

## ■ HIGHLIGHTED



### First Communion Congratulations to ~

Lucas Abade, Vienna Barbosa, Logan Cosme, Liam Crean, Elio Gatta, Aaron Jarloc, Harlan Hatt, Henry Howard, Lincoln Lima-Simoes, Angélique Misador, Luca Pavlovic, Hailey Singh-Hazel, Antonio Tucci, Ana Videira

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### Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 19 – 25, 2026

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week: Ignite Volunteerism will be celebrated from **April 19 to 25, 2026**, in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week.

This is a time to celebrate every volunteer and the light they bring to our parish. When each of you answers God's call with Isaiah's words—'**Here am I, send me**'—you do more than meet a need; you ignite a spirit of service that spreads throughout our parish community. Together, these individual sparks grow into a collective flame, inspiring us all and shining a reflection of God's love in everything we do.

This week, we honor the unique light every volunteer brings to our community. By answering God's call with a heartfelt, '**Here am I, send me,**' you have **ignited volunteerism** across our parish. Together, your dedication creates a collective fire that meets every need and warms every heart.

We recognize that our volunteers are the core of our stewardship mission. Your willingness to say '**Send me**' ignites our parish and sustains all our ministries. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening Coordinators and Committee Members, Church Cleaners, Liturgical Hospitality Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Collection Counters, Ministry Leaders, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, Lay Pastoral Visitors, and Baptismal Preparation teams, and so many other volunteers that answer God's call.



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### 3rd Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

*Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life*

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate)

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### Memorial Mass on May 1, at 7 pm

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, May 1 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

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### Bereavement Support Group

St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting in the rectory office on **Friday, May 8** from 10:30 am to 12 pm. For information, please contact the parish office (416-534-4219).

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### Cupcake Sunday – May 10

Join us on Sunday, May 10, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities

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### Social Justice committee – April 22

Social Justice Committee - Please join us on **EARTH DAY** - Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7 p.m. for "Faith in the Anthropocene" Presentation by Randy Haluza-Delay, Development and Peace

Humanity is changing the very nature of God's own creation. How are Christians to respond, think about, and live faithfully when it seems we are replacing the Creator and remaking the world?"

### Widow's Peer Support Group

The next meeting for Widow's Peer Support Group will be held on **Friday, May 15**, in the office rectory from **10:00 am – 11:30 am**. Those interested are welcome to join this group

### Taizé Prayer with FCJ Sisters and Friends

Come and rest with God on **Thursday, May 21 at 7.30 pm** in the Church with a time of music, scripture and quiet reflection. All are welcome.

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

"The Source" will take place on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM. There will be Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) followed by Christian fellowship in the Church Auditorium. Confession will also be available during Adoration

### Parish Finances

#### Offering April 11-12, 2026

Envelopes:	\$2655.00
Loose:	\$372.25
PAG:	\$993.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4020.25</b>

### Mass for Anointing of the Sick – Sunday, May 17 at 1:30 PM

The parish will celebrate a Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick on Sunday, May 17, at 1:30 PM. The Sacrament of the sick can be celebrated for any person who is ill and in danger of death or elderly. The sacrament is intended to bring physical and spiritual healing to those who are seriously ill. It also asks God for the grace to accept the suffering that comes with serious illness or diminished health due to age. If this applies to you or anyone you know, please consider attending or telling others about this celebration

### 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>



### 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)

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection May 9 and 10

Spring cleaning or declutter, please consider let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect **clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods** to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell to support our works of charity.

There will be a truck parked behind the church on Markham Street all weekend open Saturday and Sunday between 9am and 7pm. (Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.)

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

### Introductory Sessions for Celestial Singles Encounters

*Saturday, April 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.

**"When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceeding from the mouth."**  
-St. Bonaventure-