

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2016

*Working wonders for people locally and around the world...*

Pope Francis reminds us that this is the year of mercy. How do we extend the hands of Christ to others in our daily lives? For some, it may be caring for an elderly relative, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or helping to collect food or raise funds for charity. In our busy society, many of us do not have the time to actively participate, and as such we rely on the many agencies within our community to provide love, care and support to those in need. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, our annual ShareLife appeal provides resources to over 40 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Collectively, through our support, we share in their success in making a positive difference in the lives of those they serve.

Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to help your brothers and sisters in Christ, and make a contribution to our annual appeal. You will be helping to make a difference – indeed you will be working wonders!

**Next Sunday, March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday**

**ShareLife**

*Please give generously. You can work wonders!*



We will be having confessions in the Church on **Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM** and on **Saturday, March 19, from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**. On **Good Friday, March 25**, priests will be available for confessions after the 3:00 PM service for as long as there is need.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated every Saturday from 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment.

## ■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

### Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

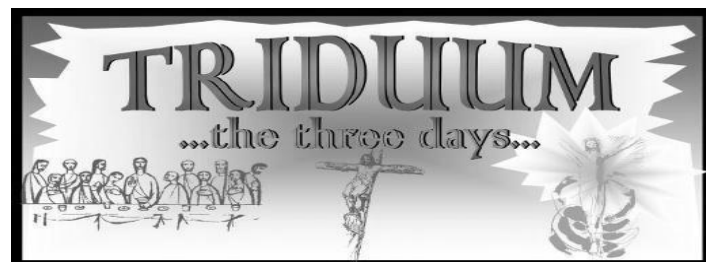


Eucharistic Adoration in the Centre Chapel takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In order for Adoration to take place, people are needed to adore the Lord while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Please consider signing-up to spend an hour or more with Jesus during the week. The sign-up book is available in the Centre Chapel for those who are able to sign-up. If forty people sign-up to take an hour a week, we will be able to continue this very important time for prayer before the Lord. Please consider making time for the Lord.

### Stations of the Cross

A great Lenten spiritual devotion held on Friday evenings during Lent after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on the First and Last Friday of the month and at 7:00 p.m. every other Friday.



### Paschal Triduum Schedule

#### **Holy Thursday - March 24**

7:00 PM: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Centre Chapel until 12 midnight.

#### **Good Friday - March 25**

12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### **Holy Saturday - March 26**

8:00 PM: Easter Vigil  
**(No 5 PM Mass)**

#### **Easter Sunday - March 27**

9:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass  
11:15 AM: Easter Sunday Mass  
**(No evening 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)**

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### Parish Finances: Offering Feb.27-28, 2016

*Envelopes: \$2731*

*Loose: \$1296*

*PAG: \$323*

*Total: \$4350*

*Building collection:\$1502*

*Thank you for your support!*

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### An Afternoon retreat for 50+ Parishioners

Date: Thursday, March 10

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Place: Parish Centre

Theme: "The Name of God is Mercy"

Facilitator: Sister Mary Rose  
Marrin CSJ

Plan to attend this special time of prayerful reflection. Bring a friend with you!

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### Coffee Hour - Sunday, March 13

We invite you to join us for a regular coffee hour on Sunday, March 13, after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Church auditorium. All are welcome!!!

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### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Your new schedules are now available in the Sacristy and online ([www.lem.stpeterstoronto.ca](http://www.lem.stpeterstoronto.ca)). Availability sheets for the Holy Week services are also posted in the Sacristy. These are to indicate availability only. Names not on the list for a particular service will be presumed unavailable for that service. Assignments for each service will be chosen from the names listed as available. Please sign up by **March 5**. Holy Week service assignments will be posted in the Sacristy on March 12.

### Just a Friendly "Time Reminder"

Next weekend, March 13, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. We ask you to please remember to set your clocks, watches, and other time keeping devices ahead one hour next Saturday evening before retiring for the evening so that you will arrive on time for Sunday Mass.

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### Tax Receipts for 2015

Parish tax receipts for weekly donations, PAG, second collections, Capital campaign donations and donations to ShareLife made through the parish have been mailed out.

Tax receipts for the Family of Faith Campaign will be issued and mailed by the Archdiocese.

Receipts for Donate Now made by the Credit card will also be issued and mailed by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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### Donations to the Family of Faith Campaign

As the Family of Faith Campaign is an Archdiocesan campaign it is asked that those who have already pledged to donate quarterly, monthly, or annually, kindly mail your donations directly to:

**Family of Faith  
Donations Processing Centre  
Archdiocese of Toronto  
1155 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4T 1W2**

All cheques are to be made payable to: FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN. They do not accept cash. Also please write the name of the parish as **St. Peter's** in the Memo area on the cheque. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.



### Try Alpha

#### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith

#### Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you want.

#### How does it work?

Alpha is typically 7-12 sessions with a weekend or day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion where you can share your thoughts and ask questions. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

#### How much is it?

There's usually no charge to attend Alpha, though some places may ask for a contribution towards food.

#### Course Information

**Join us - St. Peter's Young Adults Group, Fridays from Jan.22-April 29, 2016 at 7pm.**

**Topics for Friday, March 12: Who is the Holy Spirit, What does the Holy Spirit do, How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit and How can I make the most of the rest of my life.**

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