# **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

# PASTOR

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### 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)

**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 and benediction at8:30pm (Confessions during Adoration)

#### MASS OF ANOINTING

Second Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.

#### VISITING MINISTRY

Visits for Holy Communion are available. Please call the Parish Office.

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Saturday 5pm Sunday 10:00 am, 11:30am, 1:00 pm

#### 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

#### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 7 5:00pm Mass Pro Populo Sunday, September 8 8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Mass Monday, September 9 8:30am Mass Iov George Pui Ying Lau **Tuesday, September 10** 8:30am Mass Noel McGinn Richard Jordan Obnamia 10:00am Funeral Mass + Pearly Ragel Wednesday, September 11 8:30am Mass Peter Nunes Theresa Gonsalves 7:00pm Mass Michel Landry **+** Ravine Edirmanasinghe Thursday, September 12 8:30am Mass + Hon Sum Lai ✤ Leonides F. Tungohan Friday, September 13 8:30am Mass Ann Menezes ✤ Fausto & Cornelia Reves Saturday, September 14 8:30am Mass + Elias Diniz Raul Poblete **T***Rest in peace* • *In thanksgiving* • For the infirm SANCTUARY LAMP SEPTEMBER 9-14 For the Eternal Rest of:

Cynthia Acayan, Peter Nunes, Roberta Hill, Shane SavioDias, Wendell & Joan Phillip and June Abayan Villaflor

> For the Intentions of: Rudolph Gobin



When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this story, but it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, these words of Jesus must be spoken to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us. We must let Him say those words to us: "EphphathaI–Be opened!" We

all struggle at times with listening, and we especially may struggle listening to God. Spend some time alone with our Lord and let Him heal you, so that you can hear and understand all that He is saying to you.

MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING The next Mass of Anointing will be on Wednesday, September 11at 12pm followed by our Seniors Group activities in the Parish Hall.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

John MacMullen from the Office of Catholic Youth will be hosting two Youth Ministry informational meetings on September 28 after the 5pm Mass and September 29 after the 1pm Mass in the parish hall! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about vouth ministry, share your ideas, and find out how you can get involved. Whether you're a parent, child, or interested parishioner, we'd love to see you there and explore how we can grow together in faith and community. All are welcome!

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

We encourage all parents, especially those with children preparing for First Communion, to join this project. It's a meaningful way for children to fulfill their service hours. Our next rehearsal is on Friday, **September 13** from **6:30pm to 8pm** in



the parish hall. Children in grades 2-6 are welcome, and we seek a commitment to sing at the **1pm Sunday Mass** on a weekly basis. This is a wonderful opportunity for young parishioners to share their gifts and contribute to our community.

#### THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Those interested in joining the Catholic Church (Nonbaptized, Christians baptized in a different denomination, and those who were baptized Catholic but need First Communion and Confirmation) are invited to register for this fall's RCIA program. To begin this process, contact Joan Turco at the parish office for steps to follow.

#### **CANTORS NEEDED**

We invite parishioners with singing talent and the ability to read music to consider leading our congregation in song. This cherished role has been overshadowed by more complex music, but it's essential for uniting us in worship. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the office via email. Auditioning and training will be provided.

#### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION NEWS

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION PROGRAM: 2024-2025

Parents with children that have reached the age of reason (7 years old) and who have been **baptized Catholic** are invited to attend an **"Orientation Session"** in order to receive information about our First Reconciliation/Communion Program. To start the process please **contact the parish office** to sign up for one of the **Orientation Sessions**. Deadline to sign up is **September 14**. Only those who sign up will be able to attend.

# CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024-2025

We invite parents to sign-up to attend an **"Orientation Session"** to discuss our plans and the requirements to enroll your chil-



dren for Confirmation this year. To start the process please **contact the parish office** to sign up for one of the **Orientation Sessions.** Only those who sign up for the Orientation will be able to attend. Deadline to sign up is **September 20** for the first Orientation and **September 27** for the second Orientation.

#### **HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

"We see and feel the pain of those struggling to feed their families, and it moves us deeply," says Archbishop Francis Leo. "Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, 'The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.' Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together, we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours."Please share your blessings by making a contribution at sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. **Thank you for living the Gospel.** 

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members to help carry out Christ's command of, "Love your neighbor as yourself". If you are interested in helping your neighbors in need within our community, consider joining us. For more information, please contact John at 647-639-0098.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you ready to rediscover each other? Learn easy to use communication tools to help enhance your relationship. Our proven program will guide you through practical and private exercises to refresh your wedding vows and to spark up your romance. Based on Catholic values, but married couples of all faiths are welcome. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, **September 20-22.** Contact: Christian & Elizabeth Arroba: 416-554-4439 christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org

#### **CHAPLAINCY CONNECT**



Are you a university or college student? This school year, open your heart to an exciting journey of spiritual growth

and community. Join campus ministry to grow deeper in your faith, form lasting friendships and experience university/ college life in a more meaningful way. Connect with campus ministry anywhere in Canada and find your Catholic home on campus! Contact: https:// ocytoronto.org/chaplaincyconnect

#### SEASON OF CREATION 2024

This year's theme, "To Hope and Act with Creation," invites us as a global Christian family to deepen our commit-



ment to caring for God's creation through both prayer and action. As fol-

lowers of Christ, we are called to live out our faith with love and generosity, recognizing that caring for the environment is a sacred duty, freely embraced in obedience to Jesus' commandment to love one another. For information on how to participate in this year's events, contact ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416 -934-3400 ext. 527.

#### SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is

the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Prayer and Pleasure are complementary not competitive. Manresa Retreat Series for men and women. **September 20-22**-Information: www.manresa-canada.ca

#### FEAST OF THE CANADIAN MARTYRS

September 28, the observance begins with Mass at 12pm followed by a solemn procession through the Shrine grounds, reflecting on the faith and dedication of these revered saints. All are welcome to participate in this celebration! Free Admission for the day. The shrine will be open 9am-9pm.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

#### VOCATIONS

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997

vocations @archtoronto.org

#### **Stewardship**



The healing of the deaf man in today's Gospel was a result of the people

bringing the deaf man to Jesus, a beautiful example of the power and necessity of intercessory prayer. Christ came to bring healing, but many times people we know, or even ourselves don't go to Christ because we feel unworthy and stop ourselves from going to Him. Through our prayers, we do what the people in the Gospel did, bringing to Jesus those who need healing and allowing Christ to heal them through us.

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</b>		
Regular Offertory		
September 7-8		
Offertory:	<mark>\$ 8,520</mark>	
PAG:	\$ 1,157	
Total:	<mark>\$ 9,677</mark>	

2023Weekly Expenses: \$12,690

**Thank you for your** continued generosity & support.

#### New To The Parish



If you are new to the parish, please remember to register with us and let your old parish

know that you have moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.



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# **Pick Of The Week**

The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-38: highlights include key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how



we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



St. John Chrysostom: From Antioch, the political center of the fifthcentury world, arose a goldentongued preacher and bishop. Discussions include the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.

The Eyes Have It: Episode 2 Benjamin Glow Worm is losing her 7 ello glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the min-

istrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.



**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