

Prince of Peace Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fridays CLOSED Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm CLOSED 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm daily

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 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fion Lee—Grand Knight GK9144@ontariokofc.ca

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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
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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, August 30

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, August 31

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, September 1

8:30am Mass

- * Marc Anthony Co
- **†** Andrew Telles

Tuesday, September 2

8:30am Mass

- **★** Winston Poblete
- **†** Yvette Chen Ying Hsia

Wednesday, September 3

8:30am Mass

- ★ Ellen Yam
- + Camilo Ortiz

7:00pm Mass

- * Andres & Severa Cantos
- **★** Leao De Souza

Thursday, September 4

8:30am Mass

- * Mario Marella
- + Clara & Antonio Sy

Friday, September 5

8:30am Mass

- **†** Epifania Villena
- **†** Thad Baker
- 7:00pm Mass
 - * Ramos Family
- **★** Sarah Mari

Saturday, September 6

8:30am Mass

- **♦** Dominic Fernandes
- ♦ Bernard Lynch

†Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving **♥** For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP SEPTEMBER 1-6

For the Eternal Rest of:

Lorenzo Jardin, Shane Dias For the Health of:

or the Health of Hudson Ford

For the Intentions of:

Hou Sheng Hua

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.



ro Populo

If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Even if others look down on you for helping "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" instead of seeking wealth, do not let yourself be concerned by what they think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

A SEASON OF TRANSITIONS IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

This year has brought many changes to our parish community. We've bid farewell to Rene, celebrated Fatima's well-earned retirement, and marked Deacon Terence's transition into retirement. Some of our dedicated staff are also currently away on medical leave. Now, we prepare for another heartfelt goodbye: this weekend will be Fr. Marko's last time serving at our parish. He will preach at



all masses, and following each mass, Fr. Marko will be in the parish hall to greet parishioners and receive your kind words and blessings. As Fr. Marko's position will not be filled immediately, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we adjust to changes in clergy responsibilities. Please keep Fr. Marko—and our entire parish—in your prayers as we navigate this time of transition trusting that God will guide us all.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed on Monday, **September 1** in observance of Labour Day. In the case of an emergency, please call and use the emergency extension. We wish everyone a safe and blessed long weekend.

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

Due to the transitions that our parish is currently facing, the parish office will continue to be closed on Fridays, although appointments, emergencies, and phone calls will still be attended to. Thank you for understanding.

Now Hiring



Prince of Peace Parish is now looking to hire a full-time secretary. If you are interested,

please visit the parish website for details or to submit an application.

Mass Of Anointing

The next Mass of Anointing will be held on Wednesday, **September 10** at **12pm**. We welcome back our Senior's Group from their summer break for a Senior's Social after this mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNING

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be returning to all weekend masses except the Sunday 8:30am mass starting the weekend of **September 6-7**. All youth are welcome to join.

PRAYER GROUP



We welcome back the Prayer Group from their summer break. The first meeting will be

held this Thursday, **September 4** at **7pm** in the parish hall.

BIBLE STUDY

Join our Parish Bible Study and take your spiritual life beyond Sunday mass. Let's journey deeper—together. The sessions will be held Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm over Zoom, starting this September 9. To express your interest, email Jessica at Jessica.ketwaroogreen@gmail.com or learn more by attending a quick orientation in the parish hall after all masses on the weekend of September 6-7.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

This fall, we will be launching

our new Ministry of Consolation. This ministry aims to provide support and comfort to individuals and families grieving the loss of a loved one. They will act as an extension of our parish community, showing our collective care and consolation. To begin this journey, our Ministers of Consolation will read reflections during Sunday masses throughout September. A "Come & See" session, to learn more about it, will be held on Sunday, September 28 at 6pm. Contact nita111118@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE JUBILEE CLOSURE

Have you ever dreamt of walking the streets of Rome in prayer and reflection?

Fr. Efren continues plans to lead

a pilgrimage (maximum 25 people) to Rome for the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Tentative travel dates are January 4-13, 2026. Guided mostly by Fr. Efren, this journey of communion and renewal will be rooted in prayer, fellowship, and reflection. At this stage, we are simply assessing interest to see if this pilgrimage is possible. If you think you might be interested or would like to learn more

CAMPUS MINISTRY

If you are going to university or college in the fall, campus ministry is waiting for you!

please email Fr. Efren.



Find out how you can stay connected with your campus's Catholic community at ocytoronto.org/chaplaincyconnect.

SEASON OF CREATION



From **September 1** (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to **October 4** (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

we will celebrate the annual Season of Creation. This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. This season challenges the entire global Christian family to care for

God's creation through prayer and action. Learn more:

seasonofcreation.org.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

We're currently receiving a high volume of Mass intention requests. As a parish community, we ask everyone to be mindful that this sacred form of prayer is meant to be shared and accessible to all. To help explain how Mass intentions work—and the challenges that can arise—we're preparing an information booklet. It will offer insight into the Church's teaching and address common misunderstandings. Please stay tuned.

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

After a series of orientation sessions, we are now ready to begin the work of the Prince of Peace Parish Liturgy Committee! This committee will help guide and enrich the liturgical life of our parish, support ministries such as music, altar servers, readers, hospitality, and environment, and foster a prayerful, inclusive, and vibrant worship experience. The committee includes members already assigned by their role as coordinators of a ministry as well as those who are willing to join, once they have been screened to ensure they are a good fit for this ministry of leadership and reflection. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23 at **7pm** in the parish hall.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2025-2026

FIRST COMMUNION

Parents of children aged 7 and up who wish to prepare for First Holy Communion are invited to register for our upcoming Orientation sessions. Please email the parish office to request a signup form. Once received, complete and return it by **September 12** to begin the process.

CONFIRMATION

Orientation sign up information will be available in the next few weeks. Please look out for an announcement in the bulletin or at mass.

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in

becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? We are now seeking applicants to join this fall's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. This is a welcoming journey of faith, reflection, and community for both catechumens (those never baptized) and candidates (baptized in non-Catholic traditions seeking full communion in the Catholic Church). If you are interested, please contact the parish office to begin the process. We require a minimum of 5 participants to proceed.

VOCATIONS



Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or

deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord if He is calling you contact Fr. McCarthy at:

416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

COME & SEE

All young men ages 18+ who may feel the call to priesthood are invited to a Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary on October 31 to November 2. This weekend will be a chance to reflect, hear vocation stories, engage in meaningful conversation about vocations, and partake in social gatherings with seminarians.

STEWARDSHIP

The readings today remind us of the importance of humility, and how God loves those who are humble of heart. Jesus in the Gospel tells us that the humble person is one who seats himself at the lowest seat for he doesn't think highly of himself, and in doing so he is exalted. As stewards, we are called to live out the virtue of humility in our lives as we share the gifts of our time and talent keeping our hearts free from pride and instead focused on our Lord.

SHARELIFE

Thank you to everyone for your participation in this year's campaign. However, we have not yet reached our parish campaign goal. Meeting this goal is critical for ShareLife agen-

ish campaign goal. Meeting this goal is critical for ShareLife agencies, so they can continue serving our communities. Please consider making a sacrificial gift today. You can donate by using the envelopes in the back of the church or online at sharelife.org. Thus far we have raised \$36,526 toward our goal of \$97,000. Thank you for living the gospel.



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