

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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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

Saturday 5pm.
Sunday 10am, 11:30am, 1pm.

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, March 9

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 10

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, March 11

8:30am Mass

† Anthony Pinto

† James Monisse

10:30am Funeral Mass

† Gnanasoundari Balendra

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am Mass

† Hon Sum Lai

† Charles Chiu

Wednesday, March 13

8:30am Mass

† Mark Dom Fernandes

† George Poblete

12:00pm Mass of Anointing

Pro populo

7:00pm Mass

† K.J. Mathew

† Joyce Josephine D'Souza

Thursday, March 14

8:30am Mass

† Thresa Kuriakose Pullickeel

† Elias Diniz

Friday, March 15

8:30am Mass

◆ Susan Remedios

◆ Lourdeson Antonipillai

Saturday, March 16

8:30am Mass

† Magima Raj Pragasam

◆ Iris Lynch

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

MARCH 11-16

In Thanksgiving by:

Phillip Family

For the Intentions of:

Ong Family

For the Eternal Rest of:

Charles Chiu, Peter Nunes,

Roberta Hill

Each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions.

Pro Populo



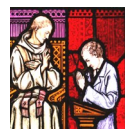
We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping others to carry their heavier crosses.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On the evening of **Good Friday at 8:00pm** the youth of our parish will reenact the Stations of the Cross. This is a great opportunity for the children in the current First Communion and Confirmation programs to complete their hours of service. We also welcome other young people in elementary and high school who would like to participate. With two weeks to put this project together, we are looking for a serious commitment to practice and follow direction from Fr. Efren. If you would like to sign up, contact the parish office by phone or email to let us know. Adult helpers will also be welcome to assist with costumes, props, lighting, and other aspects of this performance.

COMMUNAL PENANCE LITURGY



Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 sinfulness and be led towards genuine healing. 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**. This liturgy will be our way of celebrating the "Day of Confessions" which has been the practice of our Archdiocese for a few years now. If you miss ours, check churches near you for their scheduled day.

RECONCILIATION TREE



God is Love - boundless, faithful, incomprehensible love. God is slow to anger, compassionate and merciful towards us despite our weakness, sinfulness and inability to love fully. In Christ, we see God's love in its most complete form. Jesus was willing to give up his life for us so that we might live fully in this life and the next. For our part, however, we can take God's love for granted and fail to spend the time that is needed to fulfil our part of the relationship. How often have we found ourselves in times of trouble asking God for help only to realize how little we gave thanks and praise in times of bounty and blessing. How often have we engaged in building our own small kingdoms of power, influence and comfort rather than engage in building the Kingdom of God where the least of our brothers and sisters are cherished, fed and loved. And how often have we neglected to place God at the centre of our lives rather than make a small space at the periphery. This week let us make attempts to reconcile with God and add a ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation to represent each of these attempts.

HELP NEEDED



In preparation for Palm Sunday volunteers are needed to help strip the palms. We will be meeting in the parish hall on Friday, **March 22 from 9am to 1pm**. If you are available and would like to help, please call the parish or simply show up on the appointed day.

INSPIRED BY GOD'S LOVE: SUPPORT SHARELIFE'S MISSION

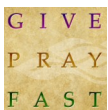
Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Our first ShareLife Sunday collection will be next weekend, **March 16-17**. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **100,500**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS



Join us for a Teaching Mass on Sunday, **March 17** at **6pm**. The evening will begin in the parish hall by only the light of candles, then we move into the church. This special event will fulfil your Sunday obligation and offer a deeper understanding of the Catholic Mass, with explanations and insights provided throughout. Although all parishioners are invited, those currently in the sacramental programs, First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA are expected to attend as part of their sacramental formation.

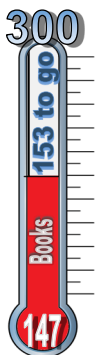
DISCIPLINES OF LENT



We continue to ask for God's grace to help us as we take on the Lenten disciplines of **PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING** which assist us in our conversion. **PRAYER** connects us to the Source of Life where we are challenged to grow and where we experience God's 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. During the Fridays of Lent, we continue to 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 15** from **5:30pm to 6:30pm**. To date we have collected **\$708.00** that will go towards the parish Benevolent Fund. We are grateful for your continued generosity and support.

HYMNAL DEDICATION UPDATE

To date we have **147** dedications, and only **153** remaining to reach our goal of **300**. You can still consider being a part of this project and dedicate one or more hymnals. With **153** hymnals to go, we can reach our goal before Easter and start the new season with a brand new hymnal that will introduce new hymns into our liturgies. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work to enhance our Liturgical celebrations. Order forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.



MASS OF ANOINTING



We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to our next Mass of Anointing on **Wednesday, March 13** at **12pm** followed by our Seniors Social in the parish hall.

40 CANS OF LENT

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations in cash and in kind up to and including **April 7**. Kindly place your items in the box located in the church foyer. Needed items: food cans, granola/chocolate bars, juice boxes, toothbrushes/paste, soaps, shower gel and deodorants.



DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendars for a night of celebration on Saturday, **April 20, 2024**, in the parish hall. Get ready for a fun filled evening. For details please see poster in the lobby.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24

8:30 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am, 1:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, March 28

8:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, March 29

10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

8:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am, 10:00 am
11:30 am, 1:00 pm

VOCATIONS

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you, could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997



vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP



In the first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear about how God's messengers were persecuted and despised for listening to God. As stewards, we will often also face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity so the next time we encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you".

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory

March 2-3

\$11,305

Easter Flowers

\$3,232

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

Thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FURNITURE REPAIR

We are currently seeking recommendations for reputable and affordable reupholsters and carpenters to assist with furniture repair in our altar and sanctuary areas. Your suggestions for skilled professionals in our community would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joan Turco in the parish office with any recommendations or information. Thank you for your help in maintaining our sacred spaces.



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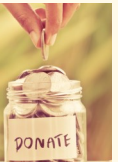


Pick Of The Week



Fear and Spiritual Warfare: God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fears lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.

Week Four | Restore: Reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give, not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You? This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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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