

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 4, 2026) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (May 2026).

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 (416-534-4219, ext. 211).

Introducing Widows Peer Support Group

St. Peter's Church will offer a Widows Peer Support Group this Fall. We wish to provide a faith-centred space where widows can converse with others who understand the particular challenges and emotions that come with the loss of a spouse. The group will meet on the third Friday of every month from 10 am to 11:30 am in the rectory meeting room.

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19



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

Pope Francis and a New Way of Being Church: Reflecting on the Legacy of the first Jesuit Pope Series beginning on Oct. 15 in the Auditorium

A Faith Formation series offered by St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario (The parish auditorium is not accessible).

Facilitated by Sister Carla Thomas, O.P., Ph.D. (of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena).

This will be a six-week series that surveys the contributions of Pope Francis using his encyclicals, apostolic exhortations and letters and other ecclesiastical documents. The sessions will be on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 till 8:30.

Week One (Wednesday, October 15): Mercy, Hope and Holiness-- This will focus on what Francis tried to accomplish through the extraordinary jubilee of mercy in 2016 and his dream for the jubilee of hope in 2025.

Taizé Prayer

Dear friends, the FCJ sisters and friends will be resuming monthly Taizé evenings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Peter's. Taizé prayer is a form of prayer with roots in France but now popular with young people and adults worldwide, involving the singing of meditative chants and quiet prayer. Come join us for our first evening of beautiful music and prayer on **Thursday, Sep 18, from 7.30 - 8.30pm** in the main church as we celebrate the Season of Creation. All are welcome!

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From the Office of Catholic Youth

♦ *Spiritus Ministry*



East-West-York-

Durham-Central-North

Young adult ministry serving in 6
regions of our Archdiocese

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ShareLife: From the heart of the Church – Food Security Grants to fight hunger

As food insecurity worsens across the GTA, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT), and two generous anonymous donors, have pledged a combined \$800,000 in Food Security Grants for 2025—building on previous commitments of \$500,000 in 2023 and \$750,000 in 2024. Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. This is why we need your help to reach our parish goal. We have currently raised **\$48,051.40** towards our suggested goal of **\$53,000.00**. Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!

Welcome Back BBQ and Cookie Sunday – September 14

Join us on Sunday, September 14, following the 11:15 am Mass for a Welcome Back BBQ and a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities



Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick and Shut in

Please consider attending
workshops in the **Church**:

Lectors Ministry –

Saturday, **September 20** from 2
pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday,
September 27 from 2 pm – 3:30
pm

Altar Servers Ministry –

Saturday, **October 4** from 1:30
pm – 3 pm

Eucharistic Ministers for Sick
and Shut-in – Saturday, **October
11** from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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

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

Parish Finances

Offering Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, 2025

Envelopes: \$2418.00

Loose: \$486.05

PAG: \$993.00

Total \$3897.05

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Our Annual Fall Fair Announcement for 2025

Mark your calendars and join us for a spectacular annual community gathering happening on the weekend of **Saturday, Oct. 4 from 12 pm to 7 pm, and Sunday, October 5, 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*

The Source - Sisters of Life – Sept. 25, 2025 at 7 pm in the Church

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 PM. You are invited to come for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) followed by Christian fellowship in the Church Auditorium. Confession will also be available during Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday after the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM. (No adoration on Statutory holiday)

**Feast of the Nativity of our
Lady**

Sept. 6-7, 2025

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL