

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

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 23

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, February 24

8:30am Mass

- * Kwang Kim Chiu
- **★** Sr. Alphonsa Gonsalves

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am Mass

- **★** Vera D'Cruz
- ♦ Roseline Abdullahi

Wednesday, February 26

8:30am Mass

- *****Andrew Tellis
- **★** Avelina de los Angeles

7:00pm Mass

- + Loreta Floreza
- + Soldad Garcia

Thursday, February 27

8:30am Mass

- + Iohn Pereira
- * Kemraj Boodhoo

Friday, February 28

8:30am Mass

- ♣ Fei Ling Yap
- **+** Warren Yeh

Saturday, March 1

8:30am Mass

- * Andrew Tellis
- **★** Manuel Fernandes

†Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP **FEB 24-MAR 1**

For the Eternal Rest of:

Elmo Phillip Jr. Fei Ling Yap

For the Health of: Manuel Tan

For the Intentions of:

Cora Cantos Al lacobs

Each week parishioners may request special prayer intentions to be added to the light of the candle.

Forgiveness is hard to do most of the time. It must be offered in the light of our tendencies to both judge and condemn another. Clearly, forgiveness cures the tendency to condemn because it acknowledges a fault and forgives it anyway without requiring the imposition of a "punishment," so to speak, upon the offender. Forgiveness does not mean that the offense was OK or nonexistent. It is never healthy to pretend that some hurt or sin never happened, but it's always healthy to forgive the sin that is present. "Condemn not, that you may not be condemned."

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5 is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am, 7:00pm, and the imposition of ashes will take place during the mass and also immediately after mass for those who may not be able to be there in time for the imposition of the ashes.

PRACTICING OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES

During the **Fridays of Lent**, we return to our communal practice of the disciplines of Lent: PRAY, FAST & GIVE. These disciplines will be practiced as follows:

SOLIDARITY SOUP: Our Lenten Soup will be served from **5:00pm** to **6:30pm** on all Fridays of Lent except on the First Fridays (March 7 and April 4) when we will have our First Friday Devotions (Mass-Adoration-Stations-Benediction) and to foster the Eucharistic Fast, the Lenten Soup will be omitted. This will be our way of fasting in direct connection to Almsgiving that will be expressed by giving a suggested love offering of \$5 in exchange of a bowl of soup and bread to be in solidarity with those less fortunate. **COMMUNAL PRAYER:** Then, at 6:30pm sharp we will begin the Stations of the Cross in the church as our communal prayer. Again, as mentioned above, the Stations of the Cross on First Fridays (March 7 and April 4) will be held during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **LENTEN PRESENTATIONS:** After the Stations of the Cross will gather in the parish hall again for a presentation on Lenten themes by our parish priests. Everyone is welcome to join us for any part of our Lenten Practices.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Communion Ministers are needed for the 11:30am Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number with the office and we will call you.

40 CANS OF LENT

Beginning March 5 through April 27, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations in cash and in kind. Kindly place your items in the box in the fover of the church. Do not deliver any items to the parish office. We need only packaged items such as food cans, granola/ chocolate bars, juice boxes, tooth brushes /paste, soaps, deodorants and shower gel. All cash donations \$20 and above will receive a tax donation receipt from The Good Shepherd Ministries. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherds Ministries. For etransfers contact: Bento at: adcruz1951@hotmail.com, Fion at: fionlee@sympatico.ca or Ryan at: rvkalee@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR

We continue to encourage parents with children (grades 2+), especially those in the Confirmation and First Communion Programs, to participate as this project will fulfill the service hours required for our sacramental programs. Please join us for rehearsals every Saturday at 4pm in the Parish Hall or contact the parish office to sign up.

Annual Mass Of St. Patrick

Everyone is invited to attend this celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto on Monday, March 17 at **10am.** Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Mass will be also be available via livestream at:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT

St. Augustine's Seminary extends a warm invitation to all for this day of reflection led by Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Cardinal Collins. The theme of this retreat will be "Finding living water on our desert journey". Join us on March 22 from 9am to 4pm. For information or to register, visit https://staugustines.on.ca/ events-listing/lenten-retreat2025.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On **March 7**, 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. For the full service video, children's program, or more information, visit: wdpcanada.ca.

Manresa Retreat Series

Lent as a Pilgrimage of Hope: All women are invited to "enter the desert" from March 7-9 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

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, 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

PROVINCIAL ELECTION GUIDE

The Ontario provincial election is set for Thursday, **February 27**. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day. To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, CCAT and their Social Justice Committee have created a concise election guide highlighting the most pressing concerns in our communities and the right questions to consider. To access the guide, visit https://ccat.ca/.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

If you have not yet received your tax receipt in the mail, please contact the parish office for assistance. We remind everyone that once you receive your tax receipt, should you lose or misplace it, processing a replacement copy will incur accountant fees.

A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. To donate securities, and for more information contact our office at: development@archtoronto.org.

CTION GUIDE VOCATIONS

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997

COME & SEE RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Toronto will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years+ from **March 14 to 16.** This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood. For information and to register email: vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP

One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies. We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them but it begins with small acts of prayer. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Regular Offertory February 15-16

Offertory: \$5,518.
PAG: \$1,258.
Total: \$6,776.

2023 Weekly Expenses: \$12,690

Thank you for your continued generosity & support

MAINTENANCE FUND

We remind everyone that on the weekend of March 8/9, there will be a second collection for the maintenance fund. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARELIFE

Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people. You eased the struggles of more than 11,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services. You invested in our Church's future by supporting 67 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2024-2025 academic year. Over 700 refugees were sponsored and are now settled in Canada and over 1,400 families with special needs were provided the support they need. Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

