

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.religiousestpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme.

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.

Someone to Talk to in a Difficult Time

These uncertain Covid times have shone a light on the pressing need for mental health support services. St. Peter's Parish and Dr. Egit have teamed up in addressing that need. When is it time for mental health support? The question is puzzling. Are we; depressed enough, anxious enough, stressed enough, worthy enough? Those are imponderable quandaries on which to base a decision. The simpler questions are, "Have I been unhappy" and "Is my daily life a struggle?" If the answer is yes, then mental health supports are appropriate. The service is free. There are a limited number of hours dedicated to this program. Dr. Egit will be available for appointments Wednesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Each appointment will be 45 minutes in length. The sessions will be conducted on line or by telephone. To arrange to speak with him, you are asked to call and book an appointment with the parish office (416-534-4219). Dr. Egit is a psychotherapist and a psychoanalyst experienced in working with individuals and couples. He holds an MA and a Ph.D. from The University of Toronto and had completed his psychoanalytic training and certification from the Toronto Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis. He is registered with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario

Need to
Talk?

Scone Sunday, Nov. 12

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 12 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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Time Change - Sunday November 5

On Sunday, November 5, we will move our clocks back one hour to change to standard time. Please remember only the Sunday Masses next weekend will begin in accordance with standard time.

Winter Welcome Table

Winter Welcome table program to feed the homeless and marginalized primarily in the annex area will start on Monday evenings beginning **November 6** in the Church auditorium

The parish is collecting clean winter coats, sweaters and winter clothing for distribution among those who attend the Winter Welcome Table for a warm meal. Toiletries and unused socks are also in great demand. Please donate in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

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!

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. 21-22, 2023

Envelopes:	\$2740.00
Loose:	\$485.80
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$4314.80

Eucharistic Adoration

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

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm-119:105

The Winter Welcome Table has received a Sharelife Grant of \$18,000.00

The parish has been notified by the St. Vincent de Paul Society that we will receive a ShareLife grant of \$18,000 to support the Winter Welcome Table Program. Earlier this year, Archbishop Leo announced that the Archdiocese of Toronto would make \$500,000.00 available to support efforts to assist food relief programs in the Archdiocese. St. Peter's exceed its Sharelife goal this year and raised a record amount. Thank you to all who support the Winter Welcome Table.

2024 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2024 Mass Intentions for all **weekday** Masses at **8 AM** (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses **Saturday 5 PM**, **Sunday 9:00 AM** and **11:15 AM**

The parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every **Thursday at the 8:00 am Mass**. As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

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