

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, January 14, 2018

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees.” In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that “every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age...”

\*\*\*A special Mass commemorating the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome to attend!

### Epiphany - January 7, 2018

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email - [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office.

## ■ ■ 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. Please consider making time for the Lord.

### THIS Sunday Coffee Hour ~January 7, 2018

We will be having a Coffee Hour *this* Sunday, January 7, after the 9 AM and 11:15 AM Masses in the Church Auditorium. Please join us in greeting and meeting our fellow parishioners.



### Confirmation Prep Class

Please note that the next Confirmation prep class will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 3 PM - 4:30 PM in the auditorium in the Centre.

### Course on Gospel of St. Mark

Mark's Gospel is used for most Sundays of this year, and becoming more familiar with this Gospel helps us in our life of discipleship and spiritual growth. It is also a great preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A short course will be offered by Sr. Helen Cameron, IBVM, on Monday afternoons, beginning Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Registration is necessary. Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219

### New Beginnings - Bereavement Ministry Support Group

A six (6) week bereavement ministry support group will be starting at St. Peter's (Ministry Centre) starting on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. If you or someone you know is dealing with the loss of a loved one and would like to join this group, please register at the parish office (416-534-4219)



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### 2018 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

**WE REQUEST YOU NOT TO USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AS THOSE NUMBERS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO OTHER PEOPLE**

### A Mothers Prayer Group

We are a group of ladies who meet most Fridays 10:30 am at St. Peter's Centre, an International group of women, who follow a program and meet once a week to pray for our children, grandchildren and children who have no one to pray for them. There is a great peace knowing that a mother's burden is handed over to the Lord, and that there are other women supporting us in prayer. "Where two or more come together in my name, there am I with them."

Interested? Please email:

SueDeGrandis@rogers.com.

Put "Mothers Prayers" in the subject line, should it go into the Spam folder I can easily pull it out. Or Text/ mobile 416 319 3434.

### Parish Finances

***Offering December 23-24, 2017***

Envelopes: \$4574

Loose: \$1233

PAG: \$402

Total: \$6209

Christmas offering: \$8143.65

Thank you for your support

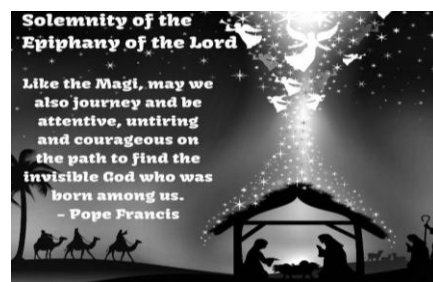
### Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers walk-in counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concern. No appointment required. **Central office address:** 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto. Every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416-921-1163.

**North office address:** 5799 Yonge Street, Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416-222-0048.

EMAIL:

info@cfstoronto.com



### St. Peter's Church Holy Land Pilgrimage

You are invited to join Sr. Gabriel Riddle and St. Peter's parishioners for an inspiring 9 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year November 21-29, 2018. This journey of faith will include daily Mass and visits to the holy places where our Christian faith began as followers of Jesus. The package includes airfare and air taxes, accommodation (double occupancy), breakfast and dinner, transportation and so much more! Approximate price per person based on double occupancy (excluding gratuities and insurance) is \$3,420. For more information, please visit the parish website or leave your name with St. Peter's Parish office.

### Parish Finances

***Offering December 30-31, 2017***

Envelopes: \$4073

Loose: \$1046

PAG: \$402

Total: \$5521

Thank you for your support

### 2018 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2018 Mass Intentions for parish weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses. Offering: For announced date \$20 per Mass and for Unannounced date \$10 per Mass. An unannounced Mass intention may be sent to priests outside the parish to be sent to priests outside the parish to be celebrated in the near future. Due to the large number of requests for Masses, the parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every **Thursday at the 12:10 pm Mass**. As this is something which requires special permission from the bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

### Living with Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held

**February 13 to April 3, 2018**

**from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at

1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 x2232 or email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.