

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!

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 8, 2023) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2023).

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).

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

Please consider attending workshops in the **Church:**
Lectors Ministry – Saturday, **September 17**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministry - Saturday, **September 24**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Altar Servers Ministry - Saturday, **September 24**, from 10 am – 12 noon

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality - Saturday, **October 15**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Pie Sunday, Sept. 11

Join us every second Sunday of the month, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

We welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all **this weekend** masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

September 3-4, 2022

Bereavement Support Group - Sept. 29

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, September 29 to October 27, 2022** from **1:30 - 3:30 pm** in the rectory/auditorium. If you or someone you know is dealing with the loss of a loved one and would like to join this group, please **register** at the parish office (416-534-4219) or email: **contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca** Facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps

Lecture Event on Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB is hosting an evening reflection at St. Peter's Parish on the Feast of the Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross, the topic will be on **"Why is the Crucifix our defining symbol as Christians?"**

Date: **Wednesday evening, September 14, 2022**

Time: **7:00 pm**

Location: **St. Peter's Church, Auditorium** (Located at 659 Markham St. entrance to the auditorium is under the archway). All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for Labour day. Mass will be at 10 AM and there will be no adoration.

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Listening to Indigenous Voices

Thursdays, September 15, October 13, November 10, December 8 – 7 to 9 p.m.

The Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice has recently published a dialogue guide, in partnership with Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers, 'Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships.' It has been published by Novalis Publishing as a response to 'Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission' Calls to Action. St. Peter's Parish has invited Elder Bob Philips and Fr. Trevor Scott SJ, of the Jesuit Forum, to introduce our parish community, and those of our wider community who might be interested, to this dialogue process. Through a selection of four sessions from '*Listening to Indigenous Voices*' interested participants will meet once a month to reflect upon past wrongs that have been inflicted upon Indigenous communities, and how we can move towards right relationships with Indigenous peoples as a society and as a church community based upon a renewed respect and celebration. Please register in advance with St. Peter's parish office at 416-534-4219 as registration is limited to 40 people. Please note our parish hall is not wheelchair accessible. For more information on the guide itself visit: LTIV.ca

COST: \$45 (includes guide); \$25 (if you already have the guide) The registration fee will be waived for those who cannot afford to pay it.

Welcome Social - Church Courtyard

Sat. Sept. 24 after 5:00 PM Mass & Sun. Sept. 25 after 9 AM & 11:15 AM Masses. Mark your calendars!

Parish Memorial Mass to Resume in September on Frist Friday at 7:00 p.m.

The parish will resume the monthly memorial Mass to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. Names may be enrolled for each monthly Mass by calling the parish office ahead of time. Those who enroll a name (or names) will be asked to leave their name and phone number. Those who request a memorial Mass must attend to light a candle for their deceased loved one. A donation of \$20.00 per person is the suggested donation for this special Mass. This Mass is intended only for the anniversaries of death, birthdays and special occasions taking place in that particular month for the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish and their family members. Those who are not parishioners of St. Peter's are encouraged to have a Mass celebrated for their deceased loved ones in their own parish. The Mass will be celebrated on the First Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish church. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office during office hours- 416-534-4219. As arrangements must be made ahead of time for a candle to be lit for each person being remembered, it will not be possible to add names during the Mass.

Fall Fair - Oct. 15 & 16 Sat. Oct. 15 - 12 noon - 7:00 PM Sun. Oct. 16 - 10 AM - 3:00 PM

Please deliver your donations to the parish office starting from **Sept. 15** until **Oct. 11** during office hours. Thank you!

"Laudato Si" Adult Garden Retreat Day

This retreat is being offered by Sr. Gabriel Riddle, cps in the gardens of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood:

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Venue: St. Bernard's Convent, 685 Finch Ave. West, North York (close to buses and subway) Retreat includes Eucharistic celebration and a special presentation by Fr. Thomas Rosica, csb, time for prayer and reflection. Lunch provided.

Register at: St. Peter's Parish (416-534-4219) Suggested donation: **\$25**

In-Person Drop-in Bereavement Support Session - Sept. 21 @ 1:00 PM

Share discussions with others in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental forum

Topic: End of Summer: leaving behind and looking beyond

Venue: St. Peter's Auditorium (there is no wheelchair access to the parish hall, Green P parking available on Markham St.)

Date: Sept. 21 @ 1:00 PM

Register at:

<https://nbbes.eventbrite.ca> for more info contact:

Arcangelo Limanni, MRE

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647-215-3978

Parish Finances

Offering Aug. 20-21, 2022

Envelopes: \$2282.00

Loose: \$577.70

PAG: \$1023.00

Total: \$3882.70

Offering Aug. 27-28, 2022

Envelopes: \$1861.00

Loose: \$451.10

PAG: \$1023.00

Total: \$3335.10