

■ ■ 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

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 office at 416-534-4219

Bereavement Support Group - Nov. 17 - Dec. 15

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, November 17 to December 15, 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

Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting clean winter coats, sweaters and winter clothing for distribution among those who attend the Winter Welcome Table for a warm meal. Toiletries and unused socks are also in great demand. Please donate in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

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



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

Shepherd's Trust collection - Nov. 13

There will be a second collection next weekend, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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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.

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.

Parish Finances

Offering Oct. 29-30 2022

Envelopes:	\$2195.55
Loose:	\$490.35
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3708.90

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.

Are you able to host a Ukrainian Family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months.. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived (need housing, renting space, setting up a home, social support, etc.). If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please speak with Fr. Michael (416-534-4219, ext. 211) and attend an information meeting on **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM** in the parish auditorium

Book of Remembrance

The "Book of Remembrance has been placed in the Church for the month of November to add names of deceased family and friends to offer prayers

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 7:00pm, 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

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL

November 5-6, 2022