

Prince of Peace Parish

Founded 1983

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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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 22

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 23

8:30am Mass

† Dominic & Generosa D'Mello

† Dominic & Remiza DaSilva

Tuesday, December 24

5:00pm Mass

7:00pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

11:00pm Mass

Wednesday, December 25

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Thursday, December 26

8:30am Mass

† Carlton & Carmel Shim

♥ Eleanor Lam

Friday, December 27

8:30am Mass

† Ivana Kumprey

† Kemraj Boodhoo

Saturday, December 28

8:30am Mass

† Francois Lishingman

† Yuan Yit & Joseph Chung

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
DEC 23-28**

For the Eternal Rest of:

Antonio & Helen Ong,
Marita Salvosa

For the Intentions of:

David Dias, Nathan Dias

For the Health of:

Josie Chrisostoma,
Eleanor Lam

Pro Populo

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As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience. Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith.

Dear Friends in Christ, Christmas is the season when we celebrate the wondrous miracle of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel—"God with us." In the humblest of settings, the infinite God chose to take on human flesh to walk among us, laugh with us, cry with us, and ultimately save us. This truth remains as profound and life-changing today as it was over two thousand years ago. As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us open our hearts anew to welcome the Christ child. May the message of Christmas brighten our lives, renew our faith, and strengthen the bonds of love and friendship in our parish family. Yet, we know that for some, this season is difficult. Christmas often highlights the empty spots at our tables and in our hearts—losses we carry, griefs that linger, and hopes that remain unfulfilled. If this resonates with you, know that Christ was born for precisely these moments. He is the light that pierces the deepest darkness, leading us to healing, peace, and hope. His light carries us when we cannot carry ourselves and draws us into the warmth of His embrace, reminding us that we are never alone. For those blessed with joyful gatherings surrounded by children, spouses, and friends, may your hearts be filled with gratitude. Perhaps, before opening gifts, you could pause and offer a prayer for those who are lonely, grieving, or struggling this season. Your prayers are a precious gift, binding our community together in Christ's love. Finally, this is a time for gratitude. We, the priests and staff of Prince of Peace Parish, give heartfelt thanks for each of you. Serving this parish is not just our calling but our joy. Your faith, kindness, and support continually encourage and inspire us. May the grace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas. To all our parishioners and visitors alike, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas. And no matter where you find yourself this season—whether on the mountaintop of joy or in the valley of struggle—Christ is with you, bringing His light and love.



Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year!

From all of us, the staff and the pastoral team.

BELLS WILL BE RINGING



This Christmas Eve, we invite every one to bring 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 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.

MORNING MASS CANCELLED

In preparation for the celebration of five evening Masses, there will be no **8:30am** weekday Mass on **Wednesday, December 24.** Thank you for your understanding as we come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS PLAY



A dramatization of the Nativity will be held during the **5:00pm** Christmas Eve mass, performed by children in our parish. This will be a mass where families with young children will be present and space will be limited. Please plan to arrive early.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Catholic Church celebrates the season of Christmas up to and including the Epiphany of the Lord on **January 5, 2025**. You can still make donations towards Christmas Flowers by using the special envelopes provided at the entrance of the church throughout the entire Christmas season. Thank you for making our church a beautiful place of prayer and celebration.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has now concluded for this year. 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 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.



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. We ask that you use the 2025 envelopes starting **January 2025**. Thank you for your patience as we prepare envelopes for new requests.



SHRINE CANDLE OFFERING



The candles in the Shrine of the Infant Jesus symbolize prayers for loved ones and personal intentions, offering comfort, hope, and a reminder of Christ's light. Many have shared how lighting a candle has brought peace and answers to prayer. To maintain this sacred tradition, the offering for candles has increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 due to rising costs. We hope this adjustment will not deter anyone from this beautiful act of faith and devotion. Thank you for your understanding, and may the Infant Jesus bless you and your loved ones with His peace.

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.



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

VOCATIONS

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP



After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship and we can learn a great deal by reflecting on her visitation. Firstly, we should imitate Mary's "haste" in her visitation so that whenever we see a need in our parish community, we can readily use our gifts to help. Secondly, just as Mary brought the Child Jesus with her in her womb, we too need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good, but Christ dwelling within us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular Offertory

December 14-15

Offertory: **\$ 10,125.**

PAG: **\$ 945.**

Total: **\$ 11,070.**

Benevolent Fund

\$ 4,356.

2023 Weekly Expenses:

\$12,690

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FOR YOUR
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LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SHARELIFE

As we shelter from the winter storm, we're thankful for your ShareLife support, keeping many off cold streets and igniting hope for a brighter future. Wishing you a warm and safe Christmas season, and thanking you for your enduring compassion that extends the same to others. **Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

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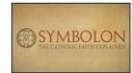
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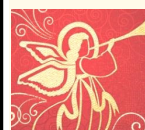
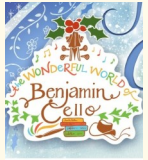
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Watch Award-Winning Programming



Pick Of The Week

The Story of Christmas: In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



O Holy Night: Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band performing stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.

Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say? Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.



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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