



Prince of Peace Parish

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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, February 10

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 11

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 12

8:30am Mass

† Carmen Munoz

† Hon Sum Lai

Tuesday, February 13

8:30am Mass

† Santiago D'Souza

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

Ash Wednesday, February 14

8:30am Mass

† Elias Diniz

† John Y.Y. Cheng

7:00pm Mass

† Hyacinth Myers

† Jose Menino Fernandes

Thursday, February 15

8:30am Mass

† Angelina D'Cruz

† Fr. William & Fr. Thomas Harding

Friday, February 16

8:30am Mass

† Chang Ken Chiu

† Letty D'Souza

Saturday, February 17

8:30am Mass

† Elsie Lin

† Theresa Paul

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

FEBRUARY 12-17

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

For the Eternal Rest of:

Chang Ken Chiu, Kitty Neil,

Maria Ramsarran, Peter

Nunes, Roberta Hill

Each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



There is often no escape from illness. And, sometimes an illness is considered socially unacceptable and those afflicted cannot escape the injustice and the judgement that can accompany the condition. Today's readings focus on leprosy, but they could be about any disease or condition that evokes fear, alienation or condemnation. Those who suffer are urged to turn to God for healing. All of us are called to imitate Jesus, who throughout his life, embraced and healed the sick and outcast. It is a hard challenge to ignore and an even harder one for many of us to accept.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, **February 14** is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am**, and **7:00pm**, and the imposition of ashes will take place during the mass.



RECONCILIATION TREE

The real work of conversion happens when we concretely address the areas in our lives where we are most in need of mercy and reconciliation. As a parish community, we will once again see the Reconciliation Tree in the sanctuary of the Church. Each week, we will focus on an area of our lives in which we are in need of healing and reconciliation. You are encouraged to attach a ribbon onto the tree to indicate each instance of such mercy that you experience throughout the week. This can be times when you have been the object of mercy or when you have been merciful to others. At the end of lent, when the tree is completely covered in ribbons, we can rejoice knowing that we have experienced God's compassionate, forgiving love in our lives and brought that same healing love to others.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This ministry begins on **February 17-18** at the **5pm** and the **1pm** masses. If you can help or if you are interested in joining this ministry, there will be a 'come and see' meeting on Tuesday, **February 13** at **7pm** in the parish hall. Contact the parish office if you are interested.



ALTAR SERVERS

Training for altar servers (children & youth) every Saturday, **February 17** to **March 16** from **12:30 to 2pm**.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Our next Mass of Anointing will be held on **Wednesday, February 21** at **12pm** followed by our Seniors Social.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

We invite you to 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. Let us come together to nurture the spiritual growth and community bonds among our youth.



PRACTICING OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES

During the Fridays of Lent, we return to our communal practice of the disciplines of Lent: **Pray, Fast and Give**.

PRAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES



We will gather every Friday of Lent at **7:00pm** in the Church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Also, our Lenten Sessions to reflect on our personal conversion will take place on **Thursdays** at **7pm** in the Church, followed by group discussions either in the Church or in the parish hall. The Charismatic Renewal of our parish will lead us in communal prayer before each session. Our priests will conduct the talks on a variety of Lenten themes.

FAST: LENTEN SOUP

Between **5:30 and 6:30pm**, through the generosity of our parish groups and organizations our Lenten Soup will be our way of fasting in direct connection to Almsgiving that will be expressed by giving a donation of \$5 per person. This sacrificial giving will be directed to our new Benevolent Fund that has been established to care for those in need. Donations of disposable plates and cups are welcome.



ALMSGIVING: BENEVOLENT FUND SUPPORT

Our prayer and fasting will be put into action when we allow ourselves to be fed by a simple bowl of soup and piece or two of bread so that the budget of that day will be given to the poor. Fasting becomes sacred when the aim is to feed someone else.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who attended the “come and see” meeting earlier this week. As discussed, the level of commitment will depend entirely on your availability and level of ability. There is a place for everyone in this ministry. If you did not attend the meeting, call us to let us know that you are interested. We also remind everyone that 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>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ROSES FOR LIFE: Lapel roses will be available in the parish lobby after all weekend masses **February 17-18.** All your contributions will be donated to various pro-life organizations.

40 CANS FOR LENT: Beginning **February 17** through **April 7**, we will be accepting donations in cash and in kind. Kindly place your items in the box located in the church foyer. Much needed items: food cans, granola/chocolate bars, juice boxes, toothbrushes/paste, soaps, shower gel and deodorants. Please do not deliver items to the parish office. Tax receipts provided for cash donations of \$20+. For assistance/eTransfer contact Fion Lee at 416-573- 5072.

DINNER DANCE



Mark your calendars for a night of celebration 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.

HOLY FACE CHAPLET



Join us to pray the Holy Face of Jesus Chaplet on **Tuesdays** after the **8:30am** mass for the duration of Lent and during the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

We have reached the limited number for this session. However, you can pre-register for the next session by calling the parish office.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Free webinar on Saturday, **February 24** at **9am** to learn about Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection, legacies and Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. Register at: development@archtoronto.org.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Fatima Sequeira for being recognized by the Archdiocese of Toronto for her 10 years of faithful service as an employee to Prince of Peace Parish and the Archdiocese of Toronto. We continue to appreciate her inexhaustible energy and generosity of spirit. May God continue to bless her with good health and a desire to serve others.

A NEW HYMNAL

Next weekend, we will introduce our new Hymnal called “Journeysongs”. After all masses we will be able to take forms to dedicate hymnals to remember loved ones who have died, are ill or in Thanksgiving for prayers answered.



VOCATIONS

Today’s Gospel says that “Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper”. Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today’s society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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



In today’s second reading St. Paul says that “whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” As stewards, we can glorify God through our work by realizing that our daily tasks can be the sacrifices we offer up to God. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him throughout our day.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory

February 3-4

\$ 10,309

The Weekly Average Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

Thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Parishioners can expect to receive their tax receipts by mail on or before **February 16, 2024**. If you do not receive your tax receipt by **February 16**, please contact the parish office for assistance.



SHARELIFE 2024 CAMPAIGN

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on **March 17** it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues, help victims of domestic violence, ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten, deliver food to children in developing countries, form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes. Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent. Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

The Story of Death - Eternal Rest: Episode 1- Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



The Spirituality of Lent: Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.

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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