



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

Susan Remedios

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Nalini Andrews
NAndrews@archtoronto.org

HOUSEKEEPING

Geneveve Macariola-Amini

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Dan Christante
dan.christante@gmail.com

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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

Info: GK9144@ontariokofc.ca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Membership: 647-639-0098
eTransfers: Give@DonatetoSSVP.ca

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 Bourgeays	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, December 20

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 21

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 22

8:30am Mass

† Antonio & Helen Ong

† Cely Manalo

Tuesday, December 23

8:30am Mass

† Michael Girgis

† Raul Poblete

Wednesday, December 24

8:30am Mass

† Carlton & Carmel Shim

Friday, December 26

7:00pm Mass

† Mr. & Mrs. Mary Saminathan

Saturday, December 27

8:30am Mass

† Kemraj Boodhoo

♦ Al & Connie Junta

† Rest in peace ♦ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

DECEMBER 22-27

For the Eternal Rest of:

Cely Manalo, Dominic D'Mello,

Generosa D'Mello, Angelo

Donia, Dominic Da Silva,

Mr. & Mrs. Mary Saminathan

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON OF CHANGE: SAYING YES WITH JOSEPH

Christmas is the season when we celebrate the wondrous miracle of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel—"God with us." In the humblest of settings, the infinite God chose to take on human flesh to walk among us, laugh with us, cry with us, and ultimately save us. This truth remains as profound and life-changing today as it was over two thousand years ago. This year, we hear Joseph's story on the Fourth Sunday of Advent—a man whose world was turned upside down, yet who chose faith over fear. His quiet, courageous "yes" opened the way for God's plan to unfold. In this season of pastoral transition, Joseph's example speaks directly to us. Like him, we are invited to trust that God is guiding us, even when the path ahead is unfamiliar. Our parish is experiencing change, but we believe that grace will meet us in the unknown. Every act of patience, forgiveness, unity, and hope becomes part of the future God is preparing for this community. As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, let us open our hearts anew to welcome the Christ child. May the message of Christmas brighten our lives, renew our faith, and strengthen the bonds of love and friendship in our parish family. For some, this season may highlight losses or griefs that linger. If this resonates with you, know that Christ was born precisely for these moments. He is the light that pierces the deepest darkness, leading us to healing, peace, and hope. For those blessed with joyful gatherings, may your hearts be filled with gratitude, and may your prayers embrace those who are lonely or struggling. Finally, this is a time for gratitude. We, the priests and staff of Prince of Peace Parish, give heartfelt thanks for each of you. Serving this parish has been not only our calling but our joy. As we enter Christmas with a Joseph heart—steady, humble, open, and brave—may the grace of Christ fill your homes and lives. God is writing something new among us, and our "yes" makes room for His love to dwell. To all our parishioners and visitors alike, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas. And no matter where you find yourself this season—whether on the mountain top of joy or in the valley of struggle—Christ is with you, bringing His light and love.



Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year!

From all of us, the staff and pastoral team

CHANGE TO DECEMBER 26 MASSES

To allow our current pastor for some rest after Christmas Day, the mass on **December 26** (Boxing Day) will be at **7pm**. There will be **no mass at 8:30am on December 26**.



BELLS WILL BE RINGING

This Christmas Eve, we invite every one to bring hand bells to join in a joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior. After a serene Advent season, we're thrilled to announce that we will be singing the Gloria and, for the first time since Advent began, ringing the bells in unison. This festive tradition will add an extra layer of jubilation to our Christmas Eve Mass, symbolizing the joy that the birth of Jesus brings to our hearts. If you own hand bells, we encourage you to bring them with you to Mass.



FR. EFREN'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Fr. Efren will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, **December 31 at 11am** followed by a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall at **12pm**. This fellowship will include a potluck, and we warmly invite all attending to bring a dish to share. We hope you can join us in extending our well wishes to our Pastor.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Catholic Church celebrates the season of Christmas up to the Epiphany of the Lord, **January 4**. Throughout the season, you can still make donations towards Christmas Flowers by using the special envelopes provided at the entrance of the church. Thank you for making our church a beautiful place of prayer and celebration.



