

■ HIGHLIGHTED

First Communion Congratulations to ~

Elliot Costa, Londyn Da Silva, Xavier Martin, Matthew Cristoforo Schulz, Avery Lynn Howard, Gwen Heather Howard, Audrey Martin, Claire Martin, Charliez Ortega

CONGRATULATIONS!

Farewell - Thank you to Deacon Dan Kennedy, sj

Deacon Dan Kennedy, Sj, has served at our parish for the past year as a transitional deacon. He will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 10 in Milwaukee. Following his ordination, he will work in High School administration in Detroit, While doing further studies. The parish thanks Deacon Dan for his ministry and Wishes him God's blessings in his future ministry. Thank you Deacon Dan!!!



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 lease contact the office at 416-534-4219. As this is a high risk volunteer position, volunteers must be willing to volunteer position for a retired person available in the daytime. If you are a regular parishioner and willing to help, undergo a police background check and complete the volunteer screening procedures.

Cupcake Sunday– May 7 – This Weekend

Join us on this 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.

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 200,000 Ukrainians have already arrived in Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 800,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://archtoronto.org) and register for a virtual information session.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection – May 14

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

“See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor His ears too dull to hear you.”- Isaiah 59:1

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

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

The St. Vincent De Paul Society truck will be here for "Bundle Sunday" during this 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 29-30, 2023

Envelopes:	\$3952.00
Loose:	\$461.75
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$5436.75

Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday

Sunday, May 7, 2023, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in **Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday**. The special focus for this day to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on Sunday, May 7, 2023, let's talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame.

5th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023



Living the Gospel through ShareLife

Thus far our parish has raised **\$19,232.60** toward our goal of **\$43,600**.

"Your sacrificial gift will truly make a difference in the life of someone turning to a ShareLife agency in their moment of need."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4. We ask you to share your blessings and give generously through the parish or at sharelife.org. Thank you for living the Gospel!

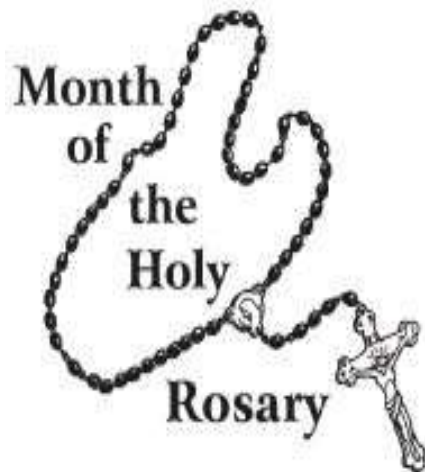
Faith Study on the Gospel of Matthew

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 Thursday:

◆ May 18 (Final session)

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakoneckny



"The family that prays together stays together" – St. John Paul II

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/>