

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

Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:45 am
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
(not before Sat 5pm mass, see for First Friday below)

PASTOR

Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo

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

HOUSEKEEPING

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Lady of Grace	416-393-5372
St. Marguerite Bourgeoyoys	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

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

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

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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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 28

8:30am Mass

10:00am Mass

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Mass

Monday, December 29

8:30am Mass

✠ Antonympillai Gabrielpillai

◆ Margaret Wong Shroff

Tuesday, December 30

8:30am Mass

◆ Misato & Kevin Dungca

✠ Sarah Fernandes

Wednesday, December 31

8:30am Mass

Friday, January 2

8:30am Mass

◆ Daniel Tapia

◆ Stella Family

Saturday, January 3

8:30am Mass

✠ George Poblete

✠ Lorenzo & Rose Chua

✠ Rest in peace ◆ In thanksgiving

♥ For the infirm

SANCTUARY LAMP

DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 2

For the Eternal Rest of:

Raul Poblete, Winston Poblete

For the Health of:

Efren Cantos

In Thanksgiving:

Chong Liang

New Year's

MASS SCHEDULE

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 SCHEDULE

January 1 Closed

Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON OF CHANGE: A HOME BUILT ON TRUST



The Holy Family did not live a peaceful or predictable life. They fled danger, navigated uncertainty, and followed God's guidance step by step. Their home was not defined by stability, but by trust. What held them together was not perfect circumstance but faithful surrender to God's will. This feast speaks gently and honestly to our parish reality. A parish, like a family, is made up of different personalities, stories, hopes, and wounds. It grows through moments of joy and moments of upheaval. What matters most is not that every-

thing remains the same, but that God remains at the center. As we celebrate Christmas and stand on the threshold of a new year, this Gospel invites us to reflect on how we walk together as a community. We are living through a season of pastoral transition, and like the Holy Family, we do not see the entire path ahead. Yet they trusted the light they were given for the next step, and that was enough. Their courage was quiet. Their faith was steady. Their hope was rooted in God. The Holy Family offers us a model for this moment: protect what is holy, let go of what is harmful, and trust God for what comes next. In times of change, the call is not to fear, but to fidelity. Not to cling, but to accompany one another with patience and compassion.

As we enter the New Year, let us choose to be a parish family that walks with trust, gentleness, and courage. Let us hold one another with care, give thanks for the gifts we have received, and welcome the future God is preparing among us. May our homes and our parish be places where Christ is welcomed, where hope is nurtured, and where love continues to grow.

Blessings in the New Year!
From all of us, the staff and pastoral team

FR. EFREN'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Fr. Efren will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass this Wednesday, **December 31** at **11am** followed by a time of fellowship, including a potluck, in the Parish Hall at **12pm**. We invite you to join us and bring a dish as we send our Pastor off with our well wishes.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reminder to all parents that our Children's Liturgy of the Word program is currently on a Christmas Break. We look forward to welcoming the children back when the program resumes on the weekend of **January 10-11**.

MASS OF ANOINTING

The next Mass of Anointing will be held on Wednesday, **January 14** at **12pm** (noon), followed by the Senior's Group Social in the Parish Hall.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Beginning **January 3, 2026**, our parish's confession schedule will return to normal. This means that we will **resume** confessions on **Saturdays** from **4pm to 4:45pm** and will **discontinue** confessions on Wednesdays. Thank you for your understanding.



A BIG THANK YOU

Our deepest gratitude goes out to all those who participated in and assisted with our Nativity Christmas Eve Play. Your contributions have enriched our worship, deepened our sense of community and allowed us to experience the Christmas story in a truly meaningful way. Another thank you goes out to all families and parishioners who came to our 7pm Christmas Eve Mass to support our youth. May the blessings of the newborn King be with you and your families in this New Year.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

You can still make donations towards the Christmas Flowers fund until the end of the Christmas Season on **January 4**. We encourage all to take and use one of the special envelopes that are located at the entrance of the church. Thank you for helping make our church a beautiful prayerful space.



PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites all Christians to draw on our shared Christian heritage and enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. The Archdiocese of Toronto invites you to join Bishop John Boissonneau and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, to join in the Annual GTA Prayer Service on Sunday, **January 18** at **4pm** at **Runnymede United Church**, to pray for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Join the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto on the Commemoration of International Holocaust Day, Tuesday, **January 27**, from **7:30pm-9pm** as they commemorate and honour the victims, survivors, and liberators of the Holocaust and commit to the promotion of Shoah education. Register at tinyurl.com/ym22muk.



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.

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 directly to Fr. Efren at ealvarezpelayo@gmail.com.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

A reminder to all parishioners to pick up your offertory envelopes for the 2026 year from the parish office. 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.



VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. McCarthy at: 416-968-0997 vocations@archtoronto.org vocationstoronto.ca



STEWARDSHIP



This Sunday's great solemnity invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Holy Family. We are reminded that we should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family, not just time together in the same room but actual quality and intentional time. Let us ask ourselves this week: how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

SHARELIFE

Your gift will double in value! 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. The vulnerable members of our parish community are facing loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty this season. Your year-end gift to ShareLife enables those in need to receive support through 40+ ShareLife-funded agencies. Because of you, hope can live beyond Christmas and into the new year. There's still time to double your impact. 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 Joy 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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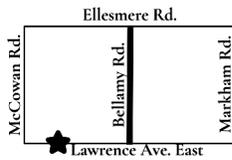


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