00pm Mass

† Joy George

† Alma Naidas

Thursday, February 1

8:30am Mass

† Randy Fronda

◆ Cecilia & Isaac Tsang

Friday, February 2

8:30am Mass

† Lorenzo Jardin

♥ Eleanor Galang

7:00pm Mass

† Yuan Yit & Joseph Chung

◆ Evana Ann Mathew

Saturday, February 3

8:30am Mass

† John Castanha

† Stephen D'Souza

SANCTUARY LAMP

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3

In Thanksgiving by:

Junta Family

For the Intentions of:

Jasmine Garraway

For the Eternal Rest of:

Lorenzo Jardin, Roberta Hill,

Eufregina De Souza, George

Poblete, Jacinto De Souza,

Leao De Souza



Throughout his ministry, Jesus responded to and addressed the needs around him. Today we hear of his early teaching and confronting evil with authority through an exorcism. We recognize his profound actions as miracles. We, too, are called to respond to the needs around us with compassion. We rely on him for the support we need to address what we see, including dark and difficult issues. Doing that is a kind of miracle in itself.

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.



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.

Place: Prince of Peace Church Date:

Monday February 12, 2024

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Contact: Chandra Tantrege

chandra.abeyratne54@gmail.com

Mobile 647 980 9600

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

On the memorial of St. Blase, 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Thank you to those of you who weathered the snow-storm and attended the information meeting last week. We are excited about the prospect of implementing this program and creating a meaningful experience for the children

in our parish. As we work towards designing a comfortable space for the children to gather, we are asking if anyone has a large area rug they would like to donate, (minimum 20' x 20'). If you can help or if you are interested in joining this ministry, call or email the parish office for details.

YOUTH GROUP APPEAL UPDATE



Join the Youth Group

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who responded to our invitation and attended the first meeting to discuss the beginnings of a youth group at Prince of Peace. Following the success of our initial meeting we recognize that the success of this initiative relies on the collective effort of our community. Therefore, on the weekends of **February 3-4** and **10-11, after all masses** we invite parents and youth to drop by the parish hall to pick up a pamphlet outlining the startup plans for this ministry. Additionally, we invite you to mark your calendars for a special presentation on Sunday, **February 25, at 6pm** in the parish hall when further insights into the youth group's goals, activities, and plans will be discussed and your questions answered. Remember, your involvement is crucial, and we are confident that with your support, the youth group at Prince of Peace will flourish. Let's come together to nurture the spiritual growth and community bonds among our youth.

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.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



We are happy to announce the winners of the Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who submitted their incredible artwork. The level of talent and creativity made the judging process challenging, but we are thrilled to finally unveil the winners: J.K. to Grade 2: **Krish Canister**, Grade 3 to 5: **Anish Canister**, and Grade 6 to 8: **Eliana Fernandes**. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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

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 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. Christmas



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 required 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

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



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

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org.



STEWARDSHIP

In the Gospel today it says that after Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit that his "fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." So too, as stewards of Christ we should share the wonderful deeds God has done for us in order to evangelize those around us. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory

January 20-21

\$ 7,916

The Weekly Average Operating Expense in 2023 is still under revision. We expect this number to be higher given how everything continues to be more and more expensive. Please continue to support your parish.

Thank you for your support

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



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation; What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple?

Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: The great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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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