

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 26 (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 Friday they will be prayed at 7:00 PM.

On Ash Wednesday, confessions will be heard in the Church after 7 PM Mass until 9 PM

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 9, 2020 – 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, you are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling Ella Okonkwo at (416) 934-3400 ext. 523.

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Justice Program

The Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring a program of speakers on current social issues. This will be held in the church auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 12 - Catholic Social Teachings by Matthew Marquardt, Founder of Catholic Conscience

February 19 - Street Ministry by Deacon Robert Kinghorn, Author and deacon to street people Toronto parish

March 18 - Homelessness and Loneliness by Sr. Francis Bisland cps, Founder of Dayspring ministry to mentally/physically disabled

March 25 - Racism/ Human Rights by Peter Dawson, York University Sociology Professor, Human Rights Advocate All welcome!

BaBI Book Club – Feb. 20

BaBI Book Club – next meeting: Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Book “Machines Like Me” by Ian McEwan. All Welcome!

Workshop on Personal Vocation – March 11

On Wednesday March 11 at 7:00p.m., Sr. Gabriel will be presenting a prayer/workshop on how to discern one's personal vocation within one's way for life. This will be held in the church so time for quiet reflection/meditation is available. All welcome!

Appreciation Farewell to Father Adam Hincks, s.j. on this Sunday

Father Adam Hincks, s.j. has been appointed to the Martyrs Shrine in Midland, Ontario. He will be here for his last Sunday on the weekend of February 8th and 9th. The parish is very grateful to Father Adam for the time he has spent with us as a transitional deacon and since his ordination to the priesthood. We pray that God will continue to bless him in his work and ministry with the Jesuits. Please come down after Mass on Sunday, February 9th to wish Fr. Adam well at our Coffee Sunday.

Special Valentine Coffee Hour and Bake Sale – THIS Saturday, Feb.8 and THIS Sunday, Feb.9, 2020

We invite you to join us for a special Valentine's Day Coffee hour and bake sale on this Saturday, February, 8 after the 5 PM Mass and on this Sunday, February 9, after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Church auditorium. Valentine goodies will be on sale. All are welcome!

Bereavement Ministry Group

A five (5) week bereavement ministry support group will be starting at St. Peter's rectory offices starting on Tuesday, **March 3 to April 7** from 1:30 -3:30p.m. 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) Group facilitator: Sr. Gabriel M. Riddle cps

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Tax Receipts for 2019

The tax receipts for 2019 will be mailed out the week of February 10. 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.

2020 Offertory Envelopes



Offering Envelopes for 2020 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 USE THE 2020 ENVELOPES

St. Peter's Christian Meditation Group

St. Peter's offers a friendly and supportive atmosphere for meditation (silent prayer) following the tradition of John Main, OSB; the group is open to all regardless of religious affiliation, ethnicity or gender. Beginners welcome!

The group meets weekly on Saturdays @3:30pm in the Parish Rectory Office. Ring the bell and the receptionist will let you in and direct you to the meditation room. For more information contact Sondra at Christian.Meditation.Group@gmail.com

Be still and know that I am God. – Psalm 46:10

11 FEBRUARY
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Prayer and Life Workshop at St. Peter's Parish

Opening session: Tuesday January 21st, 7:00 to 9:00 PM for fifteen weeks.

Give yourself time to progressively delve deeper in your Encounters with the Lord! It is in deep prayer that you will find Him, the Source of joy, our inner Restorer. He eagerly awaits for you! Join us in this great journey! Instruction is free, materials have a recovery fee of \$15 for all the sessions (sessions are weekly). Contact Pablo at 416-346-7580 or ontario@tovpil.ca to RSVP. You may also contact the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church 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

Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Auditorium on Sunday, February 23, 2020 following the 9:00 am and 11:15 am Masses. \$5 per plate.



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

DATE: February 6- April 16, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

LOCATION: St. Peter's Church Auditorium

New Sunday Missals Now Available

The 2019-2020 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year may be obtained at the Parish Office. Cost is \$6.00

"For I will restore Health to you

and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord.

-Jeremiah 30:17



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL

February 8-9, 2020