

HIGHLIGHTED

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2025 ~ 2026

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 8, 2025 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 12, 2025 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 15, 2025 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 19, 2025 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

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 pm

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.

Call for Volunteers for the Fall Fair

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to make this event a huge success on Saturday, Oct. 4, 12 pm to 7 pm
Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 am to 3 pm

Volunteer Opportunities:

Booth Attendants, Arts and Crafts Assistants, Food/ Dessert: Bakers and Chefs, Stage Performer Assistants, Setup and Cleanup Crew

Why Volunteer? Connect with your community, receive volunteer hours for school/ other, Enjoy delicious fair food! How to Sign Up: To join our dedicated team of volunteers and for more information please leave your name and email with the parish office, telephone number 416-534-4219. We can't wait to see you there!



Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 11 & 12

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 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 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 Thanksgiving weekend Oct.11 & 12.

“Faith is first a fidelity to truth, indeed to Truth himself.” – St. Thomas Aquinas

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Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, Sept. 27-28

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 27 and 28. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the collection. Thank you!

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting-- Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers interested in assisting with the Winter Welcome Table Meal at St. Peter's Church on Monday, October 20th in the parish auditorium of St. Peter's Church. This has been a joint venture between the parishes of St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's for many years and volunteers are much needed. All interested are welcome.

Memorial Mass on Oct. 3, at 7 pm

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, October 3 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

"So if any one is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything has passed away ; see everything has become new." – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Please Get Involved

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

Blessing of Pets – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 7:00 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.

Fall Fair Donation Items

Kindly drop off your donation items at the parish office during regular hours: Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We kindly ask that all donated items be in good, usable condition. Thank you!

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 13-14, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2577.00
Loose:	\$716.20
PAG:	\$993.00
Total	\$4286.20

Fall Fair Centrepieces – Donations Needed

The parish is seeking volunteers to donate **\$25.00** toward floral arrangements for the **Fall Fair (Sat. Oct 4 & Sun. Oct 5)**. These arrangements will be used as **table centrepieces** and to decorate the stage.

How it works:

-Each \$25 donation will go directly toward a floral arrangement.

-Donors may take home the same number of arrangements as they contributed for, after the fair.

-Flowers will include a card noting our generous sponsors (e.g., **"Donated by: [Your Name]"**).

If you wish to contribute, please leave your **name, contact information, and \$25 contribution** with Diana at the parish office.

Deadline: Contributions must be received by **Friday, September 19**, as we will be placing the flower order that day. Thank you for helping us bring beauty to our Fall Fair!

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

