

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins - Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 PM

Since he arrived in Toronto as Archbishop, Cardinal Collins has celebrated Lectio Divina once a month at the Cathedral. This year as the Cathedral is undergoing renovations he is visiting different churches in the Archdiocese for this monthly event. St. Peter's will be hosting Lectio Divina for the whole Archdiocese on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Cardinal Collins will preside at the Liturgy of the Hours for the Solemnity of All Saints and preach and reflect on the Gospel of Mark. The theme of his reflection will be The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:18-40). Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. This event will be recorded to be broadcast on Canada's Catholic Salt and Light network and there will be a special choir formed for the event. It would be great to have a full church to host this event that will be watched around the country. Please consider attending the 6:00 pm Mass and staying Lectio Divina at 7:00 pm with Cardinal Collins.

All Souls Day - November 2 & praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls Day the parish will have 3 Masses:

8:00 AM Mass in the Centre Chapel

12:10 PM Mass in the Centre Chapel

7:00 PM Mass in the Church

At the 7:00 PM Mass the names of all those who have died in the parish since last November 2 will be called out.

Winter Welcome Table

Winter welcome table is returning....the program to feed the homeless and marginalized of the inner city..primarily in the annex area....will start again November 2. All interested volunteers are asked to attend an Orientation meeting will be held on October 27 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church (door under archway entry). All inquiries should be sent to Marie Parise 416 531 3846.

Religious Education Registration

It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Religious Education Program. We are accepting registrations for ALL children, in both Public and Catholic schools, wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next Spring. Please note that the Archdiocese of Toronto has lowered the elementary school grade for Confirmation candidates from Grade 8 to Grade 7. Therefore, we will be accepting both grades this year. All Sacramental Preparation Classes must be attended by both Catholic and Public school children. Please inquire at the Parish Office or visit us online at www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's program. **First Confession/Reconciliation and First Communion:** Letters were sent home with all of the grade 2 children at St. Raymond's Catholic School with information about the parish's First Communion and First Confession/Reconciliation Programme. If your child attends a Catholic school outside of the parish or a public school, please call the parish office for information at 416-534-4219. Children are no longer prepared in the school for these sacraments, but in their parish by the parents. Children are to prepare for these sacraments in the parish that they attend with the parents. The information meeting for the parents of those wishing to make their First Confession and First Communion will take place on either Wednesday, November 11 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Parish Centre OR Saturday, November 14 from 12:15 to 1:15 PM at the Parish Centre. The Parish Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street. Any student in a grade older than grade 2 who has not made First Confession and First Communion is also welcome to join this programme.

Confirmation: Letters were also sent home with all the grade 7 and 8 students at St. Raymond's Catholic School with information about the parish's Confirmation programme: If your child attends a Catholic School outside of the parish or a public school, please call the parish office for information at 416-534-4219. The Archdiocese has changed the age of Confirmation to grade 7, so this year students in both grades 7 and 8 will be prepared together. Again, students are no longer prepared in the school for this sacrament, but in the parish that they attend regularly. The information meeting for the parents of those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on either Saturday, October 24 at from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the Parish Centre OR Tuesday, October 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Church. The Parish Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street and the Church at 840 Bathurst Street.

Interested in the Catholic faith ?

Would like to join the Catholic Church ? Then register for this year's R.C.I.A. program !

Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Centre, The R.C.I.A. program here at St. Peter's invites all Non-Catholics who are interested in learning about our Catholic faith. The program will meet weekly on Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. The participants in the R.C.I.A. program are called Catechumens or Candidates. A Catechumen is one who has never been baptized and is considering becoming a Catholic. A Candidate is someone who has been previously baptized in a Christian denomination other than Catholic. Father Jim Casper and Mr. Peter Williamson will be the co-ordinators this year. We also need active Catholics who would like to be part of the hospitality team to volunteer. Please pray for the success of this year's R.C.I.A. program. For more information or volunteer call the parish office at 416-534-4219.

Planning to be a Catholic Teacher?

It is critical for you to know that to be hired to teach in any Catholic school board in Ontario, as part of your application for employment there must be a letter of reference from your pastor. If you (or if your adult child) is planning to apply to teach in a Catholic school, it is highly recommended you contact the pastor before Thanksgiving. Please plan to have a conversation with your pastor early in the process and you will avoid disappointment and stress at the time when applications are to be submitted.

Humanitarian Relief - Syrian Refugees- Project Hope

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to NAME OF PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Parish Office at 416-534-4219.

Coffee Hour - Sunday, November 1

We invite you to join us for a regular coffee hour on Sunday, November 1, after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Church auditorium. The next Coffee Hour for this year will take place on Sunday, December 13. All are welcome!

THANK YOU DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers who have helped with the Fall Fair are invited to a thank you dinner in the Parish auditorium at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 29. Thank you again for everything!

Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission

Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibility to act in his encyclical *Laudato Si*: "The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes... The effects of this imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now!" There are many ways in which you can contribute to reducing carbon emissions. Even small changes in your everyday life can make a big difference! The Cardinal has asked all parishes to participate in a national weekend of Action on October 24/25 together with Development and Peace to Create a Climate of Change. Read the pamphlet and prayer card included with this bulletin. Next week you will be asked to sign an Action Card to the government. On the card, you can also share with the Prime Minister your own personal action to help reduce climate change. The survival of our planet and its people is at stake.

Workshop for the Sick and Shut-in - November 14

There will be a workshop for those interested in visiting the sick and shut-in on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the Church. All those who are already serving this ministry must attend this workshop as well. Those who are new to this ministry and those who have already done so must undergo a criminal record check in compliance with the Archdiocese's policy of ministering to the vulnerable persons. In order to be a minister of communion to the sick and shut-in one must be free to receive the Eucharist and practicing his or her faith freely. Please call the parish office to sign up for this workshop.

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Please remember St. Peter's in your will.