

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

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be speaking in our parish during the Masses on **September 27th and 28th**. They will talk about their work for the benefit of evangelization in mission countries. The Sisters belong to a Religious congregation of Catholic women dedicated to serving the missionary Church and supporting the missionaries, who guide to our loving God those who do not yet know Him. The Sisters will present some special projects from the mission field and will distribute a missionary calendar for 2026.

The proceeds will be used as a gift for mission needs. If you wish to donate and support evangelization, you can contact the Sisters: Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, 14 Connaught Cr., Toronto, ON M6c 2S7. Phone: (416) 781-3925 You may donate by VISA/Master Card, cheque, E-Transfer (sspctoronto@rogers.com) or donate online at: <https://www.claveriansisters.ca/donate>

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.

To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan – St. Carlo Acutis

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting-- Monday, October 6 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 6th 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.

October 4/5, 2025 Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. To date, the fund has raised more than 70% of its \$30 million target as pledged by the Canadian bishops and dioceses throughout Canada. The archdiocese has allocated \$3.1 million of its \$6 million pledge to charitable initiatives supporting healing and reconciliation. The collection on the weekend of October 4/5 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!

**"The Lord saves our life
from every adversity."
1 Kings 1:29**

Please Get Involved

Please consider attending workshops in the Church:

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. 20-21, 2025

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| Envelopes: | \$3043.00 |
| Loose: | \$655.85 |
| PAG: | \$993.00 |
| Total | \$4691.85 |

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** at the parish office.

Thank you for helping us bring beauty to our Fall Fair!

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

Social Justice Committee Meeting – Oct. 8 at 7 pm

Social Justice Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 8, at 7 pm** in the Church auditorium. All are welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration

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