HIGHLIGHTED

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

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held this 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.

Blessing of Pets – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi THIS SUNDAY

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 THIS SUNDAY

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

From St. Augustine's Confessions about his mother – St. Monica

Moreover, upon that good handmaiden of yours, in whose womb you created me, "my God, my mercy, you bestowed this great gift: wherever she could, she showed herself to be a great peacemaker between persons who were at odds and in disagreement. When she heard from either side many very bitter things, like something a swollen, undigested discord often vomits up, when a rough mass of hatred is belched out in biting talk to a present friend about an absent enemy, she would never betray a thing to either of them about the other except what would help towards their reconciliation. This might have seemed a small thing to me, if from sad experience I had not known unnumbered throngs who, through some kind of horrid wide-spreading sinful infection, not only report the words of angry enemies, but even add things they did not say. On the contrary, to a man who is a man it should be a little thing not to stir up or increase men's enmities by evil speaking, or else he even strives to extinguish them by speaking well of others. Such was she, and she had you as her inward teacher, in the school of her heart.

AROUND SAINT PETER'S

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

World Youth Day Mass with Cardinal Leo – November 21, 2026

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese for a special World Youth Day Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at St. Thomas More Parish located at 2234 Ellesmere Rd. in Scarborough, 7 p.m.

Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church.

Free admission. No registration required.

Open to all young adults ages 19-39.

Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship!

Video link: https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026

October – The Month of the Rosary

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.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 7.

Fall Fair – This weekend

Sat., Oct. 3, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 4, 10:00 am to 1:30pm



The World Over – Full episode: Fulton Sheen Beatified- Sept. 24, 2026



This can be found on YouTube

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!

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 26-27, 2026

Envelopes:	$1747.00
Loose:	$570.85
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$3310.85***

"Start by doing what's necessary then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible"

- St. Francis of Assisi -