



Prince of Peace Parish

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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm CLOSED 12:00pm-1:00pm daily
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

Wednesday: 7:30pm - 8:15pm

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

PASTOR

Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo
fr.efren@princeofpeaceesc.ca

DEACON

Rev Mr. Thomas Aquino

SECRETARY

Due to unforeseen reasons, this position is now vacant

SACRAMENTS COORDINATOR

Joan Turco (on leave)
joan@princeofpeaceesc.ca

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Geneveve Macariola-Amini

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Dan Christante
dan.christante@gmail.com

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Jessie Guinto & Tom Mitrovski

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

Mass 7pm followed by Holy Hour with 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 & 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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Membership: 647-639-0098
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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, November 29

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 30

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 1

8:30am Mass

✠ Teresita Cancio

♦ Meighan Wong

Tuesday, December 2

8:30am Mass

✠ Andrew Telles

✠ Veronica Remedios

Wednesday, December 3

8:30am Mass

✠ Vincent & Cecilia D'Souza

♦ Isaac & Cecilia Tsang

7:00pm Mass

✠ Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus

✠ Anthony Coutinho

♦ Mary Ann Alaiza

Thursday, December 4

8:30am Mass

✠ Belen Macariola

✠ Carmen Munoz

Friday, December 5

8:30am Mass

✠ Sarah Mari

♦ Noronha Family

7:00pm Mass

✠ Vincent Noronha

♦ Tharun & Aswin
Thavasoathy

Saturday, December 6

8:30am Mass

✠ Annamah Bas

✠ Joachim & Anna Fernandes

✠ Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

DECEMBER 1-6

For the Eternal Rest of:

Huu Ngo, Lorenzo Jardin, Paul
Poblete

For the Health of:

Andrew Wong, Efren Cantos,
Kenneth Wong, Mui Truong,
Stanly Wong

In Thanksgiving:

Isaac & Cecilia Tsang

Pro Populo

"WAKE UP, SOMETHING NEW IS BEGINNING"

This Sunday Jesus invites us to "stay awake," not with fear, but with faith. Advent always begins in the dark, because God often arrives quietly, before our eyes adjust. Like the generations before Noah, it is easy to fall asleep to the deeper movements of grace, to become absorbed in the routines of life and unaware of how God is drawing near. Advent is the season that teaches us to notice again. As our parish begins this new liturgical year, we do so in a moment of transition, a moment when wakefulness is more important than ever. Change has a way of stirring what we would rather keep settled. It exposes our longings, our hopes, and even our anxieties. Yet Jesus does not say, "Be afraid." He says, "Be ready." He asks us to live with an open heart, to resist the temptation to numbness or distraction, and to trust that every ending contains the promise of a beginning. Over the past months, our community has carried many emotions: gratitude, sadness, uncertainty, and hope. Advent gathers all of these into the hands of God. This season does not ask us to pretend that everything is easy. It asks us to stay awake to what God is doing beneath the surface. Some doors are closing. Some chapters are shifting. Yet the Lord walks toward us with gentle steps, offering light strong enough to guide the way. Let this Advent be a time of holy attentiveness. Let us wake up to grace, to one another, and to the God who comes quietly, faithfully, lovingly. The One who arrives is Emmanuel—God with us—especially in the in-between places where we wait, wonder, and walk forward together. Mt 24:37-44



CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN UP

We invite you to register and join the planning discussion on Friday, **December 5 at 6pm** in the parish hall. The Christmas Nativity Play will be presented at this year's Family Christmas Eve Mass at **7pm** on **Wednesday, December 24**. We are looking for children who can sing, dance, and act. Children in the First Communion and Confirmation Programs are especially encouraged to participate and may collect service hours through this project. Contact the parish office to add your name to the Christmas Play list.



TRIDUUM IN HONOUR TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. In the days leading up to her feast, parish groups will gather in the church to pray the Rosary: **Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 pm, and Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm**. On the Feast Day itself, **Friday, December 12**, we will begin with a Multilingual Rosary at **6:30 pm**. After the fifth mystery, the Rosary will pause and the Mass will begin. Following Communion, we will sing the Litany, receive the final blessing, and then contin-

ue our celebration with fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday, **December 14**, join us from **7pm-9pm** for our Christmas Concert! Celebrate the birth of Jesus with your parish community in song. All are welcome.



