

HIGHLIGHTED

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.

♦♦**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

Diving Deeper into Our Faith – Nov. 20

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. Nov. 20.** The topic will be on **"Where and how history of our Church II"**

New Sunday Missals 2024-2025

The Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year which begins on the First Sunday of Advent –Dec. 1, are available at the Parish office and at the back of the Church. Cost is **\$7.00.** Kindly place the amount in the box placed at the Centre of the isle when picking up the missal from the Church. Thank you!

Advent Cheer, Bazaar and Bake Sale! November 30 & December 1, 2024

Join us for Advent Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 30 from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Sunday, December 1 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Come celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer.

Shepherd's Trust collection – Nov. 17

There will be a second collection this weekend, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work

Advent Confessions - Dec 21, 2024

Advent confessions will take place in the Church on **Saturday, December 21**, from **10:00 am to 4:30 pm.** Please take part in this spiritual healing as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Thank you to ShareLife and Cardinal (elect) Leo for a \$23,000 Grant in Support of the Winter Welcome Table Food Program.

The Winter Welcome Table Food Program has received a \$23,000.00 grant from ShareLife and Cardinal (elect) Leo. This tremendously generous gift will allow the parish to continue its outreach to those in our community in need of a warm meal on Monday evenings. The Winter Welcome Table is a joint project with St. Joan of Arc Parish, which takes place at our facility. Thank you to Sharelife and Cardinal (elect) Leo for this gift.

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ShareLife is the Archdiocesan fundraising agency that supports more than 40 different Catholic agencies in our city and abroad. Donations to ShareLife can be made through the parish at any time. At the present time, a generous donor has offered to match any gift given to ShareLife, up to \$500,000, if donated before December 31, 2024. Please support ShareLife generously.

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2025 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2024 Mass Intentions for all **weekday** Masses at **8 AM** (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses Saturday **5 PM**, Sunday **9:00 AM** and **11:15 AM**

The parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every **Thursday at the 8:00 am Mass.**

As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

November 24, 2024 Youth Sunday – Advent Wreath Crafts and Snacks

Join us on Sunday, November 24, following the 11:15 AM Mass, for a special Youth Sunday event! All youth are invited to gather in the parish auditorium to make Advent wreaths and enjoy delicious snacks. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, celebrate the season, and bring home a handcrafted wreath to mark the beginning of Advent. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Please wash any used clothing before donating. Thank you for your understanding in this regard!

December 15, 2024: Youth Sunday – Christmas Ornament Crafts and Snacks

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15, following the 11:15 AM Mass, for a festive Youth Sunday gathering! Join us in the parish auditorium to create beautiful Christmas ornaments while enjoying tasty snacks. This is a great chance for our youth to come together, share in the holiday spirit, and take home a handmade ornament to decorate your tree. We hope to see you for this joyful celebration!

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, December 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

Facilitator: Mary Benincasa

Parish Finances Offering Nov. 9-10, 2024

Envelopes: \$3796.00

Loose: \$542.60

PAG: \$1023.00

Total: \$5361.60

2025 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 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. Thank you!

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2024- 2025

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24

5:00 .m.: Family Christmas Mass

8:00 p.m.: Christmas Mass

10:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25

9:00 a.m.: Mass

11:15 a.m.: Mass

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31

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

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.: Mass

Memorial Mass on First Friday Dec. 6 at 7 PM

This will take place on Dec. 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.

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 8

Join us Sunday, Dec. 8 following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities

Book of Remembrance

The "Book of Remembrance has been placed in the Church for the month of November to add names of deceased family and friends to offer prayers.

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