

■ HIGHLIGHTED

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



Christmas & New Year Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on the following dates:

Friday - December 23
Saturday - December 24
Sunday - December 25
Monday - December 26
Tuesday - December 27



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 Gifts for the Winter Welcome Table

We would like to have unwrapped gifts 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 boxes at the doors of the church any day **before Friday, Dec. 16**.

Gingerbread Sunday on Dec. 11 THIS WEEKEND

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.

Please consider Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download. During the pandemic, you are asked to please consider this manner of supporting our parish community. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Donation for Christmas Flowers

Every year the parish relies on the generosity of parishioners to decorate the church with flowers. If you would like to make a donation to purchase flowers, please make your donation by using the envelope "Flowers for Christmas" marked with your name, address and envelope numbers. Thank you for your generosity

Listening to Indigenous Voices

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 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.*

Parish Finances

Offering Dec. 3-4, 2022

Envelopes:	\$2521.00
Loose:	\$462.00
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$4006.00

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

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.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2019 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Thank YOU!

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard for the success of the *Advent Cheer, Bake sale* and *Bazaar*. Much gratitude is extended to all involved.

Thank You

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.

Parish Christmas Tree Decorating

The parish is looking for volunteers to help decorate this year's Christmas Tree. Mark your calendar for the date of Monday, December 19th, St. Peter's Church, at 6:30pm- 8:00 pm. All volunteers who wish to help, please join the fun in the church (use side door entrance, near the archway to get in). See you there!



"It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free."

~Psalm 146~