

# 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)

### PASTOR

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### HOUSEKEEPING

Geneveve Macariola-Amini

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16**

5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, March 17**

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

**Monday, March 18**

**8:30am Mass**

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

◆ Rosaline Abdullahi

**Tuesday, March 19**

**8:30am Mass**

† Antonio Joanes

† Remiza Da Silva

**Wednesday, March 20**

**8:30am Mass**

† Ardwin & Olga D'Souza

† Pedro & Trinidad Gacho

**7:00pm Mass**

† Veronica Fung Lam

◆ Prince of Peace Vincentians

**Thursday, March 21**

**8:30am Mass**

† Jobi & Philomena D'Cruz

† Veronica Fung Lam

**Friday, March 22**

**8:30am Mass**

† Veronica Fung Lam

† Romeo Do

**Saturday, March 23**

**8:30am Mass**

† Veronica Fung Lam

◆ Bernard Lynch

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**MARCH 18-23**

**In Thanksgiving by:**

Jasmine Garraway

**For the Health of:**

Efren Cantos

**For the Eternal Rest of:**

Jean Brandon, Roy Wong,

Mimi Borrromeo,

Angeline Ramsarran

*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.*

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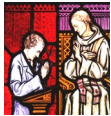
As Lent progresses, we come closer to the heart and meaning of the Gospel: that Jesus must suffer and die for new life to happen. There is nothing here about rules, practices, theological formulae or perfection. Jesus embraced what is painful and frightening to achieve life on our behalf. Those of us who call ourselves Christian must be willing to walk the same road. (by Joan DeMerchant)

**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.

**CONFESSION DATES AND TIMES**



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for the Penitential Service this past week. Your presence and participation made it a truly meaningful and reflective experience as we journey through this Lenten season. We are grateful for the beautiful music, deep reflections, and heartfelt prayers that were shared. We realize, however, that many could not attend so we are giving the following dates and times for them to celebrate this sacrament:

- Friday, March 22—6 pm to 9 pm**
- Monday, March 25—8 am to 10 am**
- Wednesday, March 27- 8 am to 10am & 6 pm to 9 pm**

**RECONCILIATION TREE**



Sometimes, news of the world's needs can leave us feeling powerless. Disease, poverty, famine, violence, and war—how can we help from afar, with limited resources, and understanding? Prayer is a start, but we must also act. God won't do for us what we won't do for ourselves. Our prayers should empower us to bring justice and peace locally and globally. This week, let's act justly—feed the hungry, welcome strangers, make ethical choices, stand with victims—and add a

ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation for each effort.

**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 less than 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.

**DISCIPLINES OF LENT**

We ask for God's grace as we embrace Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, aiding our conversion. Prayer connects us to the Source of Life, challenging us to grow and experience God's merciful love. Fasting and Almsgiving cultivate our dependence on God and compassion for those with less. Join us for Solidarity Soup this Friday **March 22, 5:30-6:30pm** where we share a simple meal and donate our dinner budget to the poor. We've collected **\$923.00** for the parish Benevolent Fund so far. Thank you for your generosity and support.

G I V E  
P R A Y  
F A S T

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming, non-judgemental online forum. Bereavement Support Session: **March 27** at **7pm**. Separated/Divorced Support Session **March 28** at **7pm**. Register at: 647-215-3978.





**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

**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.

**40 CANS OF LENT**

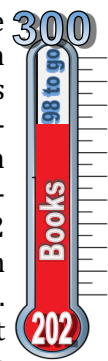
The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations in cash



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.

**HYMNAL DEDICATION UPDATE**

We are thrilled to announce that our hymnal dedication initiative has seen tremendous support from our parish community! We have jumped from the sale of 147 hymnal dedications to an astounding **202** dedications leaving us with just 98 dedications available. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has participated in this meaningful endeavor. If you haven't had the chance to dedicate a hymnal yet, it's not too late! Join us in this celebration of faith and music by dedicating a hymnal today. Order forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.



**CHRISTIAN UNITY**



St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo who will copreside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, **April 27**, at **6pm**. hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

On **Tuesday, April 2** there will be an Orientation meeting in the parish hall from **7pm to 9pm** with the tour Manager. All those participating in this pilgrimage are encouraged to attend.



**VOCATIONS**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**STEWARDSHIP**



Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship we should heed the words of St. Paul who says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Weekly Offertory**

**March 9-10**

**\$6,101**

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 upholsterers 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.



**THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY**

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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### Pick Of The Week



**Joseph of Nazareth:** The Story of the Man closest to Christ. Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

**An Encounter with Mercy:** We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so



**The Trials of Saint Patrick:** The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

## 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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