



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.

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2020 ~ 2021

It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme. 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.

♦♦**First Communion:** Children in grade two or older are invited to celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. Parents interested in enrolling their children in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 2–3 pm or Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 7-8 pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

♦♦**Confirmation:** Children in grade seven or older are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents AND their children interested in enrolling in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7-8 pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

♦♦All Sacramental Preparation Classes must be attended by both Catholic and Public school children. Please inquire at the Parish Office, contact Fr. Michael at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 or visit us online at [www.religiosed.stpeterstoronto.ca](http://religiosed.stpeterstoronto.ca), for further details and information about this year's programme.

Taking care of your Spiritual Family

The parish of St. Peter's has been a part of your faith development and is like a member of your family. When preparing your estate plans, we ask you to consider a bequest to the parish as a way of guaranteeing the health of your spiritual family long into the future. Through your estate, your membership in our extended community of faith will continue in perpetuity. May God who loved you in this life reward your generosity in eternal life. Thank you!

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.

Blessing of Pets - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - This Sunday, Oct. 4

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on this **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.

**Donations for Good Shepherd Food Bank**

Normally every thanksgiving the parish has a food drive for the Good Shepherd Ministry. This year we are not collecting canned foods. Instead, if you are able to support the Good Shepherd Ministry, you may donate money to help them feed those most in need. Donations may be sent directly to them at: Good Shepherd Ministries, 412 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 1T3. Alternatively, cheques may be made payable to: St. Peter's Church – Food Drive and the parish will forward your donation directly to them. If you would like more information about the good work they do, please go to www.goodshepherd.ca

Thank you for remembering those most in need at Thanksgiving.



A family that Prays together Stays together

October Month of the Rosary