

Prince of Peace Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday 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)

PASTOR

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The Divine Infant	416-393-5414
Fr. Michael McGivney	905-472-4961
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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 at least 3 months before the desired date of Baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREP

These programs run from September to June. Contact the office to sign up.

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

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

Mass Of Anointing

Second Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon. The exact date is published in the bulletin every month.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Following the 7pm mass there is exposition, adoration and benediction at 8:30pm (Confessions during Adoration)

SENIOR'S GROUP

Every month after the Mass of Anointing. Watch for announcements in the bulletin for exact schedules.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Funeral home visitations, grief support groups, and more. Contact the parish office for details.

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

CHARIMSATIC RENEWAL GROUP

Prayer and worship group. Meetings every Thursday at 7pm.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, September 7

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, September 8

8:30am Mass

- **♦** Carter Wong
- † Pui Ying Lau

Tuesday, September 9

8:30am Mass

- **★** Joy George
- ★ Mr. & Mrs. Angela Sivayogan

Wednesday, September 10

8:30am Mass

- **★** Everest D'Souza
- **★** Zoila Matuto

7:00pm Mass

- **†** Henry Williams
- **†** Virgilio Buling

Thursday, September 11

8:30am Mass

- **†** Peter Nunes
- **★** Theresa Gonsalves

Friday, September 12

8:30am Mass

- + Hiro Shroff
- ♦ Maria Tugas

Saturday, September 13

8:30am Mass

- + Elias Diniz
- **†** Ravine Edirmanasinghe

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

SANCTUARY LAMP SEPTEMBER 8-13

For the Eternal Rest of:

Eugenia Lingad, Peter Nunes, Elmo & Evris Phillip, Winston & Raul Poblete, Mr. & Mrs. Angela Sivayogan For the Intentions of: Raji Family, Connie Junta

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.



Pro Populo

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do half-heartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be "all in," so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS

As of this weekend, **September 6-7,** Children's Liturgy of the Word will return. See the bulletin cover for the full schedule.

CATHOLIC REGISTER RESUMES

ECATHOLIC We are delighted to continue to be able to distribute the Catholic Register to parishioners for free. Pick up a copy from the foyer of the church during our weekend masses or from the parish office. If you enjoy this program, help us keep it accessible to everyone by leaving a love offering.

Mass Of Anointing

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis's feast day because of his love for animals. On Saturday, **October 4** at **6:30pm**, bring your pets to the parish parking lot for a blessing in the area near the Grotto. Please have your pet restrained at all times.

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**. Learn more by attending a quick orientation in the parish hall after all masses this weekend, **September 6-7**, then express your interest by contacting the parish office.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

This fall, we will be launching

our new Ministry of Consolation which aims to provide support and comfort to individuals and families grieving the loss of a loved one and any other type of losses. We hope to begin this ministry with a meeting on **October 20** at **7pm.** In preparation, a series of reflections will be read during Sunday masses throughout September and a "Come & See" session for all to learn more about this ministry will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, **September 28** at **6pm.** For details contact the office.

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

On the weekend of **September 20-21**, a truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the parking lot to receive items for donations. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each mass. Items accepted: clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, and toys. Items not accepted: furniture,



books, dishes, cassettes. Please do not bring any items before this date. Thank you for your support.

Parish Liturgy Committee



After a series of orientation sessions, we are now ready to begin the work of the Prince of Peace Parish Lit-

urgy 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.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

We are 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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE JUBILEE CLOSURE

Thank you to everyone for your continued patience as we prepare for our pilgrimage to Rome. In light of the busy season following Christ-

mas and the Jubilee celebrations, we've adjusted our travel dates to ensure a timely arrival for the Feast of the Epiphany on Tuesday, January 6, marking the closing of the Jubilee Year. The pilgrimage is now tentatively scheduled for January 3-13, 2026. Interest has grown, and we're now welcoming a slightly larger group, with a second priest joining Fr. Efren to help guide the journey. A finalized brochure will be available this week. If you would like to receive it by email, please send a new expression of interest directly to Fr. Efren. This pilgrimage remains a time for reflection, prayer, and shared presence. Thank you again for walking patiently with us as plans unfold.



HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Our faith calls and challenges us to be the beating heart and outstretched hands of Christ himself, extending his love and compassion to those in need. Together we will continue to bring hope and dignity to our community, to those who suffer thus making a concrete difference in the lives of our neighbours. Thus far we have raised \$49,932 toward our goal of \$97,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for your generosity.

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VOCATIONS

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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 from 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

Jesus says "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." The Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views everything as gifts from God that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are starting up, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others?

MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend, **September 13/14** there will be a second collection for the maintenance fund.

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.



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