

## ■ HIGHLIGHTED

### Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish where they would like to attend Sunday Mass. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A. team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepen in a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. The R.C.I.A. at St. Peter's will begin in September. The group will meet throughout the length of the school year. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will be celebrated at Easter (April 19, 2025) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2025).

For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination a shorter path towards joining the Catholic Church may be possible, depending on their previous faith formation.

If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to consider joining the R.C.I.A. at the parish where they wish to attend Sunday Mass. If they wish to do so here at St. Peter's, please have them give Fr. Michael a call for more information (416-534-4291, ext. 211).

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### Regis College Windows on Theology

Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Courses, commencing in September, Regis College will offer three new, dual delivery (in-person and online) non-credit courses: ***Music and Christian Spirituality*** (led by Dr. Christina Labriola), ***Understanding Sacred Spaces*** (led by Roberto Chiotti, Founding Principal of Larkin Architects), and ***Science, Climate Change, and Theology: A Dialogue*** (led by professors and subject experts from the Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, the University of Toronto, and the American Academy for the Advancement of Science). For more information and registration, visit <https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/>



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### Diving Deeper into Our Faith

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? Do you have questions or want to grow in your understanding of God, the history of the Church, prayer, social justice? Join us this year for four series that will address these topics.

St. Peter's Church will offer an adult faith formation program, animated by Sonal Castelino, M. Div, (Director of Mission and Ministry at the University of St. Michael's College), on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning on September 18.**

There will be four different series of talks on : 1) God and the Trinity; 2) The Church and Christian Community; 3) Catholic Social and Moral Teaching; and 4) Christian Spirituality and Prayer. Each series will run 5-6 weeks. Exact topics and dates will be listed on information to come in the near future.

Please plan on attending on Wednesday evenings during the coming year!



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### Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine

The Legion of Mary is having one day pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine in Midland, Ontario, on **September 8, 2024**, Rosary Sunday. Cost is \$50. If interested please call Luz Cruz at 647-340-6171. First Come, First Served.

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**"In my name you ask me for anything, I will do it"**

**John 14:14**

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. Please consider attending workshops in the **Church**:

#### Lectors Ministry –

Saturday, September 7 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Saturday, September 28 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm

#### Altar Servers Ministry –

Saturday, October 5 from 1:30 pm – 3 pm

**Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality** - Saturday, October 19, from 2:00 pm– 3:30 pm

**Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register**

### Parish Finances

#### Offering Aug. 17-18, 2024

Envelopes: \$5093.35  
Loose: \$545.75  
PAG: \$1023.00  
**Total \$6662.10**

#### Offering Aug. 24-25, 2024

Envelopes: \$1455.00  
Loose: \$765.90  
PAG: \$1023.00  
**Total \$3243.90**

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### Our Annual Fall Fair Announcement for 2024

Mark your calendars and join us for a spectacular annual community gathering happening on the weekend of **Saturday, Oct. 19 from 12 pm to 7 pm, and Sunday, October 20, from 10 am to 3 pm.**

Immerse yourself in a delightful experience filled with delectable cuisine, literary gems, delectable desserts, enticing opportunities to win prizes, a captivating flea market brimming with treasures waiting to be discovered, and a lineup of thrilling entertainment that promises to keep you engaged.

This is an event for everyone, and we extend a warm invitation to all. Your presence will undoubtedly enrich the vibrant tapestry of our community festivities.

Let's unite for a successful event – your presence matters!

**ATTENTION PLEASE!**

**No donations will be accepted until Monday, September 16 due to repairs in the auditorium**

### Labour Day Holiday, Monday, September 2

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labour Day Holiday. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the Church. There will be no adoration on that day.

### Memorial Mass on First Friday Sept. 6 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.

### Bereavement Support Group

St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month beginning **Friday, September 13 from 10 am to 11:30 am** in the rectory. Refreshments provided.

This spiritual reflection and support ministry is open to all whose lives have been touched by the loss of a loved one. Please register at the parish office (416-534-4219) or email:

[contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca)

Facilitator: Mary Benincasa

### Securities as a Charitable Gift Option

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

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- Letter of Direction

For more information, contact our office at

[development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

**"Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them."**

– Pope Francis