



PRINCE OF PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2026-2027 Welcome Packet

A Message From Our Pastor

Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster a vibrant Catholic parish that inspires disciples of Jesus through worship, sacraments, education, and service.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to cultivate our Catholic community that walks with Jesus and draws others to Him.

Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Our Vibrant Home!

At Prince of Peace Catholic Church, our parish of over 3,000 families thrives through active faith and radical hospitality. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you belong here. Explore our seven core ministry pillars to find your purpose, grow closer to Christ, and make a difference.

Our Seven Core Ministry Pillars

- **Advisory Councils & Committees:** Shape the long-term vision of our parish family by serving on leadership councils.
- **Vocation Ministry:** Pray for and support those discerning calls to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.
- **Faith Formation:** Grow spiritually through vibrant adult Bible studies, youth catechesis, and OCIA.
- **Liturgy:** Enrich our communal worship by serving as an altar server, lector, usher, or musician.
- **Service & Outreach:** Put faith into action by serving local neighbors in need.
- **Community & Social:** Build lifelong friendships across generations through our dynamic parish social events.
- **Prayer & Spirituality:** Deepen your prayer life through parish intentions, Eucharistic Adoration and much more.

Connect with Us Today

- **Stay Informed:** Follow Prince of Peace on Facebook and Instagram for daily campus updates.



Facebook



Website



Instagram

- **Take the Next Step:** Find your purpose and make a difference at Prince of Peace. Reach out directly to the ministry leaders listed in this directory to join a team!



Thanks and God Bless,
Father Michael Forge
Pastor

Sacraments and Liturgies

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil | 5PM

Sunday | 8AM | 10AM | 12:15PM

Daily Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat | 9AM

Wednesday | 9:00 AM (Summer); 9:30 (School-Year)

Monday—Friday | 5:30PM

Children (under 7) Baptism

Children under the age of 7 are baptized through the infant baptism process at Prince of Peace. Parents and godparents are required to attend preparation classes to learn more about the sacrament and their role in nurturing the child's Catholic faith. All required paperwork and preparation must be completed before the baptism can be scheduled.

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OCIA for Children

Families with children between 7-18 who are not yet baptized are encouraged to begin the conversation with our Director of Children's Religious Education.

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Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament in which baptized Catholics are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and more fully united to Christ and His Church. Through prayer, formation, and preparation, candidates deepen their understanding of the faith and embrace their call to live as missionary disciples. At Prince of Peace, students typically prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade, marking an important milestone in their spiritual journey.

Sophie Acuña

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Eucharistic Adoration

Daily | 9:30AM—3PM; 6PM—9PM

More information on signing up to be a regular Eucharistic Adorer will be on a following page.

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm-4:30pm

Priests are also available for confessions by appointment.

OCIA for Adults

OCIA is a year-round process for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but still missing sacraments such as Confirmation or Eucharist. Through prayer, formation, mentorship, and participation in parish life, participants deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in understanding of the Catholic faith. Those seeking full communion with the Church typically receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil or Pentecost, depending on their individual journey.

Lauren Scheller

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Funerals

At Prince of Peace, Catholic funerals follow the Church's Order of Christian Funerals, offering prayers, scripture, and liturgical rites that honor the deceased and provide comfort and hope to grieving families. Funeral Masses, vigil services, and receptions may be coordinated through the parish, with support provided by the liturgy staff throughout the planning process.

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Prince of Peace Catholic School

**Apply for
2027-2028!**

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for 2027-2028

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Advisory Councils and Committees

Pastoral Advisory Council

Support parish leadership in advancing the vision and mission of the parish through monthly meetings, with interviews for prospective members held in October.

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Pastoral Liturgical Committee

The Liturgical Committee works to support and enhance the celebration of the liturgy at Prince of Peace, helping ensure that parish worship is prayerful, meaningful, and spiritually enriching for the community. Committee members collaborate with clergy and ministry leaders to evaluate liturgical practices, promote active participation, and foster a deeper appreciation for the Church's worship life.

Fr. Ikenna Udemba
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Pastoral Finance Council

Assist and advise the Pastor and administrators with financial management and reporting. Monthly meeting.

Matt Lemme
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Pastoral Vocations Committee

The Vocation Ministry at Prince of Peace promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, marriage, and lay service by helping parishioners discern God's call in their lives. The ministry seeks to foster a culture of prayer for vocations through Eucharistic Adoration, parish prayer initiatives, educational opportunities, and vocation awareness events. It also celebrates and supports priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious through appreciation events, recognition of milestones, and ongoing encouragement from the parish community.

