

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Spring Bazaar

Parish Spring Fair – May 27 – 28, 2023

Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated St. Peter's Parish Spring Fair 2023!

With delicious food and desserts, a wide selection of books, a flea market full of hidden treasures, and exciting games and crafts, this event promises to be a fun-filled experience for the whole family. Join us on **Saturday, May 27 from 1 pm- 7pm and Sunday, May 28 from 10 am - 1 pm** at our church auditorium located across from the Bathurst subway station. Do not miss this wonderful community gathering!

Looking to get involved in the St. Peter's Parish Spring Fair 2023

We would love your help! Whether you are interested in volunteering or showcasing your culinary skills, we welcome your participation. To learn more, please call the parish office and let us know how you would like to contribute. Do not miss this opportunity to be part of our vibrant community event!

Counters Needed for Collection

St. Peter's Parish requires counters to assist with the counting of the collection. Volunteers work in teams of four. This is an ideal volunteer position for a retired person available in the daytime. If you are a regular parishioner and willing to help, please contact the office at 416-534-4219. As this is a high risk volunteer position, volunteers must be willing to undergo a police background check and complete the volunteer screening procedures.

Bereavement Support Group

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, April 20 to May 18, 2023 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm** in the rectory. 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 Riddle, cps

Memorial Mass on First Friday May 5 at 7 PM

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, May 5, at 7:00 pm to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. This Memorial Mass on May 5 will also include the names of all deceased loved ones whose anniversaries are both in April and May. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.

Cupcake Sunday – May 7

Join us on Sunday May 7, 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. 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.

***“Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus’
Resurrection, knowing He is always by our side.”
– Pope Francis***

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection ~ May 6-7

The St. Vincent De Paul Society truck will be here for "Bundle Sunday" during the weekend of May 6-7 after all the Masses to collect textiles, footwear, clothing, etc. both used and new. The truck will be on the Markham Street side of the Church.

Parish Finances

Offering April 15-16, 2023

Envelopes:	\$1766.60
Loose:	\$694.30
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3483.90

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday after the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM. (No adoration on Statutory holiday)

Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others.

For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

3rd Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2023



A ShareLife Campaign Update

Next week, we will be holding the second collection in our parish's ShareLife campaign. We ask for your kind generosity and support once again.

Thus far we have raised \$8020.70 toward our goal of 43,600.00.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign.

Faith Study on the Gospel of Matthew

This group meets on **Thursdays**, from **7 PM to 8:45 PM** for the faith study on the Gospel of Matthew:

All are welcome to join us on the following Thursdays:

◆ May 4 and 18

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakoneckny



Try Alpha



St. Peter's is looking to host an in-person Alpha series, the program will run every **Wednesday evening starting from May 17-June 28, 2023, 7:00- 9:00 pm in the Church auditorium**. If you're interested in joining, please register via email, by no later than **Friday May 5, 2023**. We can be contacted at:

contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you want.

How does it work?

Alpha is typically 7 sessions. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion where you can share your thoughts and ask questions. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

How much is it?

There's usually no charge to attend Alpha, though some places may ask for a contribution towards food.

Course Information

For further question email:

contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

Website: <https://stpeterstoronto.ca/main/>