



Prince of Peace Parish

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

Wednesday: 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
(not before Sat 5pm mass, see for First Friday below)

PASTOR

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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.

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.

SENIOR'S GROUP

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

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays on Zoom 7:00pm-9:00pm

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Info: 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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Leaders in the parish who guide and enrich our liturgical life

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Prince of Peace	416-393-5416
Our Lady of Grace	416-393-5372
St. Marguerite Bourgeois	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, September 13

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, September 14

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, September 15

8:30am Mass

† Ann Menezes

† Hon Sum Lai

Tuesday, September 16

8:30am Mass

† Fausto & Cornelia Reyes

† Raul Poblete

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am Mass

† Eppie Villena

† Mariamma Joseph

7:00pm Mass

♦ Cora Cantos

† Edward Ratnasingham

Thursday, September 18

8:30am Mass

† Lina Chiu

† Marguerite & Rufus Scheffer

Friday, September 19

8:30am Mass

♦ D'Cruz Family

♦ Roseline Abdullahi & Family

Saturday, September 20

8:30am Mass

† Adela Scharnowski

† Shane Dias

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP SEPTEMBER 14-20

For the Eternal Rest of:

John Villaflor

For the Health of:

John Canivel

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.



The Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated every year on September 14 and commemorates the discovery of the cross on which Jesus was crucified by Saint Helena. On this day, we remember how God loved us so much he gave us his only son, and how Christ saved us from sin and death with his cross. We are reminded of the call to follow his example, to sacrifice for and serve others.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Due to the transitions at our parish, confessions will be held for the months of **September to December** as follows: Wednesdays 6pm-6:45pm (before 7pm mass), Saturdays 9am-9:45am (after 8:30am mass). **No confessions will be held before the Saturday 5pm mass.** Thank you for your understanding.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE JUBILEE CLOSURE



We are happy to confirm that our Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for the Jubilee Year will take place **January 4 to 14, 2026**. This will be a prayerful journey to Rome's holy sites and Assisi, culminating in the closing celebration of the Holy Door on the Feast of the Epiphany. For the first month, registration is open only to Prince of Peace parishioners. After this time, we will extend invitations to others. If you are ready to book, please email Fr. Efren (see cover page for email address) to ask him directly so that you can receive the registration details.

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.



ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR



The Office of Development at the Archdiocese of Toronto is hosting a free Catholic estate planning webinar on Saturday, **September 27 at 9am**. You will learn how to avoid problems in your will, with powers of

attorney and proper estate trustee selection, how to create your own legacy, and Catholic traditions for cremation, burial and funerals. Email development@archtoronto.org, and include "webinar Sep 27" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message to register.

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: large suitcases (in good condition) clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery, towels, and toys. Items not accepted: furniture, books, dishes, cassettes. Please do not bring any items before this date unless nicely placed in a suitcase. 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 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 coordinators of a ministry and those who are willing to join. Screening is mandatory and the first meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 23 at 7pm** in the parish hall.



LIFE CHAIN



Join Life Chain on Sunday, **October 5 from 2pm to 3pm** at the intersection of McCowan and Steeles to pray silently for an hour to bring awareness about abortion. Simply show up and follow the directions of the local organizer.

FIRST COMMUNION

Parents of children aged 7 and up are invited to participate in our First Communion program. The deadline for our Orientation Sessions has passed. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

CONFIRMATION (GRADE 7)

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Are you 18 years or older, baptized in the Catholic Church, and maybe received First Holy Communion—but never been confirmed? We invite you to take the next step in your faith journey through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adult Confirmation preparation is designed for those who, for various reasons, missed this sacrament earlier in life and now feel called to complete their initiation into the Church. If this applies to you, please contact the parish office to express your interest. Details about orientation and preparation sessions will be shared soon.

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? We are now welcoming applicants to join this fall's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. This is a 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.



HOLY CROSS CEMETERY



Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home will be hosting an in-person Planning Ahead Information Session on Tuesday, **October 7** at **7pm**. This evening event will provide valuable information on the benefits of planning ahead for funeral and cemetery needs, including: easing stress for family members (by locking in today's prices), flexible payment options, and ensuring personal wishes are honoured. Attendees will also have access to refreshments and a complimentary estate planning guide. For inquiries, email holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca.

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.



SEEKING SUITCASES

Fr. Efren is seeking donations of large suitcases in good condition to support his ongoing personal outreach to children at a nun-run orphanage in Mexico. To ensure they meet airline requirements and avoid excess baggage fees, suitcases should be:

- Airline-approved for checked luggage,
- No more than 62 linear inches (l+w+h), and
- Under 50 pounds when packed.

These suitcases are used to transport essential supplies during his visits. If you're able to donate or would like more details, please contact Fr. Efren directly.



VOCATIONS

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God 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 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.

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



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday, falling on **September 21** this year, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. On this day Cardinal Frank Leo will be sharing a special homily meant to help us prayerfully reflect on our lives as stewards. Brochures with more information will be available the weekend of **September 20-21**.



HELP FIGHT HUNGER

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025. Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. We have currently raised **\$49,932** toward our goal of **\$97,000**. Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

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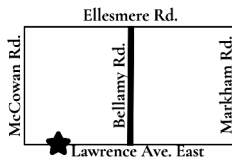


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