Fr. Ikenna Udemba
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Adult Faith Formation

Blessed is She Women's Small Groups

Blessed is She Brunches and Small Groups provide opportunities for women to grow in faith, build authentic friendships, and deepen their relationship with Christ through fellowship, prayer, and meaningful discussion.

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Catholic Book Club

The Catholic Book Club fosters faith and community through the shared exploration of Catholic literature. Members read a selected book each month independently and then gather for discussion. Meetings take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Welcome Center lobby.

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Family Connections

Support group for family members, significant others, and caregivers of people with mental health conditions.

Annette Nevins
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Foundations of Faith

Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith with Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a 20-session series exploring the four pillars of the Catechism and the biblical and historical roots of Catholic teaching. Through engaging presentations and a beautiful study workbook, you'll grow in confidence to know, live, and share your faith.

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Marian Group

This Bible study has a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and meets for sessions in both the fall and spring. The group selects a book to study together each session and begins each gathering with Adoration and the recitation of the Rosary

Susan Brosnahan
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Adult Faith Formation

Men's Small Groups

Looking to grow in your faith alongside other Catholic men? Men's Small Groups meet throughout the week and provide opportunities for faith formation, fellowship, prayer, and authentic community. With a variety of groups meeting at different times and locations, there is an option to fit nearly every schedule and stage of life.

Michael Muldowney

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Small Faith Group

Small Faith Group is a weekly gathering that helps adults deepen their Catholic faith through Scripture studies, books, videos, prayer, and discussion. Together, participants grow in their knowledge of the faith, strengthen their relationship with the Holy Trinity, and support one another in their spiritual journeys.

David Haney

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Symbolon

Looking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join us for this 16-week series featuring Symbolon: The Faith of the Church, which explores the core teachings of Catholicism through the Creed with engaging presentations from leading Catholic theologians. Open to all, this series is especially helpful for those preparing to become Catholic or receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion on Pentecost Sunday.

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That Man is You

That Man is You offers a weekly opportunity for Christian fellowship and faith formation through engaging video-based discussions. Meeting Fridays from 6:15–7:45 AM, participants enjoy a light breakfast, watch a 30-minute video, and discuss the topic in small groups, with no cost or commitment required.

Camilo Silva

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Adult Faith Formation

Walking with Purpose

Walking With Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen your understanding of the faith. Through engaging discussions and fellowship, participants explore important questions about prayer, the Eucharist, forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, suffering, and what it means to follow Christ more closely. Come make authentic connections with other women while being refreshed, encouraged, and inspired by God's love.

Joni Reed

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Welcome Wednesdays

Whether you are new to the Catholic faith, returning after time away, or simply have questions about what Catholics believe, Welcome Wednesdays are a great place to start. These gatherings feature engaging faith formation studies, such as Alpha, FORMED.org's The Search, and other discussion-based series that explore life's big questions and the foundations of the Catholic faith. Dinner is provided, and all are welcome to come, learn, and connect in a friendly and welcoming environment.

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Children's and Youth Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This Montessori-based faith formation program for children ages 3 through third grade helps young disciples grow in their relationship with Jesus through hands-on learning, prayerful reflection, and wonder-filled exploration of the Catholic faith.

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Children with Learning Disabilities

These small-group faith formation classes for children ages 5–12 provide a supportive and welcoming environment where every child can grow in faith and deepen their understanding of God's love.

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POPTOTS

Introduces young children (age 3-Kindergarten) to God's love through stories, songs, and fun faith-filled activities.

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Sunday School Classes

This program helps children in grades 1,3,4, and 5 grow in their Catholic faith through Scripture, prayer, activities, and community. **(see page 3 for 2nd grade and other Sacrament prep)**

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POP Young Church

Young Church is a weekly ministry for students in 6th–12th grade that meets during the school year. Our middle school and high school students gather together each week to build community, worship, and grow as one youth ministry before splitting into age-specific groups where content and discussions are designed for each stage of their faith journey. Our mission is to help every young person encounter Jesus Christ, deepen their relationship with Him, and become lifelong disciples. **(see page 3 for Confirmation prep)**

Sophie Acuña

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Liturgical Ministries

Acolytes

Junior and Senior acolytes assist our worship at Sunday Masses, holy days, and other sacramental celebrations. Two junior acolytes and one senior acolyte are assigned to each liturgy. Candidates for junior acolytes must be in fifth grade. Trainings are held in the fall and spring.

