

## 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!

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## 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.

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## First Holy Communion Celebration

***Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, May 7 at 11:15 AM***

The children and their families that have been preparing for many months will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them all.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Catholic Education Week — April 30-May 5, 2023 — “We Are Many, We Are One”

During Catholic Education Week (April 30/May 5, 2023), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where young people can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, challenging them to live as joyful and faithful disciples. To affirm your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: <http://www.togetherinfaith.ca>.

## ■ ■ 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 22-23, 2023*

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| Envelopes: | \$2489.00 |
| Loose:     | \$576.05  |
| PAG:       | \$1023.00 |
| TOTAL      | \$4088.05 |

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Peter's Church. Please take a moment to fill out a registration form in order that we can serve you better. Forms are available at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. We have the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (direct debit from your bank) or if you wish a box of offertory envelopes for 2023, it is located at the back of the Church. You may pick your envelopes from the labelled "New Parishioners" tray. Kindly ensure to write your full name and address on the envelope when giving your donations. All parishioners are requested to inform the Parish office whenever there is a change in address or phone number. Thank you!

**"Be who God made you to be and you will set the world on fire."**  
-St. Catherine of Siena

### 4th Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

#### *ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

Thus far we have raised **\$12,165.70** toward our goal of **\$43,600**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

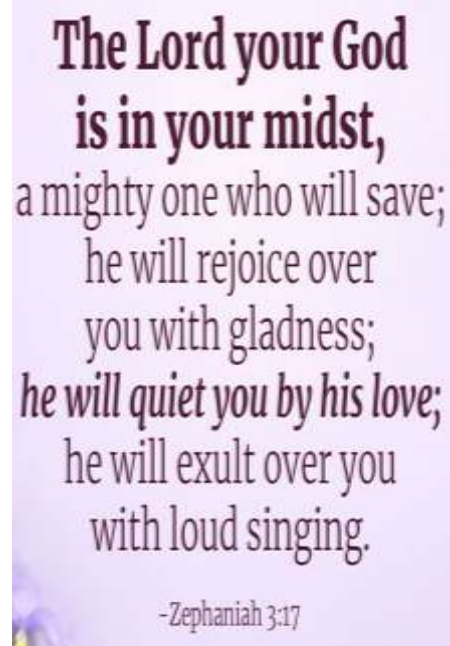
### Faith Study on the Gospel of Matthew

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](mailto: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](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca)

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