## **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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**DEACONS** Rev. Mr. Terence Rebello Rev Mr. Thomas Aquino

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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 visits, call the parish office. From the hospital, ask for a priest directly at the nursing station.

#### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Following the 7pm mass there is exposition, 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

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 23 5:00pm Mass Pro Populo Sunday, March 24 8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Mass Monday, March 25 8:30am Mass + Veronica Fung Lam **+** Justino Florece **Tuesday, March 26** 8:30am Mass ✤ Veronica Fung Lam **+** Benito Vergel de Dios Wednesday, March 27 8:30am Mass Kemraj Boodhoo + Villapando Quebral 7:00pm Mass + Ino Dias + Veronica Fung Lam Holy Thursday, March 28 8:30pm Mass Pro Populo **Good Friday, March 29** 10:00am 12:00pm 2:00pm Saturday, March 30 **Easter Vigil** 8:00pm Mass Pro Populo

#### SANCTUARY LAMP MARCH 25-30 For the Eternal Rest of: June A. Villaflor Doreen Leo

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.

Tosanna:



"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." We know well the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. While we proclaim these words with heartfelt sincerity, today, we must consider how we use our words and actions to crucify church and political leaders, others who are not like us, and even ourselves. Today, let us ask for the grace to enter into Holy Week with the desire to more intimately understand Jesus' humanity and his journey to the cross.



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

ADORATION LED BY THE PARISH GROUPS

10:00 pm Legion of Mary 10:45 pm Prayer Group 11:30 pm Holy Face Devotees

#### **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

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, in observance of Our Lord's Passion, and Easter Monday. Please note that mass will still be celebrated on Easter Monday as usual at **8:30am**. If an emergency arises during closed times, please contact the office and use the emergency extension for assistance.

#### **Reconciliation Tree**

As we look at the branches of our reconciliation tree, we see some bare branches at the top, out of reach and without ribbons. Reconciliation can feel like these un-

reachable branches, especially when we've experienced deep wounds from violence or betraval. Despite our efforts, some hurts are beyond our human capacity to forgive, and healing seems impossible. In these moments, our only hope is to surrender to a power greater than ourselves. During Holy Week, we walk with Jesus, who suffered humiliation and violence but forgave his perpetrators on the cross with God's power. As we enter into his suffering, death, and resurrection, let us offer our deepest wounds to the Crucified One, who can heal us, lift us up, and bring forgiveness within our reach.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For those who were not able to attend the Reconciliation Liturgy last week, we have scheduled the following dates and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We urge everyone not to leave it for the last minute when the priests' time is fully occupied in the preparation of the various celebrations of Holy Week leading up to Easter. We already had last Friday evening as one of the options and the remaining dates and times are:

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

#### 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.



#### MASS OF ANOINTING

The next Mass of Anointing will be on **April 10** at **12pm** followed by our Seniors Group activities in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

#### **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.

#### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the cross are brought to life here at Prince of Peace by the youth of our parish community on Good

Friday at 8:00pm. Many children from the parish have lovingly dedicated their time for rehearsals throughout the week to bring this moving dramatization to the community. Everyone is invited to attend and be a part of our reflection of Christ's life and death. If you would like to sign up, there is still time to do so. 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.

#### HYMNAL DEDICATION UPDATE

We're excited to share that Rom our hymnal dedication initiative has received amazing support from our parish community! We've reached 258 dedications: 86% leaving only **42** dedications available. A big thank you to all who have participated! If you haven't dedicated a hymnal yet, there's still time! Join us in celebrating faith and music by dedicating a hymnal today.

Books

Order forms are at the church entrance and parish office.

## March 24, 2024

#### CHINESE REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Ching Ming mass of remembrance will be held in the Holy Family Mausoleum at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Thornhill on Saturday. April 6 at 2pm. For details call 905-889-7467

#### **DIVINE MERCY**

God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Join us on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00pm.

#### LENTEN SOUP

**GIVE** Our Lenten Soup and Reflections **PRAY** have brought us together as we FAST embraced the three pillars of Lenten Discipline: Give, Pray and Fast. Last Friday we had our last Lenten gathering and we are grateful to have done this together as a community. With your support, we were able to collect **\$1,128** for the parish Benevolent Fund. Thank you for your generous participation in our Lenten Soup evenings.

#### HOLY LAND COLLECTION & BENEVOLENT COLLECTION

📭 On Good Friday, March 29 we have our annual collection for the Holy Land in support of the Christian communities there. Let us give generously and respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Iesus. Also, for those who are unable to attend the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, a Second collection will be taken for the Benevolent Fund after Communion on Good Friday. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land and those in need in our parish community.

#### 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.

#### SHARELIFE

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **100,500**. Our first ShareLife parish collection last weekend was **\$16,068**. Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

#### VOCATIONS

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you



feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997

vocations @archtoronto.org.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of

the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great, but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives.

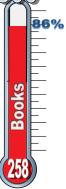
#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Weekly Offertory **March 16-17 \$9.458**

The Weekly Average **Operating Expense in 2023** 12.690

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

#### SECOND BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION

The Benevolent Fund aims to address the unique and pressing <mark>needs within our co</mark>mmunity, providing assistance based on individual and sometimes group requests for help or acts of kindness. Your generous contributions will directly impact the lives of those facing immediate challenges and give support where help is needed the most. Our Second Collection this year will be taken on Holy Thursday and on Good Friday to allow those who may not be able to attend Holy Thursday mass to contribute to this collection. We thank you for supporting our parish's acts of kindness.



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#### **Pick Of The Week**

A Spiritual Pilgrimage Triduum; cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. The pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained. Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-bystep through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.

Holy Thursday: Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.





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-

## **BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

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.



Call us at 416-291-9422 Email us at: parish.office@princeofpeacesc.ca