Wayne Chen

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Adoration

Help organize Adoration schedules or commit to an hour of Adoration.

Benedicta Obasuyi

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Art & Environment Committee

Help decorate the church for liturgical seasons (e.g., Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter) and special events.

Lenore Berg

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Altar Linen

The Altar Linen Committee is a dedicated group that cares for the sacred linens used during Mass. Members reverently wash, iron, and prepare these linens to ensure they are worthy for use in the liturgy.

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Baptism Coordinators

Baptism Coordinators assist in preparing the materials and sacred items needed for the celebration of Baptism, helping ensure the liturgy is organized and prayerful. They also support the presider during the Baptism, allowing families to focus on this joyful sacrament and welcoming new members into the Church.

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Cameroon Catholic Community

Cameroon Catholic Community brings together Catholics of Cameroonian heritage and friends to celebrate their faith, culture, and fellowship within the Prince of Peace parish family. The community gathers on the fourth Sunday of each month for prayer, community building, and support while sharing the rich traditions of the Catholic faith.

Vincent Nasah

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Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers

Ministers of Holy Communion share the Body and Blood of Christ with the assembly at all Eucharistic celebrations in our parish. Training is held in the fall.

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Hospital Ministry

People in this ministry bring the Eucharist to the sick at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano. Hospital visits require a commitment of two hours per month.

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Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Sacred Scriptures at Mass. Training and formation required.

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Ministry to the Homebound

The Senior Living Ministry supports Catholics in the various senior living facilities within our parish boundaries- Life Care Center, Colonial Lodge, Edenbrook, Silverado, Sunrise Living Center, Legacy at Willow Bend and Collin Oaks. Activities include one-on-one visits with the Catholic residents, bringing them the Eucharist each week.

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Music Ministry

The Music Ministry at Prince of Peace leads the congregation in worship through song, enhancing our liturgies with reverence and beauty.

- **Choir:** The Liturgical Choir prepares music from a wide variety of styles. Singing in the Choir at 10:00 am Mass (September-May) Membership is open to all singers high school age and above.
- **Cantor:** The Liturgical Choir prepares music from a wide variety of styles. Singing in the Choir at 10:00 am Mass (September-May) Membership is open to all singers high school age and above.
- **Instrumentalist:** Instrumentalists are used to accompany the choirs and to assist the assembly in their participation in the liturgy. (guitar, violin, flute, etc.)
- **Bell Choir:** Plays handbells during worship. Training will be provided.

Dr. Darnell St. Romain
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Liturgical Ministries

Our Lady of Silence

Provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation for Masses and other parish events.

Liz Ellis

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Prison Ministry

Serve those who are incarcerated by bringing the presence of Christ and the gift of the Eucharist to individuals in local prisons.

Bill Drexel

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Sacristans

Sacristans provide altar care, altar linen care, Eucharistic Chapel care, setup for Ministers of Holy Communion, setup for holy days, and assistance to the Director of Worship.

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Shona Ministry

The Shona Ministry celebrates the rich spiritual and cultural traditions of Zimbabwe through periodic Masses that incorporate Shona language, music, and customs within the Roman Catholic liturgy. Open to all, these celebrations foster fellowship, preserve cultural heritage, and enrich the diversity of our parish community.

Sharon Tshekeche

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Ushers

Ushers welcome parishioners, assist with seating, collect offerings, and distribute bulletins. Ushers are assigned to a team that serves at a particular Mass every other week or once a month. We welcome anyone 13 years and older to serve.

Jackie Crawford

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Prayer and Spirituality

Exalt

EXALT is a night of rich worship music, filled with the Spirit, along with a powerful message challenging each of us to evaluate our walk and give ourselves more fully over to Christ. Our speakers challenge you to evaluate your walk and go deeper. The worship music is filled with the Spirit, pointing us to Jesus in the Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available. We close every Exalt in fellowship directly following worship at a local restaurant. Join other Catholics in worship together, come to Exalt.

Sam Ayers

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Prayer Team Ministry

Our Prayer Team Ministry is a group of individuals who regularly gathers to pray for the intentions and needs of our parish. Once a month the group hosts a Healing Mass with anointing of the sick and prayer teams for the whole parish.

Benedicta Obasuyi

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prince of Peace Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of women in the parish who desire to share fellowship and provide compassion and comfort to others through their prayers and handiwork. It is our prayerful hope that the shawls we knit or crochet will help to evidence God's love, especially to those who may be facing challenges or health issues in life. Our ministry also provides baptismal cloths to the families of newly baptized infants at the parish.

