



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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fr.efren@princeofpeacesc.ca

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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

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| 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 17

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 18

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 19

8:30am Mass

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

† Ivana Kumprey

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am Mass

† Bede Uku

† Theresia Steharnik

Wednesday, February 21

8:30am Mass

† Joe Braganza

◆ Avril DeSilva

7:00pm Mass

† Bernadette Ah Chong

† Lawrie Coutinho

Thursday, February 22

8:30am Mass

† Sr. Maria Gorette

◆ Barrog & Fortaleza Family

10:30am Funeral Mass

† Cresenciano Felipe

Friday, February 23

8:30am Mass

◆ Brendan D'Souza

† Dr. Conrad Javier

Saturday, February 24

8:30am Mass

† Benjou Afafe

† Esmie Braganza

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
FEBRUARY 19-24**

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

In Thanksgiving by:

Kevin & Lisa Wong Family

For the Eternal Rest of:

Gloria Ramsarran

Inacio Francisco Fernandes



After Jesus was baptized, but before he began his years of public ministry, St Mark tells us in today's Gospel that the Spirit "drove Jesus out into the desert," where he experienced temptation. Throughout the Bible, the desert is often referred to a place of testing, where we experience our weakness and dependence on God. Water and food are hard to come by there, and the temperatures and emptiness are oppressive to both the body and the mind. The desert is a place where our illusions of self-sufficiency and comfort fade away.

FAMILY DAY

Monday, **February 19** is Family Day. The parish office will be closed. Please make use of our emergency extension in the event of the unexpected (i.e. funerals, anointing someone in danger of death, personal crisis).



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 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.

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.



A NEW HYMNAL

This 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.



ALTAR SERVERS

Training for altar servers (children & youth) every Saturday, 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 an-



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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Thank you to everyone who attended the “come and see” meeting. 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>

40 CANS OF LENT



Beginning **February 17** through **April 7**, the Knights of Columbus 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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

On **March 2-3** we will welcome Frank Janetta, from Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services to our parish. Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs.



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.



2024 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY



This year’s theme is “Take Heart: by His wounds we are healed”. Join us at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on **March 2**, from **9am -5:30pm.** Agenda will include inspirational talks, and celebration of the Holy Mass. Information at 416-297-8167.

ROCKING CHAIR REQUEST

Do you have a wooden rocking chair that you no longer need? Our Children's Liturgy Program is looking for a donated rocking chair to enhance our program's space. If you have a gently used wooden chair that you would like to donate, please call the parish office for more details. Your donation would be greatly appreciated!



VOCATIONS

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy:

416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory
February 10-11

\$ 6,528

Benevolent Fund

\$ 5,070

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

*Thank you for
your continued support.*

MAINTENANCE FUND

We remind everyone that next weekend, **February 24-25** we have our collection to help maintain our church property.



STEWARDSHIP



As we read the account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert, we should realize that we too have to fight temptations. When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. . This Lent, let us begin to run away from occasions of sin and fill ourselves with good things from God instead which will slowly help us grow in holiness.

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.



SUPPORT OUR VULNERABLE YOUTH THROUGH SHARELIFE

In this time of Lent, we ask you to think of our brothers and sisters in need – especially our vulnerable youth who call the streets their home. “Your gift ensures youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to individualized support and variety of programs and services to meet their complex and diverse needs,” says Mark Aston of Covenant House Toronto. “With your caring support, youth have a safe space to turn to and a supportive team to help them plan their own path.” 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



Saint Peter: Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

The Afterlife, Eternal Rest: Episode 2: What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One, Restore: This Lenten reflects on the theme of the week, the desert. Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.



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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