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Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others who do not know Jesus. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider becoming Catholic by joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this preparation and the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepened through a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. The R.C.I.A. at St. Peter's will begin on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** The group will meet throughout the length of the school year. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will be celebrated at Easter (March 27, 2027) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (May 2027).

For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination this path towards joining the Catholic Church is also open to them, depending on their previous faith formation.

Finally this program is also open to Adult Catholics who have never received Confirmation.

If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to consider joining the R.C.I.A. at the parish where they wish to attend Sunday Mass. If they wish to do so here at St. Peter's, please have them give Fr. Michael a call for more information (416-534-4219, ext. 211).

Fr. Michael's Installation & Welcome Reception – Food Donation Request

Join us as we welcome Bishop Kasun for the official installation of Fr. Michael Hughes as the new Pastor of St. Peter's Parish! Following the **11:15 a.m. Installation Mass on Sunday, September 13, 2026**, all parishioners are warmly invited to a Welcome Reception in the Church Auditorium. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to welcome our regional Bishop and congratulate Fr. Michael, as we celebrate in the Lord and enjoy fellowship together.

To help make this celebration a success, we are asking for donations of food and refreshments. If you are able to contribute, we would greatly appreciate donations of:



-Sandwiches (egg, tuna, ham & cheese)
- Beverages (water, juice, pop, coffee supplies)
- Fresh fruit trays
- Vegetable trays
- Savory treats (wraps, pastries, cheese and crackers, appetizers, etc.)
- Sweet treats (cookies, squares, cupcakes, desserts, pastries, etc.)

If you are able to volunteer by donating food, please sign up using the sheet located at the back of the church. Kindly print your name, contact number, and the item you wish to donate so we can coordinate the refreshments and ensure a good variety for everyone. ***The deadline is this Sunday, September 6.***

Food donations may be dropped off in the Church Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13.
Thank you for your generosity and for helping us welcome Bishop Kasun and give Fr. Michael a warm and memorable welcome to our St. Peter's Parish family. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Widow's Peer Support Group

The next meeting for Widow's Peer Support Group will be held on **Friday, Sept. 18,** in the office rectory from **10:00 am – 11:30 PM.** Those interested are welcome to join this group

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 holidays)

Call for Volunteers for the 2026 Fall Fair

We are excited to announce St. Peter's annual Fall Fair, taking place October 3–4, 2026, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's event a huge success!

Date & Time:

Saturday, October 3, 2026 — 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 — 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location:

St. Peter's Parish, 840 Bathurst St., Toronto, across from Bathurst Subway Station, Auditorium entrance is under the archway.

Volunteer Opportunities

Booth Attendants, Arts & 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 or other requirements,

Enjoy delicious Fall Fair food!

How to Sign Up

To join our dedicated team of volunteers or for more information, please leave your name and email address with the parish office: 416-534-4219

Thank you for helping us make the 2026 St. Peter's Fall Fair a wonderful community event!

Fall Fair Donations

The deadline for delivering donations for the Fall Fair has been extended to **Friday, September 25, 2026**.

Please bring your donations to the **parish office during regular office hours**. Thank you!

Your Faith in Action: 2026 Food Security Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, ShareLife and Catholic Charities are committing funds through the Food Security Grants program. Made possible through the faithful generosity of ShareLife donors, this year, $850,000 in Food Security Grants will strengthen local food banks, meal programs and other community-based initiatives serving individuals and families in need.

Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign helps make this work possible. We have currently raised **$31,886.75** toward our suggested goal of $**62,000**. Please support the fight against hunger by giving at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Humanitarian Relief – Nepal and Colombia

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations for humanitarian relief efforts in Nepal and Colombia and will channel funds through trusted Catholic partners responding to the emergencies and assisting affected communities.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Donations Processing Centre – 437-529-1287
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Humanitarian Relief – Nepal Mudslides or Humanitarian Relief – Colombia Earthquake

Taizé Prayer

Dear friends, the FCJ sisters and friends will be resuming monthly Taizé evenings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Peter's. Taizé prayer is a form of prayer with roots in France but now popular with young people and adults worldwide, involving the singing of meditative chants and quiet prayer. Come join us for our first evening of beautiful music and prayer on Thursday, **Sept. 17,** from 7.30 - 8.30 pm in the main church as we celebrate the Season of Creation. All are welcome!

Rosary Sunday – Sept. 13

On September 13, 2026, The Legion of Mary is joining the Rosary Sunday celebration at the Martyr's Shrine, Midland, Ontario. The cost is **$60** for an airconditioned coach. If interested payment is required ASAP to reserve your seat. Please call Angelina Petherbridge at **416-809-7093** or Luz Cruz at **647-340-6171.** Bus holds 55 seats, so first come, first served.

Please note: No cancellation, Replacement ONLY.

Parish Finances

Offering Aug. 29-30, 2026

Envelopes:	$2142.00
Loose:	$572.35
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$3707.35***

A Christian is:

A mind through which Christ thinks
A heart through which Christ loves
A voice through which Christ speaks
And a hand through which Christ helps
-St. Augustine