

HIGHLIGHTED

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2023 ~ 2024

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 – **Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7-8 pm or Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 2-3 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 – **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7-8 pm or Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 2-3 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.religiousest.peterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme.

Being the Person God Wants You to Be (come): Virtues, Vices, and the Image of God - Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, and 18 at 7PM by Meghan Bowen

Over four talks, Meghan will discuss Catholic teachings on how to live the moral life so that we can become more and more in the image of God. The talks will cover the topics of the moral life as part of our loving relationship with God (Sept. 27), how we learn to be virtuous and form our conscience (Oct. 4), what the virtues are and how we live them out (Oct. 11), and how our sins help us learn to be better (Oct. 18). All presentations will begin at 7PM in the auditorium. Meghan is a PhD Candidate at Regis College, studying Moral Theology. She also holds an MA Theology from Saint Paul University (Ottawa). Her current research on is St. Augustine's theology of marriage. Meghan Bowen is a PhD candidate at Regis College (Toronto). Her research examines Augustine's theology of marriage within his historical context in hopes of bringing new insights and consideration to current theological discussions of marriage. Along with an MA Theology (Saint Paul University, Ottawa), Meghan also holds an MA Ethnomusicology (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's).

St. Peter's Social Justice Committee - Laudato Si' two-part series

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Please join us for a Screening of *The Letter*. *The Letter* tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. The evening will be facilitated by Sister Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Laudato Si' Encyclical Part Two – Release date October 4, 2023 - An ongoing dialogue of the signs of the times. Please join us for a conversation about Pope Francis' important update to Laudato Si'.

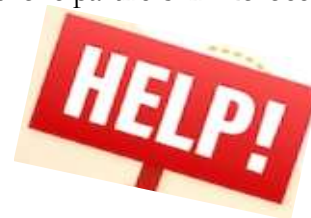


Humanitarian aid for Morocco

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway.

- ♦Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:
- ♦Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- ♦By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- ♦Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief



■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 7 & 8

The Good Shepherd Mission in Toronto looks after many of the city's homeless and helps them find a warm meal all year round. Each year they rely on the generosity of Torontonians who are able to donate food to make their mission possible. This year the parish will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd Mission. Please consider donating canned tuna, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, jam, cereal teabags, instant coffee, cookies, rice, and crackers. Please no fresh fruits or vegetables or frozen food. Some parishes decorate their sanctuaries with flowers on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us decorate ours with food to be offered to those in need. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to any of our Sunday Masses on the Thanksgiving weekend Oct. 7 & 8.

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 **Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 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.

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.”

Philippians 2:3

An Introduction to the Liturgy of the Roman Rite

Join Fr. Michael McGourty, lecturer in liturgy at St. Augustine's Seminary and pastor of St. Peter's Church, in a brief exploration of the liturgy of the Roman Rite. Those subjects explored will include: An Introduction to the Theology of the Liturgy (**September 21**); The History of the Roman Rite (**October 5**); The Rites for Christian Initiation of Adults (**October 12**); The Role of Music in the Liturgy with Mr. Lee, director of Music at St. Peter's Church (**October 26**); Infant Baptism (**November 9**); The Eucharist (**November 16**); The Sacrament of Penance (**November 30**); The Rite of Marriage (**December 7**); Pastoral care of the Sick (**December 14**); The Funeral Liturgy (**December 21**). All talks will take place on Thursday evenings at **7:00 p.m.** in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church, at 840 Bathurst. Access to the auditorium through the doors under the archway connecting the church to the rectory. Regrettably, St. Peter's auditorium is not accessible.

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 23-24, 2023

Envelopes:	\$3979.00
Loose:	\$497.65
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$5565.65

Memorial Mass Friday October 6 at 7 PM

The memorial Mass will take place on Friday, October 6, at 7:00 pm. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.

Bereavement Support Group – Sept. 28 – Oct. 26

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, September 28 to October 26, 2023 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm** in the rectory/auditorium. 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: Mary Benincasa

Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider attending workshops in the **Church:**

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality - Saturday, October 7, from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Eucharistic Ministry- Saturday, October 21, from 2 pm – 3 pm
Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Collection on Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

There will be a second collection for the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund for this weekend, as a part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Thank you for your generosity!

Fall Fair – Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 – This Weekend

Sat. Sept. 30 – 12 noon – 7:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 1 – 10 AM – 3:00 PM

