

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday)



The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The parish will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. These will be at 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings in the Church. On the First and Last Fridays the stations will follow the 7:00 PM Mass. On other Fridays they will be prayed at 7:00 PM.

On Ash Wednesday, confessions will be heard in the Church from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM

Canada Summer Jobs Program – Reach Out to Your Member of Parliament

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust.

Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the minister responsible for this portfolio.

Generation's Missionaries Parent Talk!

Parent Conference on "Parenting for Chastity", **Tuesday February 13th** at St. Peter's Parish from 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Don't miss this amazing lecture! Parents and grandparents will hear from RE: Generation missionaries on "Parenting for Chastity". What does 'Parenting for Chastity' look like? Building right character, wisdom and having the right knowledge is key! In this presentation we will talk about the why, the what and the how of chastity and share some tips on parenting chaste children. For more details please see our website and/or posters. To sign-up for this lecture, please call the parish office at 416- 534-4219.

**"THERE IS NO WAY TO
COMPREHEND CHASTITY WITHOUT
THE VIRTUE OF LOVE."**

James Paul II

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

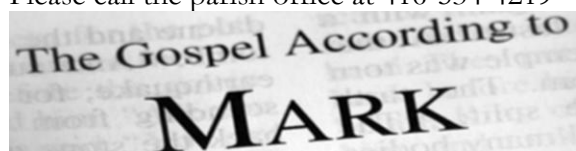
Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel



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.

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 5th at 1:30 p.m. Registration is necessary. Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219



February 3-4, 2018

Special ♥Valentine♥ Coffee Hour and Bake Sale - Saturday, Feb.10 and Sunday, Feb.11, 2018

We invite you to join us for a special Valentine's Day Coffee hour and bake sale on Saturday, February, 10 after the 5 PM Mass and on Sunday, February 14, after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Church auditorium. Valentine goodies will be on sale. All are welcome!

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

You are invited to join Sr. Gabriel Riddle and St. Peter's parishioners for an inspiring 9 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on November 21-29, 2018. Approximate price per person based on double occupancy (excluding gratuities and insurance) is \$3,420.

An important meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's room.

Liz Dachuk from Connaissance Tour and Travel and Sr. Gabriel will be presenting the final itinerary details; fee schedule; checklist of essential items, documents, etc. Applications will be on a first come, first serve basis. The required number of pilgrims is 30 persons. Please see flyer for further details on our parish website. See you there

Parish Finances

Offering January 27-28, 2018

Envelopes: \$3172

Loose: \$854

PAG: \$468

Total: \$4494

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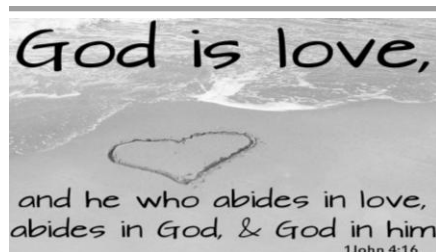
Celebration of Marriage Mass, February 11, 2018 - 3 PM



As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, **Bishop Robert Kasun** will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at **3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11** at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave., North York). A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

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.



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, **Feb. 21 - May 9, 2018 at 7pm.** Location - 830 Bathurst St For further question email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca

St. Blase

•Feast day – February 3

•Bishop and martyr

•St. Blase had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest

•A legend says that he cured a boy who had a bone stuck in his throat

•Patron of protection of the throat