

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2018-2019

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Family Mass

8:00 p.m. - Mass

(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 7:30 p.m.)

12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:15 a.m. - Mass

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Mass

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:15 a.m. - Mass



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Fr. Michael and the Parish staff wish you and your loved ones all of God's blessings
~~~Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Healthy New Year 2019~~~

### Christmas & New Year Office Schedule

The parish office will be **closed** on the following dates:

Monday - December 24, 2018 - Christmas Eve

Tuesday - December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day

Wednesday - December 26, 2018, Boxing Day - Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM in the Chapel

Monday - December 31, 2018 - New Year's Eve

Tuesday - January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

(Please note that the parish secretary will be away on vacation and will return to work on January 2. Any certificate requests will be attended to after January 2)

## ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

### First Friday Healing Mass at 7 PM

Beginning in February, the parish will have a First Friday Healing Mass. Those in need of spiritual, physical, psychological or emotional healing are invited to present their petitions for healing at the time of the prayers of the faithful. These petitions can be written down and placed in a special petition box at the altar.

### No Memorial Mass and Evening First Friday Mass in Christmas Season

Due to the busy Christmas schedule, and the fact that our parish has only one priest, the evening Memorial Mass for December 28 and the evening First Friday Mass on January 4th, 2019 will be cancelled. The regular 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated on these days in the Centre Chapel.

### Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant - Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Calling all young aspiring actors and actresses (ages 4 to 12)! If you would like to be part of the parish's Christmas Pageant, please attend a rehearsal after the 11:15 AM Mass on Sunday, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 in the Church. This year the Christmas Pageant will take place immediately before the parish's 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass (December 24th).

### 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 Tuesday, Jan.15 to Feb.19 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. If you or someone you know is dealing with loss of a loved one and would like to join this group, please register at the parish office (416-534-4219) Group facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Riddle, cps/Matthew Hendzel, sj

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### **Apostle and Evangelist St. John of Bethsaida and of Patmos - Jan. 16, 23 & 30 at 7 PM**

A three part meditative approach to the Gospel of St. John will be given in January for all those who are drawn to the disciple Jesus loved. Wednesdays January 16, 23, 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All welcome, bring your Bibles

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### **2019 Mass Intentions**

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2019 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. 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.*

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### **2019 Offertory Envelopes**

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Instructions are on the form. The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2019 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS.**

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### **New Sunday Missals Now Available**

The 2018-2019 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year which begins with the First Sunday of Advent on December 2, may be obtained at the Parish Centre. Cost is **\$6.00**

### **Social Justice Formation Nights— Thursday, January 17 and 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

The newly formed Social Justice Committee at St. Peter's has invited Mr. Matthew Marquardt, from Catholic Conscience, to give a two evening seminar on the Church's teaching on Social Justice and how you can get involved. On the evening of Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Mr. Marquardt will present the "Seven Themes of the Church's Social Teaching." On Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, he and a number of Social Outreach groups will explore how members of the parish can get involved in Social Justice. Both these sessions will take place in the church auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please consider attending and mark this event in your calendar.

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### **New Office Location**

We have finally moved the parish offices to the renovated rectory. Access to the parish offices can now be gained through the door under the archway. Entrance is possible only during office hours: Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The office will be closed for lunch from 12 noon to 1 pm



### **Are you thinking of purchasing a live Christmas tree?**

The live Christmas trees is on sale beginning this weekend of Dec.1-2 until December 24, the same company as in years past will be selling Christmas trees on the Markham Street lot of our church. Please consider getting your tree (or trees) from them. You would be helping St. Peter's operating budget by purchasing your live trees from our Markham Street lot. There are many beautiful trees available and your purchase of a Christmas tree helps to financially support the Winter Welcome table's outreach efforts. The lot will be open every day from 10 AM to 8 PM.

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### **Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2019 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service at 905-624-4422.

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### **Taking care of your Spiritual Family**

The parish of St. Peter's has been a part of your faith development and is like a member of your family. When preparing your estate plans, we ask you to consider a bequest to the parish as a way of guaranteeing the health of your spiritual family long into the future. Through your estate, your membership in our extended community of faith will continue in perpetuity. May God who loved you in this life reward your generosity in eternal life. Thanks!