

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### **Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!!!!**

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish where they would like to attend Sunday Mass. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepen in a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. The R.C.I.A. at St. Peter's will begin in September. The group will meet throughout the length of the school year. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will be celebrated at Easter (April 16, 2022) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2022).

For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination a shorter path towards joining the Catholic Church may be possible, depending on their previous faith formation.

Starting Tuesday evening, September 14, 2021 from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The R.C.I.A. program here at St. Peter's invites all non-Catholics who are interested in learning about our Catholic faith. The program will meet weekly on Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. The participants in the R.C.I.A. program are called Catechumens, or Candidates. A Catechumen is one who has never been baptized and is considering becoming a Catholic. A Candidate is someone who has been previously baptized in a Christian denomination other than Catholic. Please pray for the success of this year's R.C.I.A. program. Please call to register with Fr. Michael at **416-534-4219** ext. 211

### **Celebrating 125 Years as a Parish Community- September 18/19, 2021**

On the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, St. Peter's will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish community. Since we were established as a parish in 1896, there have been three different church buildings. The church that presently stands is almost 100 years old. For most of the parish's history, the community was served by the Paulist Fathers. We give thanks for their years of service and look forward to the future with great hope. We are celebrating this anniversary on Stewardship Sunday, with the hope that our community will soon be open and thriving as it had before the pandemic. Please join us for this celebration by either joining us by livestream or in person. Attendance at the weekend Masses will be first-come-first serve and social distancing will be observed. For this reason, seating is limited. Masks are required.

The parish's anniversary celebrations will take place at all of our Sunday Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The church will remain open on Sunday afternoon for an open house and ministry fair until 4:00 p.m. The day will conclude with the celebration of sung Solemn Vespers in the church at 4:00 p.m.

As COVID restrictions will make it impossible to accommodate everyone at the Masses, please consider attending the open house and ministry fair or Sunday evening Vespers.

We pray that God will continue to bless our community in the years to come.



**MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES  
MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY**



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### Federal Election Resources from a Catholic Perspective

With a federal election scheduled for September 20, Catholics are encouraged to learn more about the parties and candidates seeking our vote. Catholic Conscience is Canada's non-partisan Catholic civic and political engagement organization. They have prepared a number of resources that will assist Catholics in voter education and engagement in the days leading up to the federal election. These resources can be accessed at: [www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current](http://www.catholicconscience.org/canada-federal-current). All those eligible to vote are encouraged to do so on, or before, September 20, 2021.

### Humanitarian Relief – Natural Disasters in Haiti

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:  
-Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto  
website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)  
-By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411  
-Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
-Name of Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and all those who suffer after natural disasters..

**“Now therefore take your stand and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes”**

~1 Samuel 12:16~

### Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Children's Liturgy Ministry, Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Ministers for sick and shut-ins. Please consider attending workshops:

**Children's Liturgy Ministry** – Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Auditorium  
**Eucharistic Ministers for sick and shut-ins** – Thursday, October 14 from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Church

**Lectors** - Saturday, October 16, from 1:30 pm – 3 pm in the Church

**Eucharistic Ministers** -Saturday, **October 30** from 1:30 pm – 3 pm in the Church

**Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality** - Saturday, November 6 from 1:30 pm – 3 pm in the Church  
Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

### A message from Sr. Gabriel

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those at St. Peter's who prayed for my healing, who visited me, made inquiries and sent cards. God bless you and your families for your kindness to me. I am progressing well and hope to return once my treatments are completed.

United in prayer - Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps

**ST. PETER'S PARISH**



**One heart and One mind**

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

*Living the Gospel by supporting residents of long-term care*

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors.

“It's been hard during COVID-19,” says Mary, one of its residents, “but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work.”

Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.

**October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church takes place Monday to Friday after the **8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM**. Please note that due to security reasons the Church will be closed at **9:30 AM** soon after the Blessed sacrament has been reposed.

### 2021 Offertory Envelopes

Requesting to those who have not yet picked up your offertory envelopes to please pick it up. It is placed at the back of the Church organized alphabetically.

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