

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 5

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, January 6

8:30am Mass

† Agnes D'Souza

◆ Paul Family

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am Mass

† Michael Sinnappu

† Pavilu Anthony Jacob

Wednesday, January 8

8:30am Mass

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

† Pui Ying Lau

7:00pm Mass

† Marta Vallesterro

† Ramnarain Tulshiram

Thursday, January 9

8:30am Mass

† Dolly Gonsalves

† Joy George

Friday, January 10

8:30am Mass

† Sebastiampillai

Mariyanayagam &

Teresamma

♥ Stephanie Chung

Saturday, January 11

8:30am Mass

† Cynthia Acayan

† Peter Nunes

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

JAN 6-11

For the Eternal Rest of:

Jozy Philips, Peter Nunes

For the Intentions of:

Penny Dias

For the Health of:

Albert Lin, Kingsley George

In Thanksgiving:

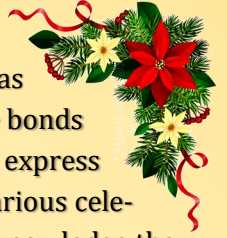
Lin Family

Pro Populo



The Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

At Christmas we celebrate the miracle of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ, our “Emmanuel.” Let us openly welcome the Christ child into our hearts and pray that the grace of the Christmas message will brighten our lives, renew our faith and strengthen the bonds of friendship among us. We would also like to acknowledge and express gratitude to all those who generously gave time and talent to the various celebrations and special events we had leading up to Christmas. We acknowledge the children and their parents who participated in the Nativity Play that took place during the 5pm Christmas Eve mass. We thank all the ministries that made the Christmas masses so meaningful: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Choirs, Cantors and those who decorated the Church and made the Sanctuary look so beautiful. We also thank all those whose contributions are not as visible but make our parish function not only at Christmas, but all year long: Members of the Finance and Building committees, Catechists, Leaders of the various groups Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, Prayer group, Legion of Mary, Rosary Apostolate, Offer-



tory Counters, Office Volunteers and all those who serve under undefined capacities. And finally, we give thanks for all of you, the people of the parish. It is a privilege for us, the priests and staff of Prince of Peace to serve you and we are continually encouraged and valued by you. We wish you and your families blessings for the new year.

MASS OF ANOINTING



We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to our next Mass of Anointing on **Wednesday, January 15 at 12pm**. The sacrament of the sick will be administered to anyone wishing to receive it. Please note that for the month of January, there will not be a Seniors Social following the Mass.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

We want to take this time out to say a heartfelt thank you to parishioners, members of our Prince of Peace community and volunteers that year after year continue to support the work done through the parish office. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is greatly appreciated by the staff at Prince of Peace.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. In the words of Pope Francis: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”



May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord. For more information, visit

www.archtoronto.org/jubilee.

BLESSING YOUR HOME



On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world and the coming of the Three Kings. Because this was the day the Three

Kings visited the house of Jesus, the custom of blessing homes on Epiphany Day developed. After the blessing, the initials of their traditional names, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way. 20 + C + M + B + 25

Use the following prayer to bless your home as you make the inscription on your door. Have someone light and hold your Christmas candle during your blessing ceremony. This is a reminder that we are still in the Christmas Season.

Lord Jesus, the Three Kings followed the star that led them to your home. Help us to find you in this house through the love we share. Bless our home and all of us during this year ahead. Amen.

VOCATIONS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

PRAYER GROUP

The Group will be returning this Thursday, **January 9, 2025** at **7pm** in the parish hall. Update your calendars and be prepared for the first meeting of 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 p.m.** at North City Church, in Woodbridge.

EMBRACING GOD’S GIFTS

In winter, there is a temptation for many of us to hide away until it is over! Yet, in this season of darkness, we are called, as many of the Mystics point out, to embrace a mature faith through which we can peacefully hold our questions with trust in God. Manresa Retreat Centre invites all to a day of reflection on **January 27**. For information, call 905-839-2864.



FRIARS’ STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Catholic Register is holding a writing contest, with this year’s theme being “Do you believe in this?” (John 11:26). The contest closes **January 13**. All students aged 13-19 are invited to participate. For more information, contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, February 9** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. For registration or more information, visit:



www.archtoronto.org/marriage



In the midst of life's many challenges, you have made it a priority to help those who are less fortunate. In doing so, you embody ShareLife's mission to live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Your support has been a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, among many others. For this, we are very grateful. We have currently raised **\$77,478**. towards our suggested goal of **\$105,000**. Thank you for living the Gospel!

MAINTENANCE FUND

We remind everyone that next weekend, **January 11/12**, there will be a second collection for the maintenance fund. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



STEWARDSHIP



The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to perform small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying “God bless you” when someone sneezes or we say goodbye.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Christmas

December 24-25

Total: **\$ 20,817.**

Regular Offertory

December 28-29

Offertory: **\$ 11,647.**

PAG: **\$ 945.**

Total: **\$ 12,592.**

Maintenance Fund

Total: **\$ 4,260.**

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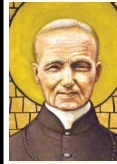
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Pick Of The Week



God's Doorkeeper: This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

The Three Wise Men: Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany: What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

Next Week January 12, 2025

The Bible (Part 1)

Interior Life

A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

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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