

HIGHLIGHTED

First Holy Communion Celebration

Saturday, April 27 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, April 28 at 11:15 AM

The children and their families that have been preparing for many months will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.



4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 21, 2024



Invest in our Church's future by giving to ShareLife

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Living Easter Hope: An Evening of Taizé Prayer – May 1

Taizé

The FCJ sisters and friends are organizing another evening of Taizé prayer at St. Peter's Parish. Come join us on **Wednesday, May 1, from 7.30 - 8.30pm** as we continue to celebrate the hope that Easter brings to our lives and world. All are welcome!

Memorial Mass on First Friday May 3

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, May 3, to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.

St. Peter's Seniors Group of Wisdom – May 9

Please join the St. Peter's Group of Wisdom for a lovely morning of classical strings music on **May 9, 2024 at 9:30-11:00am in the Parish Auditorium**. Wonderfully talented and creative musicians, Sebastian Ostertag and Eric Kim-Fujita will present a kaleidoscopic exploration of the season of "summer", with music for violin and cello. Featuring works by Antonio Vivaldi, Astor Piazzola, and Hans Richter, the duo will showcase the many virtuosic and expressive influences that this season has had on composers throughout the ages. Sebastian and Eric are members of Toronto's Interro String Quartet and perform regularly throughout the GTA and beyond. Sebastian is also Director at Sistema Toronto, a remarkable not-for-profit organization providing ensemble-based music education to children in underserved communities.

Prayer for Priests

O, Jesus Eternal priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your heart where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily hold your sacred body. Keep holy their lips moistened with your precious blood. Keep holy and unearthly their hearts sealed with sublime mark of your glorious priesthood.

Let your love surround and shield them from the contagion of this world. Their labors for the Glory of God may be blessed with abundant fruits and may the one whom they serve be the source of joy to them here on earth and in heaven their eternal crown. Let them be eager to be with You, to proclaim your good news and to fight against the evil one. Lord, give your church holy priests, religious and lay leaders.

Jesus Redeemer of this world keep pure your priests and those whom they serve.

Holy Mary Queen of priests, pray for your priests.



■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

'Love until it hurts'... Sr Bernice MC

Have you ever wondered what it was like to know Mother Teresa, to work closely with Mother Teresa?!...Sr Bernice from the Missionaries of Charity, who did just that, will be coming to St Peter's on **April 26 from 9:30am-11:30am** in the auditorium

Come and listen to her testimony, her experience of working with Mother Teresa and the poorest of the poor people, in various parts of the world; who is now currently serving our very own community here in Toronto.

You can also find Sr Bernice on the Catholic Hallow App.

I promise you, that you will leave this talk with a whole new take on life!

Sr Bernice will have you crying, laughing and maybe even dancing to one of her favorite songs. She is the definition of true love, strength, determination and holiness. The Parish seniors group of wisdom will be hosting this event.

Solemn Vows for Sister Kristine Fernandes, CSJ, on May 5

The parish will host a Mass for the Solemn vows of Sister Kristine Fernandes, csj, at the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Please come and pray for her and vocations to the religious life.

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are still available at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

Sunday Breakfast hosted by Parish Seniors group of wisdom – April 21

All are welcome this Sunday **April 21**, after both **9:00am Mass** and **11:15am Mass** in the auditorium for a 'Love thy Neighbor' themed breakfast hosted by St Peter's (seniors) group of Wisdom.

Come and enjoy a **\$5** breakfast, coffee and other treats, along with our direct neighbors, the Sisters of Life and our local neighborhood police officers.

All proceeds go to our parish, St Peter's.

Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told:



"I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy" (Hosea 2:19). What does it mean to say that Jesus is the Bridegroom of the Church? On **Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm** in the **auditorium**, join Dr. Christina Labriola for a presentation on scripture scholar Brant Pitre's book *Jesus the Bridegroom*, exploring the divine love story revealed in the Bible and God's passionate, unconditional, and intimate love for us.

St. Vincent De Paul Bundle Up Weekend - May 11th and May 12th

Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting new and gently used items for local charities, special works and its clothing stores, **Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th open between 8am – 6pm**. A van will be parked on Markham Street behind the church. We will accept – all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels both new and used; also children's toys – new only. We will not be accepting baby items (e.g., car seats, strollers, etc.), construction materials, dishes, furniture, nor books/video/audio/DVDs. A great opportunity for spring cleaning and to help the needy.

Parish Finances

Offering April 13-14, 2024

Envelopes:	\$1888.50
Loose:	\$521.30
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3432.80

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