

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Parish Lenten Retreat - March 5, 6, 7 at 7:00 PM

This Lent our Parish Lenten Retreat will be conducted by Father Gilles Mongeau, sj and the Jesuit Scholastics who serve in our parish community. Please mark your calendars to join in this time of Lenten Spiritual renewal. It will take place in the Church.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - March 4, 2018

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Public Legal Education Seminar - Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Some recent developments have occurred in the law in relation to the pro-life issues of abortion and euthanasia. A litigation lawyer will be coming to St. Peter's to provide legal information on these developments, including on the new bubble zone legislation, on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the church auditorium, located in the basement.

Sign-Up Sundays! February 24/25 & March 3/4. We need Help!

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please take a moment to provide your contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. There will be several priests hearing Confessions.

Good Friday, March 30, after 3:00 PM service commemorating the Passion of our Lord, till 5:30 PM

Private reconciliation every Saturday from 3:45 - 4:30 PM

The Women's Liturgical Choir - Monday, March 12, 7:30 pm

You all are welcome to attend "The Women's Liturgical Choir" from the University of Notre Dame that will take place on Monday, March 12, at 7:30pm in the Church.

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.



March 3-4, 2018

Fr. Tom Rosica speaks on His new Book - March 13, 7:00 pm

St. Peter's Parish will host Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, for an evening talk on his new book "*Stay with us: Encounters with the risen Lord*". This will take place on Tuesday, March 13, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Church. Please mark your calendars!!!

"Stay with us..."

Encounters with the Risen Lord

Reflections by **Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB**

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Spring Forward - March 11



Next weekend, March 11, 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.

Ministers to the Sick and Shut-ins Meeting

There will be a meeting for the Ministers to the sick and shut-ins on Saturday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Plan to attend!

Tax Receipts for 2017

The tax receipts for 2017 have been mailed out the week of February 4. For those who wish to begin to use pre-authorized giving, an authorization form has been sent out with the receipts. Please consider this way of supporting your Parish. Thank you very much for your contributions. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home.

2018 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available at the back of the church. 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.

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, March 15 - April 19, 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)

Come and See Weekend

Come and See Weekend - **Friday, March 23 (begins at 6:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 25 (ends at 1:30 p.m.), at St. Augustine's Seminary:** Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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 this 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. ! 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. **The itinerary and the registration form is available at the parish office.**



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.**

Topic for March 7: Why did Jesus die?

Location - 830 Bathurst St
For further question email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca

Parish Finances

Offering February 24-25, 2018

Envelopes: \$3549
Loose: \$832
PAG: \$483
Total: \$4864
Building Fund: \$1504.25

Thank you for your support