

■ ■ 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

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke beginning Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM

After being in the wilderness of Judea for forty days and forty nights, alone, famished, and weak, Jesus was tempted by Satan to make loaves of bread from the stones around him, to prove his power, to alleviate his suffering. The Lord turned to his tempter and answered, "It is written: man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

During the upcoming "wilderness" season of Lent, a time when we imitate Christ's fast from the good things in our lives to pursue a deeper and lasting communion with our God, we will be following the example of Jesus in nourishing ourselves with the word of God, studying the stories, teachings, patterns, and promises found in the God-breathed Gospel of Luke. As we read this book from start to finish we will open ourselves up to discover on every page the Word of God made flesh, and challenge each other to live lives transformed by this same Word.

Beginning February 23, 2022, join us every Wednesday evening for ten weeks at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church as together we strive to "live by every word that comes from the mouth of God." On Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, we will meet immediately after the parish's 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass.

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/>

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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. Maintain social distