

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.

Widow's Peer Support Group

The next meeting for Widow's Peer Support Group will be held on **Thursday, October 16** in the office rectory from **1:30 PM – 3 PM.** Those interested are welcome to join this group.

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.

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 this 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!

“Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” - 2 Tim 3:12

■ 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.

RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference

Join us on Christ the King weekend, **November 21 to 23**, for an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for young adults aged 18 to 39! This is your chance to grow in faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young professional, young couple or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something special for you! Our theme this year is John 15:27: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me." Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life. The lineup includes Heather Khym (Keynote Speaker), Fr. Larry Richards (Priest Lead), Joe Zambon (Worship Team) and many more. Don't miss out! Save your spot today. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

Please Get Involved

Please consider attending workshops in the Church:

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.

Memorial Mass on Nov. 7, at 7 pm

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, Nov. 7 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

Parish Finances

Offering Sept 27-28, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2246.00
Loose:	\$425.30
PAG:	\$993.00
Total	\$3664.30

Fall Fair – This weekend

Saturday, Oct. 4, 12 pm to 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 am to 3 pm



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!

The Source - Sisters of Life –Oct. 23, 2025 at 7 pm in the Church

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on Thursday, October 23 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

Taizé Prayer Service of Thanksgiving – Oct. 16

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, the FCJ sisters and friends invite you to a gentle evening of Taizé prayer — quiet song, scripture, and silence — as we give thanks for God's blessings and reflect on the changing seasons of our lives. Join us in this time of gratitude and peace, to rest in God's presence and be renewed in hope, on **Thursday 16 October, from 7.30 - 8.30pm**. Our Taizé prayer services are held every third Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

Scone Sunday – October 12, 2025

Join us on Sunday, October 12, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY