

## ■ ■ 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

### First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2021 ~ 2022

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 20, 2021 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 24, 2021 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 13, 2021 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 17, 2021 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](http://www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca), for further details and information about this year's programme.



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



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### **Blessing of Pets - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Oct. 4**

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. For the safety of all people and animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

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### **Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 3, 2-3 pm**

Throughout Toronto, men and women will be praying and silently witnessing for life on **Sunday, October 3 from 2 - 3 pm** at busy intersections. This year, we will host a Life Chain gathering in front of our Church from 2 - 3 pm. People are invited to gather for silent prayer and a witness for life. The church will also be open for adoration and prayer from 2 - 3 pm. Please come and witness to the sanctity of all life.

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“The people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

Isaiah 43:21

### **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:

**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

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### **Needs of the Church in Canada - Sept. 26**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity.

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### **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the celebration of the parish's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary such a success. Thank you also to all who attended.

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Migrants and Refugees September 26, 2021**

**ShareLife Sunday is next weekend**

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

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

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### **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.

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### **2021 Offertory Envelopes**

Parishioners who have not yet picked up the envelopes are requested to pick them up at the back of the Church. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. Thank you!!

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## **WORLD DAY of MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

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