HIGHLIGHTED

The 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, September 27, 2026

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just one of these children." Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) – Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me"- the Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to migrants and refugee children. He reminds us that every child matters, and we are called to protect and welcome them with open hearts, offering them safety, dignity, and a hopeful future.

We are invited to reflect on how our parishes and communities can respond with concrete acts of hospitality and compassion to the youngest and most vulnerable among those on the move.

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

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 3/4, 2026

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 3/4, 2026 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

To date, the Archdiocese of Toronto has allocated $4.5 million to support projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation extended by the late Pope Francis during his penitential visit of 2022 for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

"Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make your co-heir of his heavenly kingdom." – St. Cyprian of Carthage

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.

"Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." – Jeremiah 33:3

St. Gertrude's Fall 2026 Adult Faith Formation Program ONLINE

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)

Memorial Mass on First Friday October 2, 2026, at 7 PM

This will take place on Oct. 2 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.

First Saturday Mass – Oct. 3, 2026 at 9:00 am

There will be Mass on First Saturday of the month on Oct. 3 at 9:00 am. Confessions will be available half an hour before and after the Mass.

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. 19-20, 2026

Envelopes:	$1932.00
Loose:	$601.65
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$3526.65***