



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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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

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 25

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 26

8:30am Mass

† Joseph Edward Vincent

† Marta & Nicolas Vallesterio

Tuesday, February 27

8:30am Mass

† Kemraj Boodhoo

† John Pereira

Wednesday, February 28

8:30am Mass

† Valentin & Luz Ronquillo

† Fr. Paul & Annakutty
George Kariamadam

7:00pm Mass

† Fr Patrick Fitzpatrick

† Celestina Furigay

Thursday, February 29

8:30am Mass

† Virgilio Buling

† Leao De Souza

Friday, March 1

8:30am Mass

♦ Boris & Marietta D'Souza

† Fatima Momoh

10:00am Funeral Mass

† Irving Chin

7:00pm Mass

† Crisanta Razon Fontanilla

♥ Georgo Papadelis

Saturday, March 2

8:30am Mass

† Zenaida Victorino

♥ Willy & Lorenzo Sy

SANCTUARY LAMP

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

For the Eternal Rest of:

Letty & Santiago D'Souza

Manuel Fernandes

Antonio Ong

Pro Populo



The transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' transfiguration, the gospel gives us a glimpse of the heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting faith in Him. The primary purpose of Jesus' transfiguration was to allow Him to consult his heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and resurrection.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING



Join the Youth Group

Parents and youth are invited to a special "Come and See" meeting for our Youth Group Ministry on Sunday, **February 25 at 6pm** in the Parish Hall. This meeting will feature a presentation and a question-and-answer forum regarding the plans to structure a Youth Group Ministry. Your input and participation are crucial as we work together to shape this ministry to best serve the needs of our youth. Please join us for this important meeting and share your thoughts, ideas, and enthusiasm for our youth ministry. Together, we can create a vibrant and engaging program that nurtures the faith of our young members.

ALTAR SERVERS



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

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).

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.

40 CANS OF LENT



Beginning **February 17** through **April 7**, the Knights of Columbus 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: fionlee@sympatico.ca

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.

HYMNAL DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY



With a total of **300** hymnals available for dedication, we are excited to announce that in just one short week, we have received **55** dedication orders. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our music ministry while making a personal dedication that will be placed on the inside cover of one of our new hymnals. Order forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office. Take the form home, fill out the required details, and return the form and payment in the envelope provided to the parish office or drop it into the collection box at the entrance of the church. You can order as many hymnal dedications as you are able. Thank you to all who have already participated in this project.

SHOW YOUR LOVE THROUGH SHARELIFE

ShareLife Sunday is **March 17**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **100,500**. Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Activities to help us in Our Lenten Journey to Easter

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

GIVE
PRAY
FAST

Each year, during Lent, we learn about the disciplines of Praying, Fasting and Giving and how to engage in them in a healthy and fruitful fashion. Prayer connects us to the Source of Life where we are challenged to grow and where we experience merciful love. Fasting and almsgiving help us realize our dependence on God and help us to develop compassion for those who have less than we do. Almsgiving also helps us to make a very real difference in people's lives. In the parish, we offer a number of opportunities for you to pray, fast and give. During the Fridays of Lent, we invite you to join us for Solidarity Soup in which we eat a simple meal together as a community and **donate the budget of our dinner to the poor.** Join us again, this Friday, **March 1 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.** After the meal, join us in the church and together we **will pray the Stations of the Cross.**

"FORGIVEN" REFLECTION SERIES



In addition to Thursday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm, we decided to have the Lenten reflection on Friday evenings beginning at **6pm.** This is in response to parishioners who asked to include this aspect of our Lenten practices on Friday evenings. The reflections are based on the series "Forgiven" which focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An integral part of these reflections will be the introduction of a "Penitential Liturgy" in which our parishioners can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of a Liturgical Celebration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

At Prince of Peace, we understand that approaching the sacrament of reconciliation can be a challenging and intimidating experience for many. We want to assure you that our Penitential Service focuses on a compassionate and understanding approach, centering on the healing of the



root sins that may burden your heart, rather than dwelling on a detail of a checklist of minor offenses, though equally important. Experience the liberating grace of the sacrament and renew your connection with God. Our Penitential Service aims to be a transformative experience that leaves you with a sense of peace and spiritual growth. Together, we will address the root causes of struggles and guide you towards genuine healing. Our community believes in the power of forgiveness and compassion. Our priests are here to listen, guide, and offer God's mercy with open hearts, free from judgment. You are not alone on your spiritual journey so join our parish community in finding the path to reconciliation together on **Thursday, March 14 at 7:00pm.**

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.



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.



VOCATIONS

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah; called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org.



STEWARDSHIP



In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory
February 17-18

\$ 8,577

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

Thank you

EASTER FLOWERS

Every year we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude in a special way by decorating the sanctuary for Easter. A Second Collection will be taken after Communion next weekend, **March 2-3.** For those who do not use envelopes, special Easter Flower envelopes are available at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

The Three Temptations: with Dr. Brant Pitre Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death - Eternal Rest: 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 the hour of our death.

Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears: How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.



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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