

Prince of Peace Parish

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed 12pm-1pm)
Wednesday & 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)

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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 exposi-
tion, adoration and benediction at
8:30pm (Confessions during Adoration)

MASS OF ANOINTING

Second Wednesday of every month at
12:00 noon.

VISITING MINISTRY

Visits for Holy Communion are availa-
ble. 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 8

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 9

8:30am Mass

† Joy George

† Pui Ying Lau

Tuesday, December 10

8:30am Mass

† Dominador De La Cruz

† James & Lucia Francis

Wednesday, December 11

8:30am Mass

† Peter Nunes

† Walter Gonsalves

7:00pm Mass

♥ Cyan Murray

† Eligio N. Siccion

Thursday, December 12

8:30am Mass

† Amado D. Laxamana

† Hon Sum Lai

Friday, December 13

8:30am Mass

† Felisa & Esperidion
Castillo

† Roberta Hill

Saturday, December 14

8:30am Mass

† Elias Diniz

† Francois Lishingman

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

DEC 9-14

For the Eternal Rest of:

Peter Nunes, Roberta Hill,
Ching Lan Elsie Lin, Celestine
& Georgiana Flocker, Frances
Koon-Lin Hui, Lin Chu Tun,
Bertrum Patrick Mathews

For the Health of:

Ron Kielbiski

Pro Populo



God continues to call many today to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Though John was a real person sent on a real mission at one particular moment in time, the mission he fulfilled is one that still needs fulfilling in various ways today. The "way of the Lord" still needs to be prepared. The Lord still desires to come to many, and He needs prophets to prepare the way for His continual coming by grace. Are you one of those people?

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to all the children and their parents who celebrated First Reconciliation this weekend. It's a significant milestone that marks a journey towards communion, forgiveness, and spiritual growth. May this experience strengthen the bonds within your families and bring you closer to each other and to your faith. Wishing you all continued blessings and joy on this meaningful Sacrament. Let us keep these families in our prayers as they move towards First Communion this coming year.

CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN UP

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our invitation, however there is still room for children who have not yet signed up. Therefore, we invite children and youth to **sign up now** for the Christmas Nativity Play to be held at the Family Christmas Eve Mass at **5:00pm** on **December 24th**, Christmas Eve. We are looking for children who can sing, dance, and act. Children in the First Communion and Confirmation Programs are encouraged to take part in this project and collect service hours. Roles are limited so please contact the office by phone or email so that we can add your name to the Christmas Play list.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, and to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness. Our parish's schedule for the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions is as follows:

Dec 16 to 20	9:00 am-10:30 am
Dec 17 & 20	12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Dec 17 to 19	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

A Christmas tree at the church entrance is decorated with gift tags for children who might otherwise go without a gift this Christmas. To contribute, select a tag and return your wrapped gift, clearly labeled with the age and gender of the child, by placing it under the Christmas tree during Masses on the weekend of **December 21-22**. Alternatively, wrapped gifts can be dropped off at the parish office. We extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have already accepted the invitation to participate and taken a gift tag. Thank you for your generosity in making Christmas brighter for those in need.



TRIDUUM IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Triduum in Our Lady's honour will begin on Monday, **December 9th** and conclude with the Feast day on Thursday, **December 12**. On these trinity of days (December 9, 10 & 11) we will meet in the church at **12pm** to pray the Rosary led by one of our parish groups, followed by an inspiring presentation of Our Lady's story in the parish hall where we are invited to bring a **cultural dish to share** with others for lunch. On the Feast Day, **December 12**, we'll begin with a solemn mass at **11am** followed by a **Multilingual Rosary** at **12pm** to commemorate Our Lady's miraculous role in uniting cultures. We invite everyone to join us in the parish hall following the conclusion of our celebration to share in fellowship and community as we continue to grow together in faith.



YOUR COMPASSION BRINGS LOVE AND CARE

Your gift will double in value! Until year end, 2024, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. When you give to ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your contribution makes a difference for the work of this agency. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite. **Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

VOCATIONS

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Council 9144 recently concluded their eighth Winter Coats For Kids program. Every year POP Knights provide winter coats to the needy kids in our community. Last week we delivered 48 children's winter coats to St. Rene Goupil Catholic School and 12 to The Divine Infant Catholic School. Our sincere appreciation to the Knights, Brother Knights, and the generous parishioners who contributed towards this worthy cause.

FRANK CARDINAL LEO



The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church. Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. Please keep Archbishop Leo and all those who will travel to Rome this week close in prayer.

STEWARDSHIP



In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Dedicate a hymnal this Christmas in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for special intentions. This lasting gift beautifully honors those dear to us. A \$35.00 offering secures your dedication. Hymnals are limited—contact the parish office to reserve yours or to learn more.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS



Our parish is seeking adults who feel called to serve as altar servers, particularly for weddings and funerals. Training will be provided, and screening is required for all participants. For more information or to inquire about joining this ministry, please contact the parish office.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available at the Parish Office during regular hours (see bulletin cover). Please avoid using old envelopes, as numbers may have been reassigned. Please use the 2025 envelopes starting **January 2025**. Thank you for your patience as we prepare envelopes for those who signed up. *Envelopes will not be available for pickup on December 24–25.*

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

- December 24** ✦ Christmas Eve
5:00 pm * 7:00 pm
9:00 pm * 11:00 pm
- December 25** ✦ Christmas Day
8:30 am * 10:00 am
11:30 am * 1:00 pm
- December 31** ✦ New Year's Eve
5:00 pm
- January 1** ✦ New Years Day
8:30 am * 10:00 am
11:30 am * 1:00 pm

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule returns Tuesday, January 2, 2025.

Office Closed

December 25 & 26 January 1, 2025

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Regular Offertory
November 30-December 1**

Offertory: **\$ 11,069**
PAG: **\$ 945**
Total: **\$ 12,014**

2023 Weekly Expenses:
\$12,690

**Thank you
for your support.**

BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION



We remind everyone that next weekend, **December 14-15** there is a collection for the Benevolent Fund. This is a parish effort to assist those in unusual yet legitimate occasional need. Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the office during regular office hours. If you would like to have your own copy, the cost is **\$7.00** per missal.



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Pick Of The Week



Christmas Special: Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids is the beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth and promises to help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God's promise fulfilled through our Savior's arrival.

Guadalupe-The Miracle and the Message. Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



What Is The Immaculate Conception? What is the Immaculate Conception? Use this video to help teach kids about this great mystery of our faith.

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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