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

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Day - November 1

On Tuesday, November 1, All Saints day, Masses will be celebrated at **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

All Souls Day - November 2 & praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls day the parish will have Masses for **All Souls** at **8:00 AM and 7:00 PM**. The parish has invited the families of those who have had a death this year to the 7:00 PM Mass.

Winter Welcome Table Volunteers Needed

Winter Welcome table is returning the program to feed the homeless and marginalized of the inner city primarily in the annex area will start again on Mondays beginning November 7. Volunteers are needed as we return to serving meals inside. If you are able to help please call the parish office at 416-534-4219

"The poor one called and the Lord heard."
~Psalm 34~

Cookie Sunday, Nov. 13

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

2023 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2023 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**

The parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every ***Thursday at the 8:00 am Mass***. As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

Memorial Mass on First Friday November 4

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, **Nov. 4** to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. 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.

Knowledge, Belief, and Faith – Nov. 8 @ 7:00 PM

People often assume that belief and knowledge are opposites, with belief being in the realm of religion and knowledge in the realm of science. In reality, belief is far from just a religious phenomenon and is something we rely on all the time, in science just as much as in everyday situations. In this talk, Fr. Hincks will explain how belief and knowledge fit together---and what they have to do with religious faith.

Date: **November 8**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **St. Peter's Church, Auditorium** (Located at 659 Markham St. entrance to the auditorium is under the archway).
The auditorium is not wheelchair accessible
All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Pakistan Floods - Humanitarian Relief

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:
Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Pakistan Floods – Humanitarian Relief

Parish Finances

Offering Oct. 15-16, 2022

Envelopes:	$2960.70
Loose:	$570.45
PAG:	$1023.00
TOTAL	**$4554.15**

Listening to Indigenous Voices

November 10, December 8, January 12 at 7 to 9 p.m.
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.

World Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard for a successful Fall Fair this year. There were many people who donated, worked and contributed to this success. Just as important to the success of the Fall Fair is the involvement of so many parish people and groups. Much gratitude is extended to all involved.

Exploring our encounter with Christ through the Sacraments, beginning Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 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 7:00 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