

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

COVID - 19 Update

St. Peter's Church is open for Mass every day. From Monday to Friday the church is open for Mass at 8:00 a.m. and for prayer in the morning and early afternoon. Mass on Sundays is celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday.

We are able to accommodate up to 30% of our capacity (200 maximum), so it is recommended that you come early. Those who attend our busiest Mass at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday might consider attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In keeping with the bylaws of the City of Toronto, all who visit St. Peter's Church must wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this important safety measure.

If you have been in contact with anyone with the COVID 19 virus within the last 14 days, you are asked to stay home. Those with a fever or any symptoms should also stay home.

During this time, the parish washrooms are not available.

For the time being, the parish office will be open only **one day a week on Wednesdays** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are asked to make an appointment before visiting the office for the safety of the staff.

The office is not open evenings and weekends.

Fr. Michael is available by phone at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 and all messages are returned.

Due to spacing issues, those groups which used to meet in our small meeting rooms are not meeting at this time.

Thank you to all who have supported the parish during this difficult time. Donations can be mailed to the parish at 659 Markham Street, Toronto ON M6G 2M1, left in the mail slot at the Sisters of Life entrance, or made through Donate Now at the Archdiocese of Toronto. If using Donate Now at www.archtoronto.org, please be sure to select St. Peter's Toronto as your parish.

We look forward to seeing you soon and praying together again.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule 2020-2021

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, 2020

- 4:00 p.m. - Family Mass
- 6:00 p.m. - Mass
- 8:00 p.m. - Mass
- 10:00 p.m. - Mass

(NO midnight mass)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020

- 9:00 a.m. - Mass
- 11:15 a.m. - Mass

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2020

- 5:00 p.m. - Mass

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021

- *10:00 a.m. - Mass

* This year, due to Covid 19, Cardinal Collins has dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on January 1, 2021.



Advent Confessions - December 12 & 19, 2020

Advent confessions will be held in the Church on **Saturday, December 12**, from **1:30 PM to 4:30 PM** and **Saturday, December 19** from **11:00 AM to 4:30 PM**. Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners in this time of spiritual healing as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES
MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ARE MANDATORY

Thank you for your co-operation!



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First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2020 ~ 2021

It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme. We are accepting registrations for ALL children, in both Public and Catholic schools, wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next spring.

◆◆**First Communion:** Children in grade two or older are invited to celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. Parents interested in enrolling their children in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 2–3 pm or Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 7-8 pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

◆◆**Confirmation:** Children in grade seven or older are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents AND their children interested in enrolling in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7-8 pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

◆◆All Sacramental Preparation Classes must be attended by both Catholic and Public school children. Please inquire at the Parish Office, contact Fr. Michael at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 or visit us online at www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your Will creates a lasting legacy that will help the Church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your Will, please consider a bequest to St. Peter's Parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.

Advent Retreat Day 2020



THEME: Longing for God - Reflection on the advent prophets' search for and discovery of their saviour (visio divina will be utilized in presentation)

DATE: Saturday, December 5

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by Eucharist

WHERE: In the Church where social distancing is possible

BRING: Drink/Snack

PRICE: With booklet \$5



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. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year

2021 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2021 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 practice social distancing and sanitize your hands before reaching for your envelopes and kindly refrain from touching boxes belonging to others.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2021 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

will be open every day from 10 AM to 8 PM.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL

Nov. 21-22, 2020