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 pmSunday:8:30 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am & 1:00 pm

PASTOR

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Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday & 1st Friday: 7 pm

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 visits, call the parish office. From the hospital, ask for a priest directly at the nursing station. **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Confessions

(First Friday Confessions-see below)

4:00 pm-4:45 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Following the 7pm mass there is exposition, 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 available. 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 Helpline: 647-234-0265 Membership: 647-639-0098

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 Baptism Of The Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11 5:00pm Mass Pro Populo Sunday, January 12 8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Mass Monday, January 13 8:30am Mass + Aurora Carag Leo De Souza **Tuesday, January 14** 8:30am Mass + Elias Diniz + Hon Sum Lai Wednesday, January 15 8:30am Mass Everest D'Souza **†** Remedios C. Pena 7:00pm Mass **†** Gwen Hyacinth Tissera ♦ Susan Gonzales **Thursday**, January 16 8:30am Mass **+** Cynthia Acavan ✤ Mrs. Janet Lim-Exconde Friday, January 17 8:30am Mass + Felix Tulagan **+** Thomas Varghese Saturday, January 18 8:30am Mass **+** Bastiampillai & Annamah Sinnathurai **†** Thankamma Mathew *****Rest in peace • In thanksgiving • For the infirm SANCTUARY LAMP **JAN 13-18** For the Eternal Rest of:

For the Eternal Rest of: Geoffrey Cooper, Jerome Bisnanth, Michael Rondeau

In Thanksgiving: BLG Licerio, Diana Chai Chong & Family, Lin Family

Each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions to be added to the light of the candle and brought to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



The Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism was

a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

CONGRATULATIONS

Council 9144, are pleased to announce the winners of this year's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The 19 creative entries from students in JK to Grade 8 were proudly displayed in the parish hall, showcasing the faith and artistic talent of our young parishioners. On Sunday, January 5, prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners, while all participants received certificates of appreciation for their efforts. Congratulations to the following winners: JK to Grade 2: Aarish Rhaveene, Grade 3 to 5: Anish Canister, and Grade 6 to 8: Andrianna Reyes.

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. Registration: **SLIDE PRESENTATION UPDATE**

In the weeks ahead, we will be introducing a renewed approach to our Sunday Mass slide presentations. During the pandemic, slides included



full hymn lyrics to encourage participation, especially from those worshiping at home. Now that we have returned to fuller in-person participation and have hymnals available in the pews, the slides will soon display only the hymnal name, song title, and page number. This change is an invitation to fully embrace the use of hymnals and deepen our shared worship experience. Together, let us lift our hymnals and our voices in joyful praise as a community of faith.

MASS OF ANOINTING

We invite all who suffer illness of any kind to our next Mass of Anointing on **Wednesday**, **Janu**-



ary 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.

www.archtoronto.org/marriage

JUBILEE YEAR 2025- "PILGRIMS OF HOPE".



Archbishop Cardinal Frank Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the Jubilee of the Year 2025. Accordingly, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will celebrate a Jubilee Mass on Wednesday, January 29 at 7pm. Everyone is invited.

REGIONAL MASSES

The Archdiocese of Toronto has invited a Jubilee church to host a regional celebration to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. These celebrations will take place as follows with receptions after Mass:

Western Region: January 29 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish, Brampton Northern Region: February 4 at 7pm. at St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg Eastern Region: February 19 at 7pm. at St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough Central Region: February 25 at 7pm. at St. Edward the Confessor, North York

PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The week of prayer for Christian Saturday, February 1 at 9am Unity will be celebrated around Learn how to avoid probthe world from January 18-25 lems: in your Will, in the Powon the theme "Do you believe ers of Attorney, and through

sonneau and a wide range of Christian how to create your own legacy and all leaders on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at about Catholic traditions around crema-4 p.m. at North City Church, in Wood- tion, burials and funerals. For more inforbridge.

SPIRITUS MINISTRY

Young adults, ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in monthly ministry nights focused on prayer,



theology, fellowship, and catechesis. Community-building activities and out-Instagram @spiritusministry.

FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS



for many of us to hide away NRESA until it is over! Yet, in this sea-

son 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.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Experience the inspiring exhibit created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, displayed across five continents. It recounts Eucharistic miracles and offers a "virtual visit" to the



places where they occurred. This exhibit invites us to deepen our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and embrace Eucharistic Adoration. Viewing at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Woodbridge; February 15-16. For the online exhibit, visit:

http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

this?" (John 11:26). Join Bishop Bois- proper Estate Trustee selection,

mation and to register for the seminar: email Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

CONGRATULATIONS

St ShareLife Prince of Peace parish has always been a strong reach programs result in the much need- and vibrant parish for ShareLife always ed support in our youth based communi- supporting the mission work of the ties. For more info on how you can join church. Through the wonderful generosiemail youth@archtoronto.org or visit: ty of our parishioners, we have been able to achieve 79% of our parish goal for 2024. Father Efren, parish staff and the ShareLife committee would like to extend In winter, there is a temptation a heartfelt thanks to our generous parishioners . Your generosity will go a long way in providing hope to all our brothers and sisters in our community and around the world. God bless you and thank you again for living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife! To date we have collected; **\$77,478. (79%)** of our parish goal of \$105,000.

SCAM ALERT

In recent days, a number of emails have been circulating claiming to be from Cardinal Leo. Some of the communication requests financial assistance while other correspondence asks for e-mails to be created in his name. These are fraudulent and should be deleted immediately. His Eminence does not have a Twitter (X), Facebook or Instagram account. Official communication is always sent from an archtoronto.org e-mail address. If you are suspicious of any communication, please call: 416-934-3400 x 563.



Divine Infant, I give You my hands to touch those I meet with Your love and peace. I ask You to heal those in pain, to encourage the hopeless, to console the sorrowing, and to provide for those in want. I ask You to reach out to the lonely. I especially plead for the many people suffering from great poverty and injustice. Amen

VOCATIONS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well



pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. McCarthy:

416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP



As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. we should first realize that

Jesus didn't need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Regular Offertory **January 4-5**

Offertory: \$8,151. PAG: \$ 945. Total: \$ 9.096.

Solemnity of Mary & New Years Offertory December 31-January 1

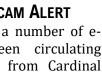
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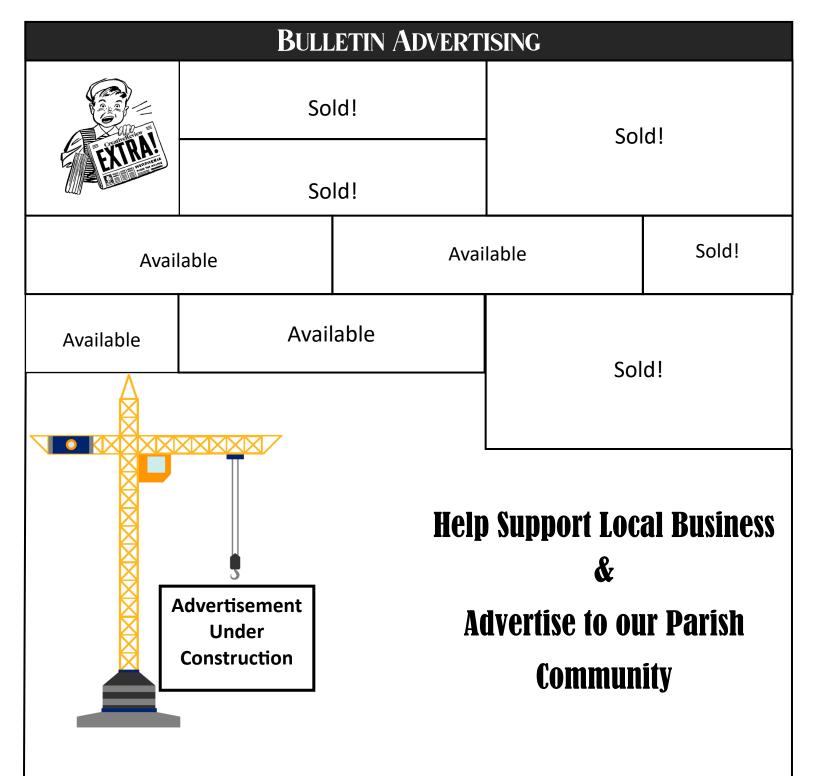
2023 Weekly Expenses: \$12,690

Thankyou for your support.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We remind all parishioners that 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.





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 example, 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 ad-



vertisement might appear in our parish bulletin.

Call us at 416-291-9422 Email us at: parish.office@princeofpeacesc.ca