

Prince of Peace Parish

Founded 1983

265 Alton Towers Circle, Scarborough, Ontario M1V 4E7

Phone: 416-291-9422 | Fax: 416-291-7841

Email: parish.office@princeofpeacesc.ca

Website: <https://princeofpeacesc.archtoronto.org>



**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

Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo
fr.efren@princeofpeacesc.ca

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Martin Lugo Tapia
fr.martin@princeofpeacesc.ca

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Terence Rebello
Rev Mr. Thomas Aquino

SECRETARY

Fatima Sequeira
fatima@princeofpeacesc.ca

SACRAMENTS COORDINATOR- OFFICE ASSISTANT

Joan Turco
joan@princeofpeacesc.ca

ACCOUNTANT

Rene Ng
rng@archtoronto.org

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Dan Christante
dan.christante@gmail.com
Tom Mitrovski
tom@princeofpeacesc.ca

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

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

Pro Populo

Saturday, March 30

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 31

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, April 1

8:30am Mass

† Veronica Fung Lam

† Fausto & Cornelia Reyes

Tuesday, April 2

8:30am Mass

† Veronica Fung Lam

† Ng Wai-Man

Wednesday, April 3

8:30am Mass

† Sydney Freitas

† Carlton Shim

7:00pm Mass

† Anthony Tang Ying Biu

♥ Raymung Victorino

Thursday, April 4

8:30pm Mass

† John Castanha

♦ Romana Cunanan

Friday, April 5

8:30am Mass

† Sebastiampillai &

Theresamma Mariyanayagam

♦ Praveen Bala

7:00pm Mass

† Mr. V.A. Swampillai

♦ Avril & Charo De Silva

Saturday, April 6

8:30am Mass

† Agueda Mendoza

† Alfredo Cruz

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

APRIL 1-6

For the Eternal Rest of:

Inacio Francisco Fernandes

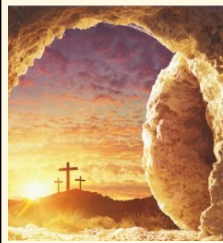
Lynette Lynch

Peter Paul Mariampillai

Ryan Resaul

For the Health of:

Elvina Isaacson



“We are witnesses,” Peter reminds the apostles - witnesses to all that Christ did in his life and, most importantly, to his death and resurrection. And we, too, who eat and drink with Him today are chosen witnesses. Being chosen is not just for our own well-being, however. Though it is personally comforting to know the gift of eternal life that was given to us, it is a gift that comes with a mission! We have been made witnesses to the triumph of life and love – the conquering of sin and death - so that we may proclaim it to our broken world.

OUR EASTER WISH FOR YOU!

On this sacred occasion of Easter, we reflect upon the profound truth that resurrection is not attainable without the willingness to embrace sacrifice, endure suffering, and carry the burdens of life with humility. From the depths of despair within the tomb to the void of the grave, the Son of God has triumphantly risen, offering us the promise of eternal life. Easter, at its core, signifies that in this world, it is ultimately God who has the final say.

As representatives of our Pastoral team, including our dedicated Priests and Deacons, alongside our committed Office and Support Staff, and the countless volunteers who tirelessly serve our Parish community, we extend to you our heartfelt Easter greetings and wishes for abundant joy.

The Easter season spans fifty days, affording us numerous opportunities to personally greet and express gratitude to each of you for the vitality you bring to the Prince of Peace Parish. To those among us who consistently demonstrate generosity towards the Church and to us individually, we offer our sincere thanks.

Moreover, we wish to express our profound appreciation to all who played a part in our Triduum liturgies, those who adorned our church with beauty, those who participated in the Live Stations of the Cross, and those who worked diligently behind the scenes, often without recognition, to ensure that our Holy Week was not only dignified but truly magnificent.

Whether you have been a longstanding member of our parish, a newcomer, or a visitor among us, we extend our warmest wishes to each of you, inviting you to share in the joy and blessings of this Easter season.

May the empty tomb be the assurance that one day we too shall live forever.

Happy Easter to you all.

OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed on 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.

ATTENTION PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be held in the parish hall on Thursday **April 4 at 7pm**. If you wish to join the prayer group, please contact the office for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed four new members to the Roman Catholic

Church. Their journey of faith has led them to Prince of Peace parish where they found a family where they can begin a new journey in their lives. We are grateful and we welcome and congratulate you: **Jennifer Griff, Christine Ogonji, Mandy Zhou, and Precious Oriowo.**

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

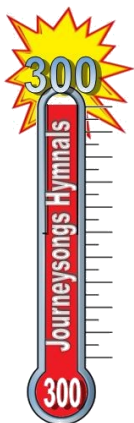


During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the second Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast,


which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. 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 3pm** for the solemn devotions to the Divine Mercy.

HYMNAL DEDICATION UPDATE

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that the 300 Hymnals have been successfully dedicated and they are now available to us in the pews. We realize that 300 hymnals are not enough for the size of our congregation and we are planning to order more to give everyone an opportunity to be a part of this endeavor. This achievement is a testament to the incredible generosity and support of our parish community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to this effort, whether through dedicating a hymnal, offering financial support, or spreading the word. Those still interested in joining us in this project are welcome to submit order forms which are found at the church entrance and parish office.



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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The *Stations of the Cross* were brought to life here at Prince of Peace by the youth of our parish community on **Good Friday**. Many children from the parish lovingly dedicated their time for rehearsals throughout the week to bring this moving dramatization to the community. Many who attended were asking how they can support events like these in our parish, and we are happy to let them know that our "Benevolent Fund" is exactly what they can contribute to in order to support the good that is taking place in our parish, including the children and youth who participate in these events. We are so blessed to have children whose parents are willing to support them in being a part of the Stations of the Cross each year.

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

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.



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.




VOCATIONS

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org



STEWARDSHIP

 These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ yet how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? St. Teresa of Calcutta believes that we encounter Jesus through our neighbour as she says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find and serve Him in our neighbour by being good stewards.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory

March 23-24

\$9,889

Building Fund

\$4,131

The Weekly Average Operating Expense in 2023

12,690

Thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

EMBRACE JESUS' LOVE AND COMPASSION THROUGH GIVING.

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate. 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.

Thank you to all the groups that donated and prepared the soup during the Fridays in Lent and to all those who took part in the fasting and almsgiving.



Introducing the new

FORMED®

The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device.

Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.



Over 4,000 titles - now available on almost any device!

Roku

Apple TV



Dozens of new features - all to help you enjoy the best in Catholic content

Already have a FORMED Account?

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email
5. You're in! No more passwords!

Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email

Visit FORMED.org or search for "Formed" on your favorite app store

We're giving you FORMED!

Learn and enjoy your faith at home and on the go, from any device.

Sign up for free at formed.org/signup

Watch Award-Winning Programming



Pick Of The Week



Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene:

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

He is Alive! - Laugh & Grow Bible for Kids



Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.



Am I Saved?

Explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.

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.



Call us at
416-291-9422

Email us at:

parish.office@princeofpeacesc.ca