



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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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

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

Third Sunday Of Lent

Mass Intentions

Pro Populo

Saturday, March 2

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 3

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, March 4

8:30am Mass

† John Castanha

† Maurita Macariola

11:00am Memorial Mass

† Anita Brattsti

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am Mass

† Jaimol Mathew

† Satendra Ganjoo

Wednesday, March 6

8:30am Mass

† Delfin Reyes Sr.

† Lucia Coutinho

7:00pm Mass

† Virgilio Sanchez

◆ Dominic Cava

Thursday, March 7

8:30am Mass

† G.S. Mariathan

† Noel Titus

Friday, March 8

8:30am Mass

† Pui Ying Lau

† Greg Sunga

Saturday, March 9

8:30am Mass

† Joy George

♥ Peter Nunes

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

MARCH 4-9

For the Health of:

Sattie Rampersad

Sister Annette Wong

For the Intentions of:

Jocelyn & Jalaine Ong

Jenifer Ong

For the Eternal Rest of:

Letty & Santiago D'Souza

Tarsay family members

Alfredo Cruz



The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy marketplace" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices – sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus had to construct his own weapon, a whip of cords to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

TEACHING MASS WITH FR. EFREN



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING RESCHEDULED



Attention all youth group volunteers: Please note that the original meeting scheduled for Sunday, **March 3 at 6pm** has been **cancelled**. Instead, a new meeting will be held for the team of volunteers with Father Efren and Father Martin on Friday, **March 8 at 7pm** in the parish hall. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to our youth ministry.

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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On **Good Friday at 7:00pm** we are planning to reenact the Stations of the Cross. The children and youth of our parish are invited to sign up for the various roles that are required. To allow for everyone to sign up please attend one of the following Orientation Meetings:

Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm

Thursday, March 7 at 6pm

Sunday, March 10 at 4pm

If you are hoping to play a main role, be sure to attend the first meeting. We are looking for a serious commitment under the direction of Fr. Efren. If you cannot attend this meeting, you are asked to contact the office via email to let us know. Adult helpers will also be welcome to assist with other costumes, props, lighting, and other aspects of this performance.

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.

"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**. 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.




YOU BRING LOVE AND HOPE TO YOUNG MOTHERS THROUGH SHARELIFE

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future. ShareLife Sunday is **March 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.

DISCIPLINES OF LENT

GIVE PRAY FAST 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 8** from **5:30pm to 6:30pm**. To date we have collected **\$440.00** that will go towards the parish Benevolent Fund. We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. After the meal, join us in the church and together we **will pray the Stations of the Cross**.

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**. The "Day of Confessions" for Lent throughout the Archdiocese will be held

during the week of **March 10-23**. If you miss ours, check churches near you for their scheduled day.

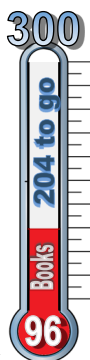
RECONCILIATION TREE

Sometimes when we read the morning paper or watch the nightly news we can be overwhelmed with anger. It can make us feel like overturning a few tables. But, more often than not, we are also overwhelmed with a sense of powerlessness in the face of the needs of the world. Disease, poverty, famine, violence and war. What can we possibly do from so far away? With so few resources? With so little understanding? We can pray. That is true. And pray we should for those who are living in a peace-less world. But God will not do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. Our prayers must ground us so that we are strengthened to live lives that bring justice and peace to our own communities, to our own countries and to the global family. Peace in our world cannot be sustained without justice. So, this week let us engage in acts of justice - feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, making an ethical purchase, standing in solidarity with a victim and add a ribbon to our Tree of Reconciliation to represent each of our attempts.




HYMNAL DEDICATION UPDATE

After two weeks, we have **96** dedications to date of our total goal of **300**. You can still consider being a part of this project and dedicate one or more hymnals. With 204 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.



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).

VOCATIONS

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org



STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandments through an examination of conscience. Let us then avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession so that the Lord can victoriously heal us of our sins, helping us grow in holiness.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Weekly Offertory
February 24-25**

\$9,412

Building Maintenance Fund


\$3,590

The Weekly Average
Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

Thank you

WARNING

 In recent days, a Facebook account and e-mail communication claiming to come from Archbishop Leo have been circulating through the Catholic community but, he does not have a Facebook account and any official e-mail correspondence should come from an archtoronto.org e-mail address. If you receive fraudulent correspondence, please delete the content from your inbox.

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Pick Of The Week

Liturgical Living: Celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of home-making! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer and more.

CATHOLIC ALL YEAR AT HOME

<https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>



Eternal Rest: Episode 4 What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

Death, Where is Your Sting?: Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Who can bring us victory in the face of significant trials?



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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