HIGHLIGHTED



Parish's Advent Retreat for 2023- December 11th to 13th

AWAITING THE DESIRED ONE

"God thirsts that we may thirst for him" - St. Augustine

The Advent Retreat will be given by members of Madonna House Apostolate: Fr. Zachary Romanowsky (residing in Combermere, ON) and Cheryl-Ann Smith, Veronica Dudych, and Maria Kim (residing in Toronto, at Bloor & Parkside Dr.) The retreat take place in the church on **Monday, Dec. 11th, Tuesday, Dec. 12th, and Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**. Each night will begin with Evening Prayer followed by talk on the Retreat theme.

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!

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 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

Parishioners' Group to Commence in the New Year: St. Peter's Group of Wisdom

We would like to organize a group for the seniors in our parish or any parishioners who might otherwise be interested in gathering socially once or twice a month. At each gathering, we hope to provide a theme of interest and invite a guest speaker or arrange workshops and other special activities and events. Ideally the group would provide parishioners with regular social time throughout the year to connect, enjoy shared interests and exchange ideas, as well as an opportunity to perhaps gain new insights or pick up helpful tips and guidance on a variety of topics.

We would like to invite all interested parishioners to a preliminary meeting so we can get a sense from you as to the kinds of events you would like us to organize and the themes or topics that would be most of interest to you. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 a.m**. If you have any ideas or recommendations for us, please do join us at the meeting so that we can receive your valuable input. Alternatively, you can send us your thoughts via email at contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca or call us at 416-534-4219. Any and all suggestions would be much appreciated!

Advent Bake and Bazaar – THIS WEEKEND – Sat. 1 - 7 pm & Sun. 10 am – 1 pm

AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Christmas Gifts for the Winter Welcome Table

We would like to have **unwrapped gifts** for distribution at our **December 18th**. Winter Welcome Table Christmas Party. Items such as socks, scarves, hats, gloves, male and female personal hygiene products would be required. Your generosity will be appreciated. Please place gifts in the boxes at the doors of the church any day **by Sunday, Dec. 10**

Helping Our Neighbours at Christmas!

Every Christmas, our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society assists between 25 to 30 families. This outreach requires about $7,000.00.. If you are able to assist our neighbours at Christmas, there are envelopes in the bulletin this weekend for this purpose. These envelopes may be placed in any collation. Cheques should be made out to "**St. Peter's – SVDP Christmas**" Thank you for helping our neighbours at Christmas.

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

Advent Confessions - Dec 16, 2023

Advent confessions will take place in the Church on **Saturday, December 16**, from **9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Please take part in this spiritual healing as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Tree Decorating Event Dec. 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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.

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: **(November(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,

Parish Finances

Offering Nov. 25-26, 2023

Envelopes:	$2576.00
Loose:	$425.55
PAG:	$1089.00
TOTAL	$4090.55

Gingerbread Sunday – Dec. 10

Join us on Sunday, Dec.10 following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour.

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 a.m.: Regular Mass

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

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.: Mass

Talk by Dr. Egit on relationships between Fathers & Daughters

The relationship between fathers and daughters is sometimes fraught and often difficult to fathom.

Using insights from psychology and literature, the presentation attempts to discern some of the dynamics of that dyad; what animates it, enlivens it and what makes it change.

This presentation will be of primary interest to fathers, daughters and others who have lived in families – **Wed. Dec. 6 at 7 pm in the rectory**

Donation for Christmas Flowers

.Donations to purchase flowers can be made by using the envelope "Flowers for Christmas" marked with your name, address and envelope number. Thank you!