MASS OF ANOINTING

Next mass: **Wednesday, December 10 at 12pm** followed by the Senior's Group in the parish hall.



CELEBRATIONS TO BID FAREWEEL TO FR. EFREN

On Sunday, **December 14**, following the 7pm Christmas Concert, we will be holding a gathering in the Parish Hall to allow parishioners who prefer evening events to say farewell to Fr. Efren. He will also be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, **December 31 at 11am** followed by a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall at **12pm**. We invite all parishioners to join us in extending our well wishes to our Pastor. To participate in the organization contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

December 6-7 will be the final session of the year and it will resume on **January 10-11, 2026**.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Our Parish's will be holding the Advent day of Confessions from **December 15-19** from **9am-10am** (after the 8:30am mass), and on **Wednesday, December 17** from **6-7pm** and **7:30pm-9pm** (before and after the 7pm mass). In light of Fr. Efen being the only priest, we encourage everyone to reach out to neighboring parishes for their schedule of confessions. We thank you for your understanding.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A **second collection** will be taken next weekend, **December 6-7**, in support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program. Donate using the special envelopes that will be available in the pews, or by e-transfer (see bulletin cover). Your donations will be used to purchase food and gift cards for the Neighbours in Need. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. Thank you for making a difference to families in need.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Council 9144 announces the **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** poster contest open to all children JK - Gr. 8 in our parish. The contest encourages the true spirit of Christmas within our homes, schools, and community. Teachers and parents are encouraged to inspire their children or grandchildren to participate. Submit your entry by **December 18**. Winners will be awarded prizes. For entry forms or rules, interested participants may kindly contact Bro. Fion Lee at fionlee@sympatico.ca. Children in our sacramental preparation programs may collect forms from their catechists.

REJOICE! CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Michael's Choir School presents REJOICE Jubilee Celebration - 60 Years at Massey Hall. Tickets for this concert on **December 13** at **7pm** are now available at masseyhall.com. Use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY: Seeking additional ushers for the weekend Masses. Training will be provided. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Needed for the **1pm Sunday Mass**. Please contact the parish office to express your interest in either ministry.

MEXICO & EUROPE PILGRIMAGES

We are happy to announce the news of **two further journeys in 2026**. In the spring, from **May 6 to May 16**, we will travel through Portugal, Spain, and France, visiting Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, and Lisieux. This pilgrimage, led by Fr. Efen Alvarez Pelayo, is offered at **\$5,295.00**, and promises to be a time of prayer, discovery, and deep encounter with the saints who shaped our faith. Later in the year, from **October 9 to October 16**, we will journey to Mexico, where the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and surrounding sacred sites will welcome us into the heart of devotion to Mary. Details and pricing for this pilgrimage are available upon request. For more information or to reserve your place, please call 877-701-7729 ext. 342, or write directly to Fr. Efen at ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com to express your interest.



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



This Christmas, let us come together as a parish family to bring joy to children in our community. A Christmas Tree will be located at the entrance of the church, decorated with gift tags that represent the ages and genders of children who might otherwise go without a gift this Christmas. Please take a gift tag of your choice and return your donated wrapped gift, clearly labeled with the age and gender of the child and place it under the Christmas tree no later than **December 20-21**. Wrapped gifts can also be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Thank you for helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Christmas Eve
7:00 pm * 11:00pm
December 25 Christmas Day
8:30 am * 10:00 am
11:30 am * 1:00 pm
December 31
New Year's Eve
5:00 pm
January 1
New Year's Day
8:30 am * 10:00 am
11:30 am * 1:00 pm

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule returns Friday, January 2, 2026.

Office Closed

December 25 & 26; January 1, 2026

STEWARDSHIP



Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." One tremendous way we can keep awake is to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation especially this Advent. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

SHARELIFE: DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



From **November 3 until year end**, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000! ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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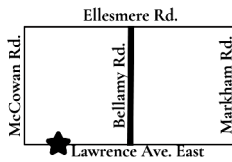


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