HIGHLIGHTED



Installation Celebration

Dear Parishioners,

What a wonderful celebration we had with Bishiop Kasun last weekend in connection with my installation. Thank you for your magnificent support, prayers and expressions of good will.

We had a great turnout for the reception that followed and you really got behind it all with your food donation and preparations.

Alessya, the Parish Council, Mary Furfaro And the set up and kitchen teams pulled this all together arranging all the generous food donations. Great work! As a community we put our best foot forward. You were all marvellous. And this is a great preparation for when the Cardinal comes to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our present Church on the second Sunday of Advent this coming December which will be an even bigger event. God bless you all and thank you form the bottom of my heart.

- Fr. Michael Hughes

Stewardship Sunday 2026 - Cardinal Leo's Homily

Copies of Archbishop Leo's homily are available at the back of the Church and on the Archdiocesan website www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

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, 2026 at 1:30 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.

Call for New Lectors

We are putting out a call for those who feel they have the gift to serve as a Lector. A Lector should be striving to live a life of faith by attending mass every Sunday, availing of regular confessions, have a daily prayer life and keeping the commandments with the help of God's grace. Please email the parish office at: contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca if interested in attending a trial workshop with our Lector Coordinator and Fr. Michael to be held on a Saturday morning before the end of October. Date and time to be confirmed.

Life Chain – Sunday, Oct. 4

St. Peter's Parish will be joining St. Wenceslaus Parish for Life Chain at the intersections of Dufferin and Bloor on **Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** Life Chain is a peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Christians pray for its end and hold signs bearing truths such as "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women", and "Jesus Forgives and Heals" at hundreds of locations from coast to coast.. This is a special opportunity to witness our neighbors about this tragic practice. Remember how our Lord asked His apostles: "Could you not watch one hour with me? (Mk 14:47)

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 10 & 11

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.10 & 11

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our dear parishioner **Araceli Fernandez** who passed away this past week and remember her surviving husband Antonio. They would have celebrated 66 years of marriage this week. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Bill Scanlon** who passed away on September 10 after 70 years of priesthood. May they both rest in peace.

AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Call for Volunteers for the 2026 Fall Fair

St. Peter's annual Fall Fair is taking place on **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: Church auditorium

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

Fall Fair Donations

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

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting- Monday, October 19 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 19th 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.

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
-Ephesians 6:17

St. Gertrude's Fall 2026 Adult Faith Formation Program

The Pivotal Players – Volume 1

Join Bishop Barron on the journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church. Discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

Join us in the Parish Hall OR via ZOOM on **Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm starting October 15 and ending Thursday, December 3rd.** Each evening we enjoy an engaging video presentation, lively discussion, fellowship and ***treats***. The highly recommended but optional Study Guide is $40.

Please register via St. Gertrude's Parish website: stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org
For more information, please contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com.

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)



The Source - Sisters of Life – Sept. 24, 2026 at 7 pm in the Church

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on Thursday, September 24 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

Humanitarian Relief – Nepal and Colombia

Those wishing to help may do so
• Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
Name of Parish – Humanitarian Relief – Nepal Mudslides or
Humanitarian Relief – Colombia Earthquake

Life Saint Board

This September, The Saint Life board highlights St. Teresa of Calcutta, whose life reminds us to recognize Christ in every person and to serve with love, humility, and compassion. Be sure to visit the board this month to learn more about her remarkable witness and reflect on how we can live her example in our own lives. ***Thank you to Laura and Cataldo Caprara for this excellent work of evangelization.***

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 12-13, 2026

Envelopes:	$3642.25
Loose:	$675.50
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$5310.75***

"A single act of love makes the soul return to life."
-St. Maximillian Kolbe