



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: 7:30pm-8:15pm
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@princeofpeaceesc.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

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

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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
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The Divine Infant	416-393-5414
Fr. Michael McGivney	905-472-4961
Francis Libermann HS	416-393-5524

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 19

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, October 20

8:30am Mass

♦ William & Elizabeth Wong

† Denis Viegas

Tuesday, October 21

8:30am Mass

† Shane Dias

† Nazaria Malaya

Wednesday, October 22

8:30am Mass

† Assunta Cristofaro

† Fernandes Family

7:00pm Mass

† Yeun-Chiao & Sin-Chung Huang

† Giacomo & Laura Cava

Thursday, October 23

8:30am Mass

† Corona Caibal

† Rudolf Kumprey

Friday, October 24

8:30am Mass

† Jun Flores

† Adela Nono Scharnowski

Saturday, October 25

8:30am Mass

† Lauro & Justina Macariola

† Paquito & Regina Chavez

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving
♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

OCTOBER 20-25

For the Eternal Rest of:

Felix Figueroa Sr., Teresita
Figueroa, Juan Villar, Milagros
Villar, Quintina Cunanan,
Salvador Villar, Meriam Villar,
Tina Villar, Philip Villar

For the Health of:

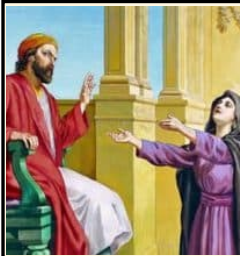
Elsinore Jadin, Marin Banzon,
Nancy Banzon

MASS OF ANOINTING



Join us on Wednesday,
November 12 at 12pm
noon followed by the
Senior's Group Social.

Pro Populo



The Gospel this week tells the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up in her pursuit of justice from an indifferent judge. Jesus shares this story to teach the importance of perseverance in prayer and trust in God's justice. Even when answers seem delayed, God hears the cries of the faithful, especially those who are vulnerable or overlooked. This Gospel invites all people, regardless of status or struggle, to remain hopeful and faithful, knowing that God's response is rooted in love and mercy.

A HOMILY YOU DID NOT EXPECT

This weekend, Fr. Efren shared a message that surprised many of us—not just about faith, but about transition. Rooted in the Gospel of the persistent widow and the image of Moses with tired arms, he reminded us that faith is not about perfection, but perseverance. And sometimes, perseverance means knowing when to rest. After 30 years of ministry, Fr. Efren announced that he will be stepping away at the end of December for a time of rest and renewal. Not because he's tired of serving—but because even the most faithful need space to recharge, reconnect with family, and listen for God's next invitation. In the same homily, Fr. Efren shared our 2024 Parish Financial Report—not as a spreadsheet, but as a testimony of love. Fr. Efren spoke with humor and honesty about his upcoming sabbatical. He shared the joy of ministry, the cost of constant creativity, and the ache of leaving a parish that has become home. His message was clear: this community is strong, and God will continue His work here. Just as Moses trusted others to lift his arms, Fr. Efren now entrusts this parish to you—with gratitude, love, and hope. "Our Help Is From the Lord" Psalm 121 reminds us: "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." He has guarded our coming and going—and He will guard the next chapter too. Thank you for lifting Fr. Efren's arms. Thank you for being his family of faith.



PARISH HEADCOUNT SURVEY

On the weekends of **October 18-19** and **October 25-26**, we will be conducting a head count survey for the Archdiocese. This exercise has proven to be very helpful and informative over the past few years. Thank you once again for your cooperation in this important exercise.

(see cover page for email address) to ask him directly so that you can receive the registration details.

DINNER & DANCE

Mark your calendars for a night of celebration on **Saturday, October 25**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at **6:30pm** with dinner at **7:30pm**. For tickets and information please see the poster in the lobby or contact the Knights of Columbus (contact info on front page).



