

THANK YOU!

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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

Prayers and Best Wishes for Archbishop Francis Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Francis Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.

Regional Masses to celebrate Cardinal Leo and the beginning of the Jubilee Year will take place early in 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

St. Peter's Seniors Group of Wisdom – December 12

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it. ~ Pope Francis

St Peter's group of Wisdom will be hosting a **Christmas potluck on Thursday, December 12**, in the auditorium, from **11:30 am -2:30 pm**.

We welcome all of you parishioners, and your family and friends, to come join us with your favorite Christmas dish in hand and maybe even wearing your favorite ugly Christmas sweater.

'Tis the season for sharing, and how nice would it be to share a meal, good conversation and the notion that we are all children of God; his own sons and daughters.

Let us meet, pray and love, this season! Looking forward to seeing you.



Call for Children Volunteers for Christmas Pageant

Join the magic of Christmas by participating in this year's heartwarming Christmas Pageant! We're looking for enthusiastic children to be part of the celebration.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

Time: 5:00 PM Mass



Your child can be an angel, a shepherd, or one of the wise men in this special production. Help us make this Christmas unforgettable! To sign up, please contact the parish office at 416-534-4219.

Leave your contact details and the names of the children who would like to participate. Let's create cherished memories and spread the joy of Christmas together. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

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.

Christmas Tree Decorating Event Dec. 16, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

The parish is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to partake in the joyful task of adorning this year's Christmas Tree. Make sure to save the date: **Monday, December 16th, at St. Peter's Church, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. We invite all eager volunteers to join the festivities at the church, use the side door entrance to get inside, the entrance located near the archway. We look forward to celebrating with you on this special evening! **RSVP at: St. Peter's Parish Office, 416-534-4219.**

THIS SUNDAY – Christmas Sunday – Dec. 8

Join us THIS 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

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Christmas Gifts for the Winter Welcome Table

We would like to have unwrapped gifts for distribution at our **December 23rd**. Winter Welcome Table Christmas Party. Items such as socks, scarves, hats, gloves, male and female personal hygiene products would be required. Your generosity is always appreciated. Please place gifts in the boxes at the doors of the church any day by **Sunday, Dec. 15**

Donation for Christmas Flowers

Every year the parish relies on the generosity of parishioners to decorate the church with flowers. If you would like to make a donation to purchase flowers, please make your donation by using the envelope "**Flowers for Christmas**" marked with your name, address and envelope number. Thank you for your generosity

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!

Parish Finances

Offering Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2024

Envelopes: \$2142.00

Loose: \$463.25

PAG: \$993.00

Total: \$3598.25

Helping Our Neighbours at Christmas!

Every Christmas, our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society assists families in need within our local community. 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 collection. Cheques should be made out to "**St. Peter's – SVDP Christmas**". Thank you for helping our neighbours at Christmas.

Dec. 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!

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! **PLEASE DO NOT USE 2025 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS**

"But you, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head."- Psalm 3:3

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

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

