

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2023-2024

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24

9:00 a.m.: Regular Mass

11:15 a.m.: Regular Mass

5:00 p.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



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!

Please consider Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that

“Do not be confirmed to this world, but be transformed by renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:2

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Someone to Talk to in a Difficult Time Need to Talk?

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

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. 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,

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Instructions are on the form. The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

***PLEASE DO NOT USE THE
2024 ENVELOPES UNTIL
THE NEW YEAR BEGINS***

Thank YOU!

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard for the success of the Advent Cheer, Bake sale and Bazaar. Much gratitude is extended to all involved



Parish Finances

Offering Dec. 9-10, 2023

Envelopes:	\$2235.00
Loose:	\$643.05
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$3967.05



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.

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!



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.

New Sunday Missals 2023-2024

Missals are available at the Parish office or at the back of the Church. Cost is \$7.00.

Memorial Mass on First Friday Jan. 5 at 7 PM

Please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours to enroll your deceased family members.