Rosemary Fair

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Service and Outreach

Honor Our Heroes

Honor Our Heroes supports active-duty service members and military families through care packages, outreach, prayer, and gratitude.

Rick and Carrie Martinez
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Pathfinders

Pathfinders engage individuals and families of all ages in hands-on service with local charities and those in need. Through prayer, Scripture, and acts of service, we grow in faith while following Christ's path.

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Project Guardian Angel

Project Guardian Angel partners Bishop Dunne Catholic School with Prince of Peace Catholic Community, encouraging parishioners to support students through mentorship, prayer, and financial aid. This initiative enriches students' education and spiritual growth while strengthening parish connections.

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Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry under the guidance of the Diocese of Dallas, is dedicated to educating and promoting the dignity and sacredness of human life within the parish.

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Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul serves those in need within our parish community by providing financial assistance for essentials, compassionate support, and personal outreach through phone calls and home visits.

Pat Brosnahan
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Sister Parish Ministry

Our Sister Parish Ministry builds a faith-filled relationship with Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes in Honduras through mutual prayer, evangelization, education, healthcare, social justice, and service.

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Shoe Ministry

The Shoe Ministry provides new shoes to children and families in need, sharing Christ's love through service and helping ensure students in our diocese have comfortable, properly fitting footwear.

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Community and Social

Blood Drive Volunteers

Assist with logistics and coordination during blood drives held twice a year.

Kim Forcum

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Coffee and Donuts

Assist with coffee and donuts after 8am or 10am Mass once a quarter.

Cathy Metry

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Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters Ministry provides fellowship, faith formation, and social opportunities for adults whose children have grown, helping them build community and continue growing in their faith journey.

Jeanette Drew

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Faith and Friendship

Faith and Friendship is a faith-centered ministry for Catholic singles ages 55 and older, offering a welcoming community rooted in Christ. Build authentic friendships, grow spiritually, and share life's experiences through fellowship, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Maryse Ruberu

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Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University, created by Dave Ramsey, is a faith-based program that provides practical tools to help individuals and families manage money, eliminate debt, build savings, and find financial peace.

Lucas Floriani

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Foster and Adopt Ministry

The Foster Care and Adoption Ministry brings together foster, adoptive, and kinship families to build community, share support, and encourage one another while living out their Catholic faith.

Veronica Sandoval

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Community and Social

Homeschool Ministry

A group of Catholic homeschooling families who meet monthly for extracurricular learning and fellowship in order to supplement what we are doing at home. The homeschool ministry exists to help us grow in community with other Catholic homeschooling families in the area.

Stephanie Bjornstrom

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Knights of Columbus

Join this fraternal service organization dedicated to faith, family, community, and life. Many roles are available.

Larry Hahn

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Marriage Ministry

The Marriage Ministry offers a variety of programs, small groups, and social events designed to help couples grow in holiness, strengthen their relationship with God and one another, and build community with other married couples.

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Men's Forge and Women's Refine YA Groups

Men's Forge and Women's Refine Small Groups provide young adult men and women ages 18–35 with opportunities to grow in their Catholic faith through prayer, fellowship, Scripture study, and meaningful discussion in a small-group setting.

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Merry Widows

Merry Widows is a fellowship ministry that provides widows with opportunities for friendship, support, faith enrichment, and social connection through monthly gatherings and special events.

Joyce Boese

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Community and Social

POPMoms

POP Moms is a Catholic community for mothers of children ages 0–18 that offers faith-filled fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to grow in their vocation as mothers through monthly gatherings, socials, and playdates.

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POP Young Adults

POP Young Adults is a ministry for adults ages 18–35 that fosters authentic community, spiritual growth, and deeper discipleship through faith formation, fellowship, service, and social events.

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Primetimers

Primetimers is a welcoming ministry for adults 55+ that gathers monthly for fellowship, speakers, lunch, social activities, outreach projects, and opportunities to stay connected with parish life.

Janet Thoele

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Savior's Embrace

Savior's Embrace is a ministry that offers support to families experiencing pregnancy loss, infant loss, or infant hospitalization. They provide compassion, guidance, and resources to help navigate these challenging times.

Christa Lyle

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Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee creates a culture of hospitality where everyone who visits Prince of Peace feels seen, valued, and welcomed. Working with Greeters and Ambassadors, the committee equips volunteers and builds meaningful connections with newcomers. Through intentional hospitality, they help everyone find a sense of belonging in our parish community.

Linda Ali

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To keep up to date with all the ministries at
Prince of Peace, please visit our website.