

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2022 ~ 2023

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 19, 2022 at 2–3 pm or Wednesday, November 23, 2022 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 12, 2022 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 16, 2022 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.religiousest.peterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme.

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Get Involved

Please consider attending workshop in the Church: **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

Cinnamon Roll Sunday, Oct. 9

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.

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. Also you may contact the parish office if you still wish to contribute \$20 for flowers for the fall fair.

Help us, help refugees!

On the weekend of **Oct. 15/16** Deacon Rudy Ovcjak from the Office of the Refugees will address us on the immediate plight of refugees and how we as a parish can help them in housing, employment and adjustment to Canadian life. Please contact the office of refugees at: Orateducator@archtoronto.org

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 **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 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.

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

Social Justice Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting for the Social Justice Committee on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Church auditorium. If you wish to join, please come. We will also discuss how the parish might assist displaced persons from Ukraine.

LIFE CHAIN – THIS Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, 2 pm-3 pm will take place in front of our Church

Truth, Healing
& Reconciliation 

October 1-2, 2022

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Presentation for Mental Health Care Workers on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm - Rectory, Conference room

"This is a presentation of the processes in the therapeutic setting which promote healing, lessen stress, depression and anxiety. It is a presentation of how psychotherapy contributes to the amelioration of unhappiness.

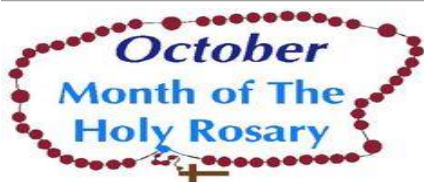
This talk, with examples, would be of interest to those practicing psychotherapy and those with a curiosity about, what in the clinical space, facilitates healing.

Dr. Egit is a practicing psychotherapist/psychoanalyst. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and completed his analytic training at the Toronto Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis. (he will be happy to entertain questions and initiate a discussion as part of the presentation)."

Sick and Shut-in Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers to our sick and shut-in parishioners on **Saturday October 8 at 1:00 pm in the Church auditorium.**

Anyone interested in volunteering and/or learning more about this ministry are also welcome. Police background check will be required.



Thanksgiving Food- Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission Oct. 8 & 9



The Good Shepherd Mission in Toronto looks after many of the city's homeless and helps them find a warm meal all year round. Each year they rely on the generosity of Torontonians who are able to donate food to make their mission possible. This year the parish will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd Mission. Please consider donating canned tuna, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, jam, cereal teabags, instant coffee, cookies, rice, and crackers. **Please no fresh fruits or vegetables or frozen food.** Some parishes decorate their sanctuaries with flowers on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us decorate ours with food to be offered to those in need. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to any of our Sunday Masses on the **Thanksgiving weekend - October 8 & 9**

Memorial Mass on First Friday October. 7

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. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office.

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 24-25, 2022

Envelopes:	\$3937.00
Loose:	\$410.70
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$5370.00

Exploring our encounter with Christ through the Sacraments, beginning Wednesday, October 5 at 7:15 pm in the Church Auditorium

Our faith is often described as a marriage between God and humanity. St. Paul writes that marriage was actually designed by God himself to be a visible and tangible sign of his own love for humankind. So if our relationship with God is like a marriage, and marriage is about a lifelong covenant in which a man and a woman live to give themselves entirely to each other, how do we give ourselves completely to God? A better question still is: how does God give himself fully to us? Is that even possible? What would my life be like if I was totally God's, and he was totally mine?

The answer can be summed up in two words: The Sacraments. This is how God, our divine spouse, is ever seeking to draw us to himself and to give himself to us.

Over the course of this Fall, we will dive into the staggering realities of the Sacraments, how they are God's means of coming to be with us, how they are our means of sharing in God's very life, and how they might radically transform the way we perceive and live out our lives as the Church, the spouse of God.

Beginning October 5th, at 7:15 pm, and continuing weekly throughout the Fall, we'll gather in the Parish Hall at St. Peter's. We're looking forward to gathering with many of you!

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakonechny