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.
- ♦♦ 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

Christmas Gifts for the Winter Welcome Table

We would like to have <u>unwrapped gifts</u> for distribution at our December 19th Winter Welcome Table Christmas Party. Items such as socks, scarves, hats, gloves, male and female personal hygiene products would be required. Your generosity will be appreciated. Please place gifts in the <u>boxes</u> at the doors of the church any day **before Friday, Dec. 16**.

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.

Parish Book of Remembrance

The "Book of Remembrance" has been placed in the church for the month of November. Parishioners may add names of deceased for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance

Advent Cheer, Bazaar and Bake Sale! December 3-4, 2022

Join us for Advent Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 3 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Sunday, December 4 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Come celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer.

Advent Confessions - Dec 17, 2022

Advent confessions will take place in the Church on Saturday, December 17, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please take part in this spiritual healing as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2022-2023

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00 p.m. - Family Mass

8:00 p.m. - Mass 12:00 Midnight. - Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Mass 11:15 a.m. - Mass

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 p.m. - Mass

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Mass 11:15 a.m. - Mass

New Sunday Missals 2022-2023

The Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent –Nov. 27, may be obtained at the Parish office or at the back of the Church. Cost is \$7.00. Kindly place the amount in the box placed at the Centre of the isle if you would like to pick up the missal from the Church. Thank you!

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Advent Reflections on Dec. 5, 6 & 7 at 7:00 PM in the Church facilitated by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

♦ December 5, 2022

"The world has welcomed a Savior"

Biblical Reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke's Gospel

♦December 6, 2022

"The birth of Jesus and the fulfillment of prophecy" Biblical Reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Matthew's Gospel

♦December 7, 2022

The Pregnant Season: A biblical spirituality for Advent through the lenses of the Holy Family

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 Nov. 12-13, 2022

Envelopes: \$1955.00 Loose: \$540.20 PAG: \$1023.00 **TOTAL** \$3518.20

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." ~Psalm 122~

Listening to Indigenous Voices

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.

2023 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Instructions are on the form. The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2023 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

Ginger Bread Sunday on Dec. 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.



Helping Our Neighbours at Christmas!!



Every Christmas, our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society assists between 25 to 30 families. This outreach requires about \$7,000.00. Due to the pandemic, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is about \$4,000.00 short of the money they require for this outreach. If you are able to assist our neighbours at Christmas, there are envelopes in the bulletin this weekend for this purpose. These envelopes may be placed in any collation. Cheques should be made out to "St. Vincent de Paul- St. Peter's." Thank you for helping our neighbours at Christmas.

Exploring our encounter with Christ through the Sacraments, on Wednesdays, 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?

These sessions takes place on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church Auditorium. All are welcome!

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakonechny