

**COVID - 19 Update**

St. Peter's Church is open for Mass every day. From Monday to Friday the church is open for Mass at 8:00 a.m. and for prayer in the morning and early afternoon. Mass on Sundays is celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday.

We are able to accommodate up to 30% of our capacity (200 maximum), so it is recommended that you come early. Those who attend our busiest Mass at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday might consider attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In keeping with the bylaws of the City of Toronto, all who visit St. Peter's Church must wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this important safety measure.

If you have been in contact with anyone with the COVID 19 virus within the last 14 days, you are asked to stay home. Those with a fever or any symptoms should also stay home.

During this time, the parish washrooms are not available.

For the time being, the parish office will be open only two days a week—Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are asked to make an appointment before visiting the office for the safety of the staff.

The office is not open evenings and weekends.

Fr. Michael is available by phone at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 and all messages are returned.

Due to spacing issues, those groups which used to meet in our small meeting rooms are not meeting at this time.

Thank you to all who have supported the parish during this difficult time. Donations can be mailed to the parish at 659 Markham Street, Toronto On M6G 2M1, left in the mail slot at the Sisters of Life entrance, or made through Donate Now at the Archdiocese of Toronto. If using Donate Now at www.archtoronto.org, please be sure to select St. Peter's Toronto as your parish.

We look forward to seeing you soon and praying together again.

Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!!!!**RCIA**

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish where they would like to attend Sunday Mass. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

**Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepen in a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. The R.C.I.A. at St. Peter's will begin in September. The group will meet throughout the length of the school year. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will be celebrated at Easter (April 3, 2021) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2021).

**For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination a shorter path towards joining the Catholic Church may be possible, depending on their previous faith formation.

**If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to consider joining the R.C.I.A. at the parish where they wish to attend Sunday Mass. If they wish to do so here at St. Peter's, please have them give Fr. Michael a call for more information (416-534-4291, ext. 211).

ShareLife Needs You More than Ever!

This year, in the midst of COVID 19, many of the 40 organizations that depend on ShareLife for funding have been busier than ever caring for those in our community who are the most vulnerable. The need this year is greater than ever.

Normally, the ShareLife campaign takes place every year during the season of Lent. As our churches were closed this past Spring, the campaign did not take place and many did not have an opportunity to give.

As the need this year is greater, now that our churches are open again, the campaign will be extended to the fall. There will be additional collections this year in support of ShareLife. These will take place on September 12-13, 2020 and October 10-11, 2020 (the Thanksgiving weekend). If need be, an additional collection will also take place on November 7-8, 2020.

This year, St. Peter's parish goal for ShareLife is \$41,000. We have already collected about \$12,500.

To those who have already donated this year—thank you very much!

If the challenges of this year make it impossible for you and your family to donate, please keep these organizations in your prayers.

If you are able to give this year, please consider giving generously.

In the event that you do not feel safe giving at church, you may do so by sending your donation to the parish office (659 Markham Street, Toronto, Ontario, M6G 2M1) or through the archdiocesan website's "Donate Now" portal at: www.archtoronto.org .

Thank you for your support of ShareLife—through it our community helps to live the Gospel in our local Church.

Mini Morning Retreat*Retreat*

A time for input, reflection and prayer offered by Sr. Gabriel, cps, on how the Psalms speak to us, strengthen us and encourage us during this pandemic

Where: Church

Time (after 8:00 a.m. Mass – 8:45 am - 9:15 am)

When: September 21-25, 2020

Blessing of Pets - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Oct. 4

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 2:30 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. For the safety of all people and animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)**

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download.

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.