

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

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – Share Your Ideas to assist with future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and **complete the short survey by December 15, 2023**, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation. Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

Call for Children Volunteers for Christmas Pageant

Join the magic of Christmas by participating in this year's heartwarming Christmas Pageant! We're looking for enthusiastic children to be part of the celebration.

Event Details

Date: Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

Time: 5:00 PM Mass



Your child can be an angel, a shepherd, or one of the wise men in this special production. Help us make this Christmas unforgettable! To sign up, please contact the parish office at 416-534-4219.

Leave your contact details and the names of the children who would like to participate. Let's create cherished memories and spread the joy of Christmas together. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

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

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'

Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
How to create your own legacy

About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan this QR code:

2. Follow this QR link: <https://QR.CO.de/nov18>

3. Send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Nov 18" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

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.

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.**

Advent Cheer, Bazaar and Bake Sale! December 2-3, 2023

Join us for Advent Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 2 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Sunday, December 3 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Come celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer.

New Sunday Missals 2023-2024

The Sunday Missals are available at the Parish office or at the back of the Church. Cost is **\$7.00**. Kindly place the amount in the box placed at the Centre of the isle when picking up the missal from the Church. Thank you!

Book of Remembrance

The "Book of Remembrance has been placed in the Church to add names of deceased family and friends to offer prayers.

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 Nov. 4-5, 2023

Envelopes:	\$3070.00
Loose:	\$632.10
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$4791.10

Memorial Mass on First Friday Dec. 1 at 7 PM

This will take place on Dec. 1 at 7 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.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2023-2024

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24

9:00 a.m.: Regular Mass

11:15 am: Regular Mass

5:00 .m.: Family Christmas Mass

8:00 p.m.: Christmas Mass

10:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

9:00 a.m.: Mass

11:15 a.m.: Mass

New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31

9:00 a.m.: Regular Mass

11:15 am.: Regular Mass

5:00 p.m.: New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.: Mass

Shepherd's Trust collection – Nov. 19

There will be a second collection next weekend, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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Join Us for a Festive Christmas Tree Decorating Event!



The parish is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to partake in the joyful task of adorning this year's Christmas Tree. Make sure to save the date: **Friday, December 15th, at St. Peter's Church, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** We invite all eager volunteers to join the festivities at the church, use the side door entrance to get inside, the entrance located near the archway. We look forward to celebrating with you on this special evening! **RSVP at:** St. Peter's Parish Office, 416-534-4219.

Kids Christmas Ornament Painting

Join us for a delightful Christmas Ornament Painting event on **December 10, 2023**, right after the 11:15 AM Mass at St. Peter's Parish.

Date: December 10, 2023

Time: Following the 11:15 AM Mass

Location: Parish Auditorium



RSVP at: St. Peter's Parish Office, 416-534-4219. Please let us know the number of kids attending, so we can prepare ample crafts and tools.

Parents, while your kids create, enjoy a relaxing coffee hour on Sunday afternoon.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

The Legion of Mary, North Toronto Curia is inviting everyone to join us in a pilgrimage to our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Lewiston, New York

When: November 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 AM

Cost: \$45/ person

First come, First Serve

Refreshment only. If interested please contact Luz Cruz at 416-925-9825

Remembrance Day - November 11

On November 11th, we remember in thanksgiving those who made and who continue to make the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.

“The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”
- Proverbs 10:22