

■ HIGHLIGHTED

A New Pastor for St. Peter's Parish

Father Michael McGourty, who has been pastor of St. Peter's Church since the departure of the Paulist Fathers in 2015, has asked for and been generously granted a sabbatical by Cardinal Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. Fr. McGourty will leave St. Peter's on June 25th, 2026.

Father Michael Hughes, has been named pastor of St. Peter's Church by Cardinal Leo and will begin his term on June 25th, 2026.

Please pray for all of the priests of the Archdiocese who will begin a new assignment on June 25th, 2026 and all involved in this time of transition.

First Holy Communion Celebration

Saturday, April 18 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 AM



The children and their families that have been preparing for many months will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

2nd Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you provide safety to those in need

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like Hetvi, who came to Canada seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated and desperate, her cries for help initially went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through Catholic Cross-cultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. Here, she received housing support and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare.

The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada—a land of freedom and peace—I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ."

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is **April 26**. Thus far we have raised **\$13,862.35** 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.

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 3rd Thursday of the month. All are welcome!

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.

Celebrating the special Jubilee year of St. Francis

Pope Leo has invited all Catholics to celebrate the 800th 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.

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

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Every Life is Precious – Protect Mental Health and 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 federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**. This 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. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026.

Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion, and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love — never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a family member, friend, neighbour, or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Parish Finances

Offering April 4-5, 2026

Envelopes:	\$2815.00
Loose:	\$487.20
PAG:	\$993.00
TOTAL	\$4295.20

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Saint Life Board

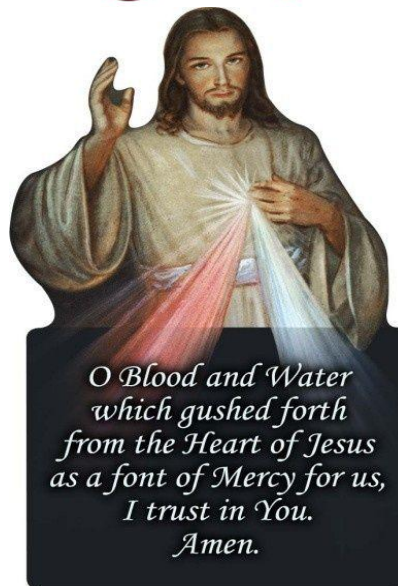
Have you had a chance to check out the new The Saint Life bulletin board at the front entrance? Each month

we will be highlighting a different saint to learn from them and reflect on our own journey of discipleship. So far we have highlighted St. Carlos Acutis, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and St. Pedro Calungsod. This month we feature St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and reflect on her incredible witness of conversion, faith, and solidarity.

You can also access previous Saint highlights by scanning the QR code or by visiting <http://bit.ly/4qaL4OQ>



Divine Mercy Sunday



*O Blood and Water
which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus
as a font of Mercy for us,
I trust in You.
Amen.*

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 by **April 15th**. Admission is free but registration is required.

Tip Tap Pay for Offertory

The Archdiocese of Toronto has partnered with Tip Tap Pay so that you can help support your parish with a simple tap. Simply tap the 'tiptap' device to give to your parish. That's it!

You can receive an **end-of-year tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gifts**. Right after your



first tap, scan

this QR Code with your smart phone and register your payment card. Once registered, you will receive an end-of-year tax receipt for your 'tiptap' gifts. All 'tiptap' gifts prior to registering are not eligible for a tax receipt.

***“Divine love brings
with it every good and
banishes every evil.”
-St. Catherine of Genoa***