

# 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)

### PASTOR

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15

5:00pm Mass

## Sunday, February 16

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

## Monday, February 17

8:30am Mass

† Doreen Leo

† Stanley Wu

## Tuesday, February 18

8:30am Mass

† Gabriel & Victoria Noronha

† Letty D'Souza

## Wednesday, February 19

8:30am Mass

◆ Alex & Citas Ibanez

† Valentin & Luz Ronquillo

7:00pm Mass

† Dominic D'Mello

† Jean Olson

## Thursday, February 20

8:30am Mass

† Lorain Lee

† Louis Michael Rocha

## Friday, February 21

8:30am Mass

† Francis Jeyanandakumar

† Kevin Menezes

## Saturday, February 22

8:30am Mass

† Sr. Maria Gorretti

◆ Bernard & Iris Lynch

† Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

### SANCTUARY LAMP

FEB 17-22

For the Eternal Rest of:

Fei Ling Yap, Molly Ally

For the Health of:

Alice Ticzon, Leah Prasad

For the Intentions of:

Grace Tan

In Thanksgiving:

Cora Cantos

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man...Rejoice.” It takes a lot of faith to “rejoice and leap for joy” after experiencing hatred and persecution from another. Even when one is persecuted on account of his/her faith in Christ, it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to sincerely rejoice. But with that said, this level of faith and love is possible! If it were not, our Lord would not have given this teaching. It is a teaching to live the highest ideal. It's a calling to live in Beatitude.

### FAMILY DAY

Monday, **February 17** is Family Day. The parish office will be closed. Please make use of our emergency extension in the event of the unexpected (e.g. anointing someone in danger of death, personal crises, etc.).

### CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many children who attended rehearsal last Saturday at **4pm** and sang so beautifully at the **5pm** mass. We continue to encourage parents with young children (grades 2+), especially children from the Confirmation and First Communion Programs, to participate as this project will fulfill service hours that are required for this year's sacramental programs. If you were unable to attend the first rehearsal, please join us on Saturday **February 22** at **4pm** in the parish hall.

### ROSES FOR LIFE

Lapel roses will be available with our Brother Knights in the parish lobby after all weekend masses this weekend, **February 15/16**. 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.

### VIDEO CONTEST 2025

High school students (aged 13 to 19 years) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to create a three-minute video that captures this year's theme “Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity” as a part of the annual celebration of the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day. Entries can be submitted no later than **April 15** at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSUBMISSION>. Information at: 416-934-3400 ext. 527 or [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org).

### 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 at **7pm** with Cardinal Leo presiding.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month we are encouraged to celebrate the achievements of Black people, and acknowledge the suffering and hardships faced throughout history and 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. Contact: [olourdes-to@archtoronto.org](mailto:olourdes-to@archtoronto.org) or call: 416-924-6257

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Are you in a profession relating to bereavement, or a willing individual who possesses the gift of compassionate listening? Consider being part of our 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**. Registration is required. **Register by February 18** at: 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or visit us at: <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2025>

### BAPTISM FACILITATORS

As we continue to grow as a parish family, we are looking for married couples who are parents and feel called to share their faith and family experiences to facilitate our Baptism preparation classes. The commitment will be once a month or less. Training will be provided, and Volunteer Screening is necessary. For more information or to express your interest, please contact the parish office.



**SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**

We greatly thank the many pastors, parish staff, committee members, volunteers, and parishioners for your dedication to living the Gospel. Through your support of ShareLife Parish Campaign in 2024, you gave witness to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in the Archdiocese of Toronto. We are thrilled to report that the 2024 Prince of Peace Parish ShareLife campaign achieved an impressive result of **\$89,894. [89%]** of our parish goal of **\$100,500**. We are so grateful for **parishioners like you** who make it a priority to support the work of the agencies.

**Congratulations Prince of Peace Parish.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND SERVICE AWARDS**

Catholic Charities is accepting applications for scholarships and nominations for the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards. With five scholarships available, they aim to support future leaders in social services. Nominate individuals making a difference in the community. Details at: [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships). Deadline: **April 30, 2025**. Contact: [kquan@ccat.ca](mailto:kquan@ccat.ca) or 416-934-3401 ext. 419.

**MANRESA RETREAT SERIES**

**Lent as a Pilgrimage of Hope:** This retreat for women is from **March 7-9**. You will be invited to enter the desert in order to receive the waters of life. Drawing from the writings of Pope Francis and the Canadian Martyrs, we will explore wisdom sources to nourish our journey as pilgrims of hope.

**Guidance for the Lenten Journey:** This silent Ignatian retreat for men, **March 14-16**, focus will be on giving and receiving forgiveness, growing in hope and accepting one's limitations.

**Day Of Reflection:** A retreat for women **March 8** from **9:30am to 4pm**. "Who you are is how you relate and pray. Discover and embrace the gifts of your temperament." To register for any or all retreats call 905-839-2864 or visit: <https://manresa-canada.ca>

**CHESS TOURNAMENT**

St. Aiden Catholic Church and The Federation of North America Explorers are hosting a chess tournament on **Saturday, March 8** from **11am to 3pm** to raise funds for a pilgrimage to Portugal during Holy Week. The tournament is open to all ages with cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Register by **March 1** at: [FNEChess2025@gmail.com](mailto:FNEChess2025@gmail.com)

**2025 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

Theme: Power from on High (Acts 1:8). Join us **March 29, 8am to 5:30pm**, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, for a day of evangelization through music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy, and Eucharistic Adoration, including a mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. A youth rally is also available for ages 13-18. Information at: 647-559-8384. Bus transportation available at: 416-297-8167

**2024 TAX RECEIPTS**

Parishioners can expect to receive their tax receipts by mail on or before **February 17, 2025**. If you do not receive your tax receipt by February 17, please contact the parish office for assistance. We remind all that should you lose or misplace your tax receipt, processing a replacement copy will incur accountant fees.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025**

On **March 7, 2025**, we celebrate this day with the theme "I Made You Wonderful" (Ps 139:14), focusing on how women and girls are beautifully made in God's image. The service, written by the Cook Islands, invites us to reflect on our divinely created bodies. For the full service video, children's program, or more information, visit [wdpcanada.ca](http://wdpcanada.ca).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Reignite your spirit together with like-minded women on a journey of faith, hope, and transformation by attending the Dynamic Women of Faith conference on **Saturday, March 22**. Register at [DynamicWomenFaith.com](http://DynamicWomenFaith.com). Early bird special until **February 14**. For more information, contact 416-907-1042.

**VOCATIONS**

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**COME & SEE RETREAT**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years+ at St. Augustine's Seminary from **March 14 to March 16**. This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. For more information, and to register visit:

[www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

**STEWARDSHIP**

Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may at times be discouraged when the fruits of our labour are not visible. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Regular Offertory  
February 8-9**

**Offertory: \$ 6,021.**  
**PAG: \$ 1,258.**  
**Total: \$ 7,279.**

**Maintenance Fund  
\$ 2,716.**

2023 Weekly Expenses:  
**\$12,690**

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**BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

**Available**



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. Our bulletin is printed weekly from September to June, bi-weekly during July and August, and is available on our parish website. Please call or email the parish office if you wish to place an ad in our bulletin.

Call us at: **416-291-9422**

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