

HIGHLIGHTED

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2024 ~ 2025

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 – ***Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7 - 8 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 – ***Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7-8 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.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme

Mass for Anointing of the Sick – THIS Sunday, September 29 at 1:30 PM

The parish will celebrate a Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick on Sunday, September 29, at **1:30 PM**. The Sacrament of the sick can be celebrated for any person who is ill and in danger of death or elderly. The sacrament is intended to bring physical and spiritual healing to those who are seriously ill. It also asks God for the grace to accept the suffering that comes with serious illness or diminished health due to age. If this applies to you or anyone you know, please consider attending or telling others about this celebration.

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 12 & 13

The Good Shepherd Mission in Toronto looks after many of the city's homeless and helps them find a warm meal all year round. Each year they rely on the generosity of Torontonians who are able to donate food to make their mission possible. This year the parish will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd Mission. Please consider donating canned tuna, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, jam, cereal teabags, instant coffee, cookies, rice, and crackers. Please no fresh fruits or vegetables or frozen food. Some parishes decorate their sanctuaries with flowers on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us decorate ours with food to be offered to those in need. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to any of our Sunday Masses on the Thanksgiving weekend Oct.12 & 13.

Diving Deeper into Our Faith – Oct. 2

St. Peter's Church offers 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 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church auditorium**. The next series will be on **Wed. Oct. 2**. The topic will be on **"God taking on human flesh - Jesus"**.

Memorial Mass on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 PM

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, October 4 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.

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting – Monday – Oct. 7 at 7:00 pm

There will be a meeting for all volunteers to organize the Winter Welcome Table meal on Monday, October 7, at 7:00 pm in the parish auditorium. All interested are welcome!



Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." - Isaiah 35:4

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Please Get Involved

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

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

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Collection on Oct. 5-6

There will be a second collection for the Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Fund next weekend on Oct. 5/6, as a part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 50% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$2.7 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. This collection provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 21-22, 2024

Envelopes: \$1997.00

Loose: \$626.35

PAG: \$1023.00

Total \$3646.35



Fall Fair CANCELLED for 2024



This past July, the parish auditorium and kitchen were severely flooded. There are still extensive repairs required in the kitchen. Although the contractors have said that the repairs will be done soon, we cannot move forward with the Fall Fair given the uncertainty of the timeline. With much of the space in the basement requiring work, we are also unable to accept any donations at this time. The fair will not be rescheduled for this year and will hopefully return for 2025!

Blessing of Pets – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Oct. 4

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. For the safety of all people and animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

New Life Springs Forth: Taizé Prayer in the Season of Creation – Oct. 3, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Taizé

In this Season of Creation, join the FCJ sisters and friends for an evening of Taizé prayer as we celebrate the gift of life and new hope. See you on **Thursday, Oct. 3 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the main Church. All are welcome!

Bereavement Support Group

St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month. The next meeting will take place on **Friday, October 11 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

Facilitator: Mary Benincasa

From the Office of Catholic Youth



♦ *Jubilee of Youth*

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!

Young Adults (19-39)

July 23 – Aug. 5, 2025

Rome, Italy

Email: youth@archtoronto.org

♦ *Renew*

Annual Young Adult (19-39)

Nov. 23 – Nov. 24, 2024

Canada Event Centre

300 Water St, Whitby

www.renewtoronto.org

♦ *Spiritus Ministry*

East-West-York-Durham-Central-North

Young adult ministry serving in 6 regions of our Archdiocese

Email:

spiritusministry@gmail.com

Instagram: [@spiritusministry](https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry)

110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sept. 28-29, 2024

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL