

# ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

## Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 (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 two Masses on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. These will be at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings in the Church after 7:00 PM Mass.

*On Ash Wednesday, confessions will take place in the Church after 7 PM Mass until 9 PM*

## 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](mailto: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.

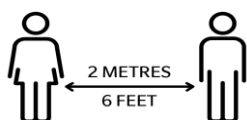
## Course Information

For further question email: [youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca)

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

## 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.



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



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### 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 ONLY THE 2022 ENVELOPES

### Prayer in Time of Covid

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of Covid 19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions. Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop Robert Kasun CSB  
Auxiliary Bishop Central Region  
Archdiocese of Toronto*

### 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)

### Tax Receipts 2021

**Tax receipts for 2021 have been sent out last week.**

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

**GREAT NEWS!** Our Children's Liturgy has moved back to in-person sessions at 11:15 AM mass. We will continue to host in-person and online sessions. On a monthly basis we will have an online session and continue in-person session every Sunday at 11:15 AM mass. If interested in participating in our online sessions please send your email address to [youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca) to receive the class link. The first session will be on this **Sunday February 13th at 11:15 AM, with a special Valentine theme.**

### Marriage Sunday - February 12/13, 2022

**Attend the Celebration of Marriage Mass via Livestream** Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and over) in 2022. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

We invite you to attend via livestream at: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). Registration is not required for the livestream.

*Further resources:*

- Marriage Sunday 2022 Letter from Cardinal Collins to Pastors: <https://bit.ly/MS-LetterToPastors>
- Marriage Sunday 2022 Letter from Cardinal Collins to Married Couples: <https://bit.ly/MS-LetterToCouples>
- Marriage Sunday Website: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>



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