

Prince of Peace Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed 12pm-1pm) Tuesday through 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, April 19 **Easter Vigil**

8:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 20 **Easter Sunday**

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, April 21

8:30am Mass

- + Pacita Dungca
- + Pharez Ong

Tuesday, April 22

8:30am Mass

- ★Antonio & Helen Ong
- ★Maria Mascarenhas
- ♦ Kelvin & Emma Wong

Wednesday, April 23

8:30am Mass

- **†**Edilberta Buling
- **†** Michael Girgis

7:00pm Mass

- **†** Joseph Kwan Fatt Yep
- * Kenny Leong

Thursday, April 24

8:30am Mass

- + Cynthia Acayan
- ★ Freda de Jesus

Friday, April 25

8:30am Mass

- *Inocencia Bacod
- *Kasthula Pereira

Saturday, April 26

8:30am Mass

- + Fei Ling Yap
- **★**Gregoria Laxamana

†Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP **APRIL 21-26**

For the Eternal Rest of:

Christina Huang, Fei Ling Yap, Evris Sullivan Phillip, Helen Ong, Peter Cooper

For the Intentions of: Hou Sheng Hua

Alleluia! Alleluia! God's love never fails! We rejoice today in the light and love of the Resurrection. From this day until Pentecost, our first readings will be drawn from the Acts of the Apostles, the book which offers insight into the formation of the early church and the thoughts and actions of the disciples after the Resurrec~ tion. Let us rejoice and be glad that we are a part of that unfolding mystery.

OUR EASTER WISH FOR YOU!

At Easter, we remember a deep and life-changing truth: there is no resurrection without sacrifice. The joy of Easter morning only comes after the sorrow of the Cross and the silence of the tomb. But God is faithful—and today, He has the final word. And that word is life. From the heart of your Pastoral Team—our priests, deacons, staff, and so many generous volunteers—please receive our warmest Easter greetings. We give thanks for the joy and faith you bring to Prince of Peace Parish, and we want you to know how much you are loved and appreciated. The Easter season lasts for fifty days—plenty of time, I hope, for us to personally greet you, thank you, and share in your joy. To those who continually support our parish through your generosity, your prayers, and your presence, we offer our heartfelt thanks. You are the quiet strength of our community. A special word of gratitude goes to all who helped make our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies so meaningful—from the choirs and altar servers to those who prepared the church, participated in the Living Stations of the Cross, and quietly worked behind the scenes. Because of you, these days were not only beautiful but truly sacred. Whether you have been part of Prince of Peace for many years, or are just visiting this Easter, know that you are welcome here. We are grateful for your presence, and we invite you to keep walking with us in faith. May the empty tomb remind us that death does not have the last word. God does. And because of that, we have hope—not only for this life, but for the life to come.

MAY THE EMPTY TOMB BE THE ASSURANCE THAT ONE DAY WE TOO SHALL LIVE FOREVER. Happy Easter to you all.

Fr. Efren and the Prince of Peace Pastoral Team

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross were brought to life here at Prince of Peace Parish by the youth of our community on Good Friday. These children, parents and the organizing team lovingly dedicated their time for rehearsals throughout the past few weeks to bring this moving dramatization to life. We are so blessed to have children whose parents are willing to support them in being a part of the Stations of the Cross each year. If you would like to support events like these in the parish, please consider contributing to our Benevolent Fund, a fund that quietly supports pastoral works in our parish.

PRAYER GROUP

Join the Prayer Group for this year's Life in the Spirit Seminar on May 24 from 8am to 5pm in the Parish Hall for Holy Rosary, praise & worship, reflection, confession, and more, followed by a Holy Mass at 5pm. Contact: 416-292-8674 or email: prayergroup.pop@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed five new members to the Roman Catholic Church. Their journey of faith has led them to Prince of Peace Parish where they have found a family with which to begin a new journey in their lives. We are grateful to you, and we welcome and congratulate you: Emily Acton, Ken Chan, Jackie Lam, Jessica Ketwaroo-Green and Rajitha Samaranayake.

DIVINE MERCY

During the course of Jesus's revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Join us on Sunday, April 27 at 3pm for the solemn devotions to the Divine Mercy.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, **April 21**. If an emergency arises while we are closed, please call the office and use the emergency extension.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

40 Cans Of Lent: Donations are still being accepted until **April 27.** Place your items in the box in the foyer. All cash donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. E-transfers: adcruz1951@hotmail.com. **March For Life Ottawa:** Join us as we travel together with St. Aiden's Council on **May 8**, 2025. For details contact: Bento at: adcruz1951@hotmail.com.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

We're forming a **Liturgy Committee** to help plan, prepare, and evaluate our liturgical celebrations to ensure they are prayerful, meaningful, and in tune with the Church's seasons. If you have a desire to serve, we invite you to consider joining! Experience in altar serving, lectors, communion ministry, liturgical music, devotions, or sacristy work is helpful, but not required—formation will be provided. Nominate yourself or someone you believe would be a good fit. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 7pm. To express interest or make a nomination, please call or email the parish office with the name and contact information.

REGISTERING IN YOUR PARISH

Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the local church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the local church and may help immigrants in future immigration law-related matters. Please note that parish and diocesan leadership will not share the registration information with anyone as it is confidential.

LENTEN SOUP RESULTS

Thank you to all the groups that donated and prepared the soup during the Fridays in Lent and to all those who took part in the fasting and almsgiving. A total of \$925 was raised to help support members of our parish community that ask for our assistance from time to time. Thank you for your generosity.

FEDERAL ELECTION APRIL 28, 2025

Elections Canada is the independent, non-partisan agency responsible for ensuring that Canadians can exercise their democratic rights to vote and be a candidate. For the official information on where, when and the ways to register and vote in a federal election, visit: elections.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese of Toronto routinely posts job offers on their website. All parishes publish their employment opportunities, including Prince of Peace. Currently we are seeking someone for the role of bookkeeper. Visit the Archdiocese of Toronto website for further details.

FIRST COMMUNION

We remind parents that the First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, **April 26** from **9am to 12pm**. Children participating in this year's program are expected to attend. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, **April 27** at the **1:00pm** mass.

CONFIRMATION

Classes resume on Saturday, April 26 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The Confirmation Retreat and Reconcilliation will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 1pm. Rehearsal for the Confirmation mass will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 7pm to 8:30pm. This year's Confirmation students and their sponsors are expected to attend.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BEACON OF HOPE

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at share-life.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity and support.

VOCATIONS

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. McCarthy: 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP

The beautiful truth of our faith is that God was able to bring about the greatest good of the resurrection through the seemingly utter defeat of the crucifixion. The famous Portuguese proverb says that "God writes straight with crooked lines." As stewards, let us not be discouraged when we face crosses and trials but instead trust that God will transform these difficulties into many little Easter mornings.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Regular Offertory April 12-13

Offertory: \$ 12,778
PAG: \$ 1,254
Total: \$ 14,032
2023 Weekly Expenses: \$12,690

Thank you for your support.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you missed the Easter Flowers collection and still wish to contribute, please make use of the envelopes available to you at the entrance of the church. Donations will be accepted any time for the duration of the Season of Easter.

A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities. For information contact: development@archtoronto.org.



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