

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.religiousestpeterstontoronto.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 7 PM 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.

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Meeting to organize the Winter Welcome Table Program – Oct. 16

ATTENTION!

There will be a meeting to organize the Winter Welcome Table meal program on **Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm** in the parish auditorium. All volunteers interested in helping are welcome.

All Saints Day - November 1

On Wednesday, November 1, All Saints day, Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

All Souls Day - November 2 & praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls day the parish will have Masses for **All Souls at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.** The parish has invited the families of those who have had a death this year to the 7:00 PM Mass.

Memorial Mass on First Friday November 3 at 7 PM

The monthly memorial Mass will take place on Friday, November 3, at 7:00 pm to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members. 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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World Mission Sunday – October 21-22

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

All Souls' Day Mass – Saturday Nov. 4, 2023

Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on **Saturday November 4 at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- ◆ Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
 - ◆ Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
 - ◆ Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
 - ◆ Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
 - ◆ Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum
- All are welcome!
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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 Oct. 7-8, 2023

Envelopes:	\$2672.00
Loose:	\$533.40
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$4294.40

Eucharistic Adoration

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

The Source - Sisters of Life

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM**. You are invited to come for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) followed by Christian fellowship (Social at 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM) in the Church Auditorium. Confession will also be available during Adoration

Please Get Involved

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

Eucharistic Ministry- Saturday, **October 21**, from 2 pm – 3 pm
Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Humanitarian aid for Morocco

◆ 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

Scone Sunday, Nov. 12

Join us this Sunday following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities

"So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

-Mark 11:24