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Alpha Series

St. Peter's is looking to host an Alpha series starting on **Thursday March 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm**. As the Covid cases continue to rise in Ontario, our parish is looking to host an Alpha series online. If you're interested in joining, please let us know via email, by no later than Friday Feb 18, 2022. We can be contacted at youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca

Once registered you will receive the program details and access link each week. The first session will be on Thursday March 3, 2022 at 7:00pm, and will run every Thursday evening until April 7, 2022.

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

For further question email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca

Website: <https://stpeterstoronto.ca/main/>

TCDSB Kindergarten Online Registration

All Kindergarten applications must be submitted online. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year began on **January 19, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. EST. Visit soar.tcdsb.org to start your registration.**

Eligibility : For September 2022, all children born in 2018 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Please consider 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. **During the pandemic, you are asked to please consider this manner of supporting our parish community.**

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.

“Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.” – Isaiah 65:24



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



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The Blessing of Candles and Throats

This week, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd**. This feast has traditionally been associated with the **blessing of candles**. This year, as a result of the pandemic, parishioners may bring their own candles to the Mass at 8:00 am on Wednesday, February 2 and the candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

On **Thursday, February 3, 2022** the Feast of St. Blaise, the **blessing of throats** will take place following the 8:00 am Mass.

2022 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2022 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 have been organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. Kindly refrain from touching boxes belonging to others. Maintain social distancing.

PLEASE USE THE 2022 ENVELOPES AND DISCARD THE 2021 ENVELOPES

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Reduced Office Hours Due to Covid-19

In light of the increased cases of Covid-19 in the province of Ontario, the parish staff will be working from home and our parish office hours are reduced.

Until further notice, the parish office will be open to the public only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office and leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible—416-534-4219.

Thank you for your understanding and support for the parish in these difficult times. Be assured of our prayers for your safety and well being.

Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality

Tax Receipts 2021

Tax receipts for 2021 will be mailed out by February 7, 2022.

We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home. Thank you!

New Sunday Missals

The 2021-2022 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year is available at the parish office. Cost is **\$7.00**

Children's Liturgy Online Session

On a temporary basis the Children's Liturgy Program will be hosting sessions once a month online, if interested in participating please send your email address to youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca to receive the class link. The first session will be on **Sunday February 13th at 11:15 AM, with a special Valentine theme.**

Celebration of Marriage Mass February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live
The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage-to-register

Be cheerful, do good, and let the sparrows chirp – St. John Bosco

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