

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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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 6

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 7

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 8

8:30am Mass

✠Pui Ying Lau

✠Theresa Sui-Ing Lim

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am Mass

✠Candolina Fernandes

✠Anthony & Natalie Noronha

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am Mass

✠Wally D. Nunez Jr.

✠Bishop Simon Pereira

7:00pm Mass

✠Aramita & Ubaldina Sequeira

✠Cherry Thio

Thursday, January 11

8:30am Mass

✠Antonio Fernandes

✠Fr. Francis D'Souza

Friday, January 12

8:30am Mass

✠Hon Sum Lai

◆ Gerry & Greta DaSilva

Saturday, January 13

8:30am Mass

✠Apolonia Da Costa

✠Iris Sequeira

✠Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
JANUARY 8-13**

In Thanksgiving By:

Cora Cantos, Ethlyn Shim

For the Intentions of :

Kirk Wong, Isabel Wilson

For the Eternal Rest of:

Elsie Lin, Peter Nunes

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.



The Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem, they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

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.



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. The sacrament of the sick will be administered to anyone wishing to receive it.

ALTAR SERVERS



Training for altar servers, both children and youth every Saturday **January 6 to March 16** from **12:30-2:00pm** in the church. Contact Fr. Martin at: fr.martin@princeofpeacesc.ca

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office wishes to express its deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed to the vibrancy and warmth of our parish family. Whether through your active participation in liturgical celebrations, your volunteer efforts, or your heartfelt prayers; your unwavering support, dedication, and kindness have been the cornerstone of our shared mission. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is greatly appreciated by the staff at Prince of Peace. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and blessed New Year.



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. Details at: 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. This document is available at: www.archtoronto.org.



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 need-



ed. 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!

Over the past few weeks, we have been delighted to announce the upcoming implementation of a new hymnal for our church. As part of this initiative, we introduced the unique opportunity for parishioners to place a dedication name plate on the inside cover of these new hymnals. Your response to this opportunity has been overwhelming, and we appreciate your enthusiasm and support. We want to update you on our progress in finalizing the style of the name plate and the choices for dedications or intentions. Our team is working diligently to ensure that the options available reflect the diversity and richness of our community's spirit. We understand that this decision is important, as these new hymnals will be a lasting part of our church for many years to come. Rest assured, our commitment is to provide beautiful and accessible hymnals for everyone. We will keep you informed of any updates, and we look forward to sharing the finalized details with you soon. Thank you for being an integral part of our church family, and we are grateful for your continued support.



VOCATIONS

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. 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.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Offertory
December 30-31**

\$ 14,000

Initial Offertory

\$ 2,575

Mary Mother Of God

\$ 8,436

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



MAINTENANCE FUND

We remind everyone that next weekend, **January 13-14** we have our collection to help maintain our church property.



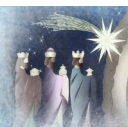
STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.



BLESSING YOUR HOME

On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world and the coming of the Three Kings. Because this was the day the Three Kings visited the house of Jesus, the custom of blessing homes on Epiphany Day developed. After the blessing, the initials of their traditional names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way. 20 + C + M + B + 24



Use the following prayer to bless your home as you make the inscription on your door. Have someone light and hold your Christmas candle during your blessing ceremony. This is a reminder that we are still in the Christmas Season.

Lord Jesus, the Three Kings followed the star that led them to your home. Help us to find you in this house through the love we share. Bless our home and all of us during this year ahead. Amen.



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PICK OF THE WEEK



What Do You Seek? The Search: Episode 1 What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

Who Are the Magi? In this special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.



Arianism & Apollinarianism: Heresies: Episode 4 Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.

ARIANISM & APOLLINARIANISM

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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