

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

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.

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 Sharelifecampaign 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 collection this year in support of Sharelife on this weekend of **November 7-8, 2020**.

This year, St. Peter's parish goal for Sharelife is \$41,000. We have already collected about **\$27,808**.

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.

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!

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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.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace, Amen.

Shepherd's Trust Collection

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign for The Shepherd's Trust this year. Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Remembrance Day - November 11

On November 11th, we remember in thanksgiving those who made and who continue to make the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely



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.

2021 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2021 Mass Intentions for all **weekday Masses at 8 AM** (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses **Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM**. Offering: For announced date \$20 per Mass and for Unannounced date \$10 per Mass. The parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every **Thursday at the 8:00 am Mass**. The parish office is open to book Mass intentions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. However, to avoid crowds in the office during the pandemic you are asked to call and make an appointment for your visit (416-534-4219)