

# Prince of Peace Parish

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

**Saturday, December 14**

5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, December 15**

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

**Monday, December 16**

8:30am Mass

† Braga & Inacio Fernandes

† Juana & Pedro Andrada

**Tuesday, December 17**

8:30am Mass

† Apolinar Buling

† Cynthia Acayan

**Wednesday, December 18**

8:30am Mass

† Belen Macariola

† Remedios Vargas

7:00pm Mass

† Patrick Mercer

† Paul Family

**Thursday, December 19**

8:30am Mass

† Elizabeth Wu

◆ Gerry & Carmencita  
Dungca

**Friday, December 20**

8:30am Mass

◆ Avril & Charo De Silva

† Peter & Julie Fernandes

**Saturday, December 21**

8:30am Mass

† Alex Ong

† Raul Poblete

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

## SANCTUARY LAMP DEC 16-21

**For the Eternal Rest of:**

Ching Lan Elsie Lin, Elizabeth

David, Lin Chu Tun,

Mavis Klinhance

**In Thanksgiving:**

Tessie Belen & family.

Chito Chanel

**For the Intentions of:**

Praveen Balakumar

Pro Populo



Brothers and sisters today is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "Rejoice." Christmas is coming. Jesus is being born in us. And even if there is sadness or hardship or evil, Jesus has promised to be with us, and Jesus keeps his promises. Let us pray today as rejoicing believers in the promise.

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

In our Catholic tradition, we always strive to place a great deal of care into the Liturgical Environment. Every year we welcome your help by making donations toward the decorations for Christmas. For those who do not use Offertory envelopes, dedicated envelopes will be provided this weekend and on the weekend of **December 21-22** we will have a second collection after communion.



21-22 or dropped at the parish office during the week. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have already embraced this opportunity to share the joy of Christmas by taking a gift tag. Your generosity helps bring light and hope to families in need, reminding them of the love and care of our parish community.

### BELLS WILL BE RINGING



This Christmas Eve, we invite each and every one of you to bring your hand bells to join in a joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior. After a serene Advent season, we're thrilled to announce that we will be singing the Gloria (refrain only) and, for the first time since Advent began, ringing the bells in unison. This festive tradition will add an extra layer of jubilation to our Christmas Eve Mass, symbolizing the joy that the birth of Jesus brings to our hearts. If you own hand bells, we encourage you to bring them with you to Mass. For those who do not have hand bells, fear not, we will have some extras available for sharing the joyful experience.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY



Children of our parish are currently preparing a dramatization of the Nativity to be held during the **5:00pm** Christmas Eve mass. This will be a mass where families with young children will be present and space will be limited. Plan to arrive early. Those still interested are asked to contact the parish office so that we can include you in our distribution list and assign a role to your child.

### CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Join our parish's tradition of giving this Christmas! Take a gift tag from the tree at the church entrance, purchase a gift, and return it wrapped and labeled with the child's age and gender. Gifts can be placed under the tree next weekend; **December**



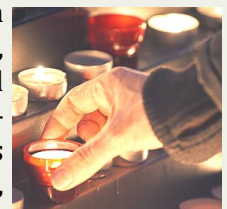
### ATTENTION PRAYER GROUP

The Group will be taking a Christmas break and returning on **January 9, 2025 at 7pm** in the parish hall. Update your calendars and be prepared for the next meeting in the New Year.



### SHRINE CANDLE OFFERING

The candles in the Shrine of the Infant Jesus hold a special place in the hearts of many. They serve as a source of comfort and hope, symbolizing the prayers we lift up for our loved ones, our personal intentions, and our faith in the Infant Jesus. Over the years, countless parishioners and visitors have shared how lighting a candle has brought peace to their hearts, strengthened their trust in God, and, in many cases, brought answers to their prayers. These candles are a powerful reminder of Christ's light in our lives. As we continue to maintain this sacred tradition, we want to inform you that, due to rising costs, the offering for lighting a candle will increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00. This change ensures we can continue providing candles for everyone who seeks the comfort and hope they bring. We pray this adjustment will not discourage anyone from lighting a candle as a sign of faith and devotion. Thank you for your understanding, and may the Infant Jesus bless you and your loved ones with His light and peace.



### LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SHARELIFE

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community. "If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – Kelly Mackenzie, *Silent Voice*. **Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

### VOCATIONS

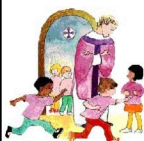
Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD



This weekend marks the final Children's Liturgy of the Word dismissal for the season. We look forward to welcoming the children back to these faith-filled celebrations when the program resumes on the weekend of **January 4/5**. Thank you for your continued support!

### JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Everyone is invited to the opening Mass of the Jubilee celebrated at St. Michael's Cathedral. on **Sunday, December 29** at **5pm**. Pope Francis invites us to become "Pilgrims of Hope." Young adults have the opportunity to become literal pilgrims, journeying to Italy for the Jubilee of Youth next summer. If you'd like to join, there are still spots available, but they're going fast.



### 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:



### 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**. *Envelopes will not be available for pickup on December 24–25.*



<b>Dec 16 to 20</b>	<b>9:00 am–10:30 am</b>
<b>Dec 17 &amp; 20</b>	<b>12:00 pm–1:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec 17 to 19</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm</b>

### 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.



### 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 learn more.



## 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  
December 7-8**

Offertory: **\$ 10,405.**

PAG: **\$ 945.**

Total: **\$ 11,351.**

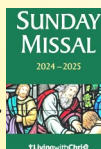
2023 Weekly Expenses:  
**\$12,690**

*Thank you*

FOR YOUR 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



**30 Minutes BC:** 30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

### Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage:

This Advent: Make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



**What Catholics Believe:** Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about Christmas. What are the 12 days of Christmas? Was Santa Claus a real person? What is Advent?

## 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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