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

We're forming a one-time **Christmas Choir** for our parish concert on **Sunday, December 14 at 7pm** (Third Sunday of Advent). If you love to sing but can't commit year-round, this is your chance! Contact the parish office to sign up!



PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

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. Registration is now open to everyone. If you are ready to book, please email Fr. Efren



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Please join us for our first meeting on **Monday October 20 at 7pm**. The Ministry of Consolation aims to provide support and comfort to individuals and families grieving the loss of a loved one and any other type of losses.



EMBRACE MOTHERHOOD

The Embrace Motherhood Workshop for moms of young children will be held on **Saturday, November 8 from 10am to 12pm** at All Saints Parish. This two-hour ses-



sion offers practical tips, encouragement, and a chance to connect over coffee. Participants will also receive a detailed guide. To register, contact catholicmomsgroupmj@gmail.com. For more info or to find a mom's group, visit www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

RENEW CONFERENCE



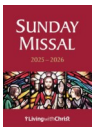
Join RENEW Toronto on Christ the King weekend, **November 21 to 23**, for an unforgettable experience at their annual conference for young adults aged 18-39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals in the same exciting stage of life. For more information visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

RED WEDNESDAY MASS

Red Wednesday is an international day of awareness and prayer for the persecution of Christians. A Mass for persecuted Christians will be held on **November 19 at 5:30pm** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are welcome.



SUNDAY MISSALS



The **2025-2026** Sunday Missals will be available before and after all weekend masses next weekend, and in the office during regular office hours beginning **Monday, November 3**. If you would like to have your own copy, the cost is **\$7.00** per missal.

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Masses on **Saturday, November 8 at 2pm** at various locations throughout the archdiocese. For more information, visit catholic-cemeteries.ca.

SHARELIFE HISTORY

As we prepare to celebrate ShareLife's milestone 50th anniversary, we want to honor not only the programs and funds raised but also the stories and memories that have shaped ShareLife. If you have any materials from ShareLife's history (e.g., old posters, photos, campaign envelopes, news clippings, or other memorabilia), or personal stories or anecdotes of how ShareLife touched your life, please contact us by emailing us at: jlazo@archtoronto.org.



Thank you for your kind generosity!

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.

VOCATIONS

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. McCarthy at 416-968-0997 or via email at 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.

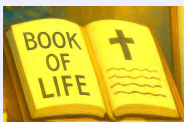
STEWARDSHIP

When we think of the missions in the church, we often think about those striving to spread the Gospel in remote areas ravaged by poverty. However, in our secular society there is rampant poverty all around us, for according to St. Teresa of Calcutta, "the most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." Let us begin to realize that missionary activity is fostered close to home and begins with a smile that can lead us to generously share our time with the parish community as true stewards of Christ.



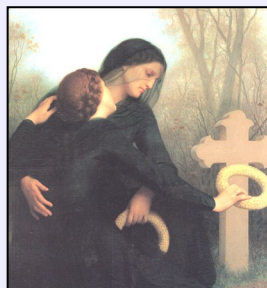
NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for All Souls in Purgatory. As part of this tradition, we invite you to join us in remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us.



Beginning this weekend, the **BOOK OF LIFE** will be placed in the sanctuary. This year, however, we will not be adding new names directly into the book. Instead, we ask that you write the names of your deceased loved ones on the All Souls Envelopes, which will be available near the Book of Life. Only the names of parishioners who have passed away in the past year will be added to the Book of Life itself. If you wish to submit names for review, please email the parish office. These names should be for immediate family members who have not been submitted in previous years.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES will be available before and after all Masses starting this weekend and throughout the month. The names written on these envelopes will be your personal and private intentions, included in the parish's general prayers for All Souls in Purgatory. Please place completed envelopes in the box provided near the Book of Life.



MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend, **October 25-26**, there will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund.

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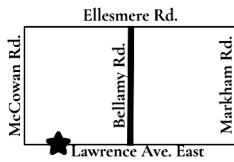


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