

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)

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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

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

Mass Intentions

Pro Populo

Saturday, February 1

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 2

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 3

8:30am Mass

◆ Doris Young

† Lorenzo C. Jardin

Tuesday, February 4

8:30am Mass

† Freda de Jesus

† Stephen D'Souza

Wednesday, February 5

8:30am Mass

† Sarah Mari

◆ Avril De Silva

7:00pm Mass

† Fr. Francis D'Souza

† Freda de Jesus

Thursday, February 6

8:30am Mass

† Francis & Irene Menezes

† Roger Attalla

Friday, February 7

8:30am Mass

† Delfin Solana

† Sr. Alphonsa Gonsalves

7:00pm Mass

◆ Avril & Charo De Silva

† Theresammah

Anthonipillai

Saturday, February 8

8:30am Mass

† Joy George

† Pui Ying Lau

SANCTUARY LAMP

FEB 3-8

For the Eternal Rest of:

Kevin Musker, Sean Musker,

Raul Poblete

For the Health of:

Rico Suhendra,

Jamie Leelung

For the Intentions of:

Stanley & Jeanette Chin



Imagine what it must have been like for Simeon – at the very end of his life - to behold the Christ for whom the world was longing. His heart must have felt near bursting. But along with his joy, at seeing the light to the Gentiles and glory of Israel, Simeon also saw the suffering that would be inflicted on the hearts of those closest to Jesus. As we shine light on injustice and hatred, we, too, will see suffering, hatred and apathy that will cause us pain. However, the joy of God's promise is stronger than the swords that pierce hearts and has the power to sustain us in our work of being faithful disciples.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE



This weekend we welcome the Catechumens and Candidates in our RCIA program as they take this significant step in their journey of faith. In this sacred rite, they publicly commit to deepening their relationship with God and preparing to receive the sacraments of the Church. As a parish community, let us accompany them with our prayers, entrusting them to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that they may be strengthened in faith and steadfast in their desire to follow Christ.

ANSWER THE CALL TO SPONSORSHIP

Our parish is seeking committed individuals to serve as sponsors for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Sponsors play a vital role in offering guidance, encouragement and spiritual support as candidates deepen their faith and embrace the life of the Church. If you feel called to accompany someone on this journey please call the parish office for more information.

BAPTISM FACILITATORS



As we continue to grow as a parish family, we are looking for married couples with children who feel called to share their faith and family experiences by facilitating our Baptism preparation classes. The commitment will be once a month or less, depending on the number of couples involved. For more information contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help children engage with the Gospel in a meaningful way. No experience is needed, just a heart for service. Training and screening will be provided. For more information contact the parish office.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This weekend the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



BLESSING OF THROATS



On the memorial of St. Blaise, the Church gives a "Blessing of throats" a tradition that comes from the eighth century that has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illness of the throat. **On Monday, February 3** after the **8:30am** mass, we will administer the blessing of the throats immediately after the final blessing.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY BLESSINGS

On the weekend of **February 8-9**, we invite all married couples to receive a blessing after any of the weekend masses (see the bulletin cover for the full schedule).



MARRIAGE SUNDAY MASS



Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2025 are invited to join in this celebration Mass on **Sunday, February 9** at 2:30pm at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. Attendance is limited so be sure to register early at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

MONTHLY MASS OF ANOINTING

The next Mass of Anointing will be on **Wednesday, February 12** at **12pm** followed by our Seniors Group activities in the Parish Hall.



ROSES FOR LIFE



Lapel roses will be available with our Brother Knights in the parish lobby after all weekend masses **February 15-16**. The red rose symbolizes our opposition to abortion, while the white rose represents our stance against euthanasia. Please support them generously. All your contributions will be donated to various pro-life organizations as we have done in previous years. Your gift will help foster the culture of LIFE from conception to natural death.

33RD WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

In this Jubilee Year 2025, the Church invites us to become "pilgrims of hope". The word of God accompanies us and offers us in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: "Hope does not disappoint" [Rom 5:5]; indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial. On **February 11**, visit a loved one or stranger who is shut in, lonely or sick. Offer gratitude to a healthcare professional or volunteer.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Consider sharing your gifts with our parish via the bereavement ministry. If you are interested, please call the parish office. The archdiocese will be offering training sessions online on **Thursdays, February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27** from 7-8:30pm. There is no cost but registra-



tion is required (space is limited). **Register by February 18** at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or visit us at: <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2025>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



During the month of February we are encouraged to remember and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, and acknowledge the suffering and hardship that many Black people have both faced throughout history and are facing today. On Saturday, **February 22 at 2:30pm** our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Toronto invites all to join them for a eucharistic celebration of African Heritage/Black History. For information, contact olourdes-to@archtoronto.org or call 416-924-6257.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

All are welcome to the Regional Masses across the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Eastern Region Mass is on **February 19** at St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough with Cardinal Leo to presiding.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR UPDATE



Beginning the weekend of **February 8-9**, the 1pm Children's Choir will be moving to the **Saturday 5pm Mass**. We look forward to their joyful voices enhancing our liturgy at this new time!

VOCATIONS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. McCarthy:



416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord occurs 40 days after the birth of Christ when, as according to Jewish tradition, Jesus is presented by his parents at the temple. In today's readings, we are encouraged to embrace the Lord as our Saviour, acknowledge that He is both God and man, and strive to be good stewards like Him. Like Simeon, we encounter Christ, in our everyday lives. However, it can be difficult for us to see the same salvation he did and to go in peace. Stewardship means seeing the glory of our Saviour and striving to live out our lives with total trust in Him. As Catholics we need not only to understand our callings, but also to live them out.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular Offertory
January 25-26

Offertory: **\$ 8020**
PAG: **\$ 1193**
Total: **\$ 9213**

Benevolent Fund

Total: **\$ 2752**

2023 Weekly Expenses:
\$12,690

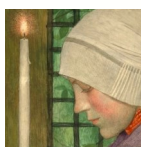
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MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend, **February 8/9**, there will be a second collection for the maintenance fund. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-CANDLEMAS



This feast is a festival of light celebrating Christ as the Light of the World. The procession with blessed candles, carried by both clergy and the faithful, symbolizes His manifestation to all nations. As Simeon proclaimed in the temple: "A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." Candlemas forms a beautiful transition from Christmas to Easter. The Infant Christ still in His Mother's arms, is already offered in sacrifice, foreshadowing the Paschal Mystery. In this moment of presentation, we are reminded of our

own call to offer our lives to God, allowing His light to shine through us. Using the following prayer let us reflect on this sacred mystery.

Almighty ever-living God
we humbly implore your majesty
that just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented
on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh so,
by your grace, we may be presented
to you with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

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Help Support Local Business & Advertise to our Parish Community

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 above 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 weekly from September to June, bi-

weekly during July and August, 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 advertisement might appear in our parish bulletin.

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