

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

Feast Of The Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 29

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 30

8:30am Mass

♥ Chong Liang

† Vernon Paul

Tuesday, December 31

8:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Thursday, January 2

8:30am Mass

† Clara & Antonio Sy

† George Wan

Friday, January 3

8:30am Mass

† Francis Sinnathurai

† Rosa Cheng

7:00pm Mass

◆ Avril & Charo De Silva

† Bishop Simon Pereira

Saturday, January 4

8:30am Mass

† Sarah Mari

† Francisco Yamson Sr.

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

**SANCTUARY LAMP
DEC 30-JAN 4**

For the Eternal Rest of:

Raul Poblete

For the Intentions of:

Lorraine Dias, Schubert Dias

For the Health of:

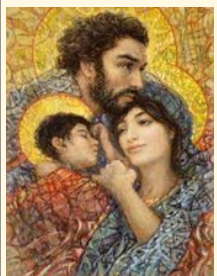
Pat Tarsay

In Thanksgiving:

Lin Family

Pro Populo

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On this Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Their family home would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life. As we contemplate this, the Holy Family, let us also embrace the invitation to imitate them within our own families.

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.

**New Year
Mass Schedule**

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 Thursday, January 2, 2025.*

Office Closed: January 1, 2025

FAREWELL ANNOUNCEMENT

We announce that Fr. Gustavo Campo has been assigned to serve as pastor of St. Timothy's Parish in Orangeville, effective **January 2, 2025**. While we will miss his presence here at Prince of Peace Parish, we rejoice in this new chapter of his priestly ministry and the blessings he will bring to his new parish community. As we bid him farewell, let us keep Fr. Gustavo in our prayers, asking the Lord to bless and guide him in this new mission.



THANK YOU

As we reflect on the success of this year's Nativity Christmas Eve Play, we want to express our deepest gratitude to those who participated and helped us weave a tapestry of love and faith. Your contributions have enriched our worship, deepened our sense of community and allowed us to experience the Christmas story in a truly meaningful way. May the blessings of the newborn King be with you and your families throughout this coming year.



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.



POSTER CONTEST RESULTS

Council 9144 appreciates the support from parents, teachers and children towards the **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** poster contest. We received 19 incredible entries from grades JK to 8. All posters are currently displayed in the parish hall. The prize distribution will take place in the parish hall on **January 5, 2025** after the **1pm** mass. Awards and certificates will be provided to winners and all participants. All are welcome to attend the ceremony.



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!



ATTENTION PRAYER GROUP



The Group will be 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.

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world from **January 18-25** on the theme "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). Join Bishop Boissonneau and a wide range of Christian leaders on **Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 4 pm.** at North City Church, in Woodbridge.



SHARELIFE

If you have generously shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbor is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife. **There's still time** to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt**. Donations can be made through sharelife.org/donate or at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you!



VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel from Luke today recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Regular Offertory
December 21-22**

Offertory: **\$ 9,950.**
PAG: **\$ 945.**
Total: **\$ 10,896.**

Flowers For Christmas

Total: **\$ 3,647.**

2023 Weekly Expenses:
\$12,690

*Thank you
for your support.*

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. Thank you for your patience as we prepare envelopes for new requests.



As we stand on the verge of a new year, our hearts are burdened with the weight of the challenges that surround us. The world is gripped by conflict, and the realities we face may seem hopeless at times. Yet, in the midst of uncertainty, we gather as a community of faith, seeking solace, strength, and the light of God's unwavering love. The passage of time leaves its mark on every sphere of our lives. We ourselves get older, our families change, people move on, either through death or when someone leaves to earn their living or study in another part of the country or even the world.

Change is inevitable and necessary for us all to move forward and grow. With best wishes for your spiritual and temporal welfare, I pray that this new year will bring peace and health to you all.....
Fr. Efen

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Pick Of The Week



New Year's Resolutions: What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

Christmas - Sacred Art: Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



O Holy Night-The King is Born: Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.



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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