

# ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

## COVID - 19 Update

As a result of the COVID 19 Lockdown that has been ordered for the City of Toronto, beginning on Monday, November 23, 2020, and lasting for at least 28 days, there will be no public Masses celebrated in Toronto. Under this lockdown order, churches may only admit 10 persons, including clergy, at a time. All publicly celebrated Masses during this time have been cancelled.

During the lockdown, the parish offices are also closed and all meetings in the parish have been cancelled.

Each morning, I will be celebrating Mass at 7:00 a.m. privately in our Church for the intentions of the parishioners. If you have any need that you would like me to remember at Mass, you may call and leave a message at the parish office: 416-534-4219. I am still living and working at the parish. If you wish to speak with me, please call. Although the parish offices are closed, if I do not answer when you call, I will call you back as soon as possible.

The church will be open from Monday to Friday at 7:30 a.m. and I will be available in the church from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the church will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and I will be available in the church at this time. This will also be the case on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **During these times, no more than 10 persons will be permitted in the church at a time.**

Each morning at 7:30 a.m., Cardinal Collins is livestreaming the celebration of Mass, the Rosary and the Angelus for the day. You can access these events live, or watch them at your own convenience, by visiting the Archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

There are many other spiritual resources that you can find on television or online. The Canadian Catholic network, Salt and Light, has Mass and many other devotions each day. Vision Television also has many Catholic and Christian broadcasts. Some may also wish to access the American Catholic television station EWTN—the Eternal Word Television Network. All of these provide excellent Catholic resources to feed us at this time when we are unable to visit our parish church and celebrate the Eucharist with our faith community.

I will post my Sunday homily each week on the website. The parish will not be livestreaming our Sunday Masses, as I believe that this is best done by the Cardinal each day.

**Please, also, if your situation allows it, remember the financial needs of your parish during this difficult and challenging time. Contributions can be mailed to the parish, left in the mailbox of the Sister of Life door, or made online through “Donate Now” at the website of the Archdiocese of Toronto—[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org). If you donate through the Archdiocesan website, please be sure to select your parish for the donation—St. Peter’s Church – Toronto.**

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

## 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**.



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

**Thank you for your co-operation!**



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### Live Christmas trees on sale

The live Christmas trees are now on sale 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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### 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/development).

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### Winter Welcome Table

Winter Welcome Table offers FREE take away meals each Monday night from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Pick up from St. Peter's Church, 659 Markham Street (approach from Bathurst St. entrance)

### Christmas Gifts for the Winter Welcome Table

In the past, the parish has collected gifts for men and women who might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. We would like to have unwrapped gifts for distribution on December 21st for the Winter Welcome Table.

Items such as socks, scarves, hats, gloves, male and female toiletries would be required. New or Dry-cleaned winter coats (male and female) required. Your generosity will be appreciated.

**Please leave the gifts at the back of the church in the boxes placed for the gifts. These can be left any day before December 21st in the church during the hours it is open: Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm, Saturday 4-6 pm and Sunday from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Thank you!!**

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### Third Sunday of Advent



**“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” Philippians 4:4-6**

### 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.

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### 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**