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.*

FAREWELL & WELCOME

In recent months, we have said farewell to familiar faces and prepared for new beginnings. This month, we thank **Joan Turco** as she retires from her role as Sacraments Coordinator. Joan has served the Archdiocese for over 10 years, with the past 3 years here at Prince of Peace. Her steady dedication has supported many families in their preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage. We welcome **Susan Remedios** as our new Sacraments Coordinator. Susan brings experience and a thoughtful spirit, and she looks forward to accompanying parishioners in their sacramental journeys. As we live through these transitions together, let us remain grounded in prayer, trusting in God's guidance.



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA



From **May 6 to May 16**, join Fr. Efren on this pilgrimage through Portugal, Spain, and France. You will visit many sights like Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, and Lourdes, and more. It will be a time of prayer, discovery, and deep encounter with the saints who shaped our faith. A brochure with details is available in the lobby of the church. For more information or to reserve your spot in this pilgrimage, please call 877-701-7729 ext. 342, or write to Fr. Efren at ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com.

JUBILEE CLOSING MASS

All are invited to attend the Closing Mass for the Year of Jubilee at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, **December 28 at 5pm**. Confessions will be available from **3:30pm-4:45pm**.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

We will be having a second collection for the **Benevolent Fund** during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses on **December 24-25** and one for **Maintenance Fund** during the weekend of **December 27-28**. Thank you for your support.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder to all parishioners that offertory envelopes for the 2026 year are now ready for pickup from the parish office during regular office hours. If you would like to donate and do not have an assigned envelope number, any regular envelope can be used as long as you indicate your name and full address. If you are new to the parish, we encourage you to visit the parish office to register in our parish and be assigned a box of offertory envelopes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional **ushers** for weekend masses, **Eucharistic Ministers** for the 1pm mass, and **slide advancers** for all weekend masses. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.

VOCATIONS

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. McCarthy at:



416-968-0997
vocations@archtoronto.org
vocationstoronto.ca

STEWARDSHIP



The great saints of the church speak of an intermediary coming of Christ, the coming of Christ to our present lives. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation, "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you" (Revelation 3:20). We can let him into our lives as stewards by realizing it is not ourselves ministering to our neighbour, but the love and presence of Christ within us.

SHARELIFE

Right now, there's a mother wondering how she'll feed her child, a senior hoping someone will remember them, a family praying for a way forward. Your support for ShareLife and the Food Security Grants is not only a source of hope but a tangible lifeline, ensuring that food finds its way to the tables of those who need it most. Your Christmas gift will go twice as far, providing twice the hope, twice the comfort, and twice the love to those who are counting on your support. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a 2025 tax receipt. Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope.



Thank you for living the Gospel!

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

Our parish joyfully announces the arrival of our new pastoral leadership, welcoming **Rev. Damian Young-Sam-You** as Pastor and **Rev. Dennise Joy** as Associate Pastor on **January 2**. We give thanks for the gifts they bring and the ministry they will share among us. Fr. Damian comes with a heart shaped by service—a certified mechanic who knows how to rebuild what is worn, a police chaplain who has walked with courage into places of pain, a self-taught DJ who has used music as a bridge for ministry, and a former vocation director who has guided many in discerning the voice of God. He brings creativity, compassion, and a deep commitment to serving God's people, coming not to replace what has been but to shepherd what is emerging. Fr. Dennise will begin his ministry among us on the same day, and in the weeks ahead we will come to know his story, his gifts, and the heart he brings to priestly service. As we prepare for their arrival, we are invited to ready our hearts with openness, patience, and trust, allowing God to guide this new chapter with grace. Transitions ask something of all of us—a willingness to let go, a readiness to receive, and a spirit of surrender to what God is doing—so let us welcome our new priests with prayer, generosity of spirit, and a shared desire to walk forward together in unity and hope.



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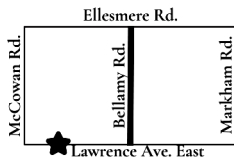


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