

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Christ is Risen ~ Alleluia! Happy Easter

May the victory of the Risen Christ and His conquering over death bring Peace and Happiness to you and those you most hold dear!



~~~ HAPPY EASTER ~~~

Father Michael and the Parish Staff



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### Easter Mass Schedule

#### *Easter Sunday – April 5*

9:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass

11:15 AM: Easter Sunday Mass



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### Easter Monday – April 6

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6 and Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am

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### Many Thanks for the Holy Week & Easter Celebrations to

◆ Our parish community extends a special word of thanks and gratitude to all liturgical ministers and to all those who helped make our celebrations so prayerful

◆ Our musicians for providing the beautiful music which greatly enhanced the Triduum Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil

◆ All Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, Jesuit candidates who served and Ushers for their endless dedication

◆ Our Sacristans for the fine work and those who helped decorating the Church to make the Triduum liturgies run so smoothly

◆ Many thanks to all who made donations for flowers



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### The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

#### *Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife*

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26. Thus far we have raised **\$6819.35** toward our goal of **\$62,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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### Thank You to the Winter Welcome Volunteers!

*Thank You...*

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard to support the Winter Welcome Table program in providing meals to the unfortunate and needy. Much gratitude is extended to all involved. In addition, thank you to the many parishioners of St. Peter's who have donated so generously to support this program. THANK YOU!

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### Bereavement Group

The St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will meet in the rectory on the 2nd Friday of the month starting with **April 10 from 10:30 am to 12 pm**. This faith-centred ministry provides an opportunity for all whose lives have been touched by the loss of a loved one to gather in mutual support. If you would like to attend, please register at the parish office (416-534-4219) or email: [contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca) Facilitator: Mary Benincasa

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### Muffin Sunday- April 12, 2026

Join us on Sunday, April 12, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour.

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### Widow's Peer Support Group

The next meeting for Widow's Peer Support Group will be held on **Friday, April 17**, in the office rectory from **10:00 am – 11:30 am**. Those interested are welcome to join this group.

## AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Protect Mental Health, Protect Life — Support Bill C-218

*Write your Member of  
Parliament Today! Visit  
HelpNotHarmCanada.ca*

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218

### 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)

### Parish Finances

*Offering Mar. 28-29 2026*

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| Envelopes:   | \$3857.00        |
| Loose:       | \$956.40         |
| PAG:         | \$993.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$5806.40</b> |

### Taizé Prayer

Celebrate the gift of new life with a musical evening of Taizé prayer. All are welcome! Date: **Thursday, April 16, from 7:30 - 8:30pm** in the main church. Our monthly Taizé prayers take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All are welcome!

### Saint Life Board

Each month we will be highlighting a different saint to learn from them and reflect on our own journey of discipleship. The featured Saint for **April** is **St. Vincent de Paul**. Be sure to stop by the Saint Life board at the front entrance to learn about this notable French Catholic priest who dedicated his life to the corporal works of mercy and take time to reflect on where God is showing you to take initiative in your own community. You can also access previous Saint highlights by scanning the QR code at the bulletin board or by visiting <http://bit.ly/4qaL4OQ>



**Do not abandon  
yourselves to despair:  
We are the Easter people,  
and Hallelujah is our song.**

- St. John Paul II



### Introductory Sessions for Celestial Singles Encounters

*Saturday, April 18th and 25th,  
2026*

*Saturday, May 30th, 2026*

*Saturday June 13th, 20th, and  
27th 2026*

*From 3 PM - 4:30 PM at  
St. Peter's Parish Hall,*

Want to discern your God-given gifts and how they connect to the single male and female lay person's role and one's universal call to holiness? Come explore and share your faith experience of living the Single life as a Christian vocation.

Call the Parish Office, 416 534 4219, or send an email to [contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca) by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Admission is free but registration is required.

### The Source - Sisters of Life – April 23

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

### Celebrating the special Jubilee year of St. Francis

Pope Leo has invited all Catholics to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi with a special Jubilee year. A letter from Cardinal Leo about our diocesan celebrations is available on the back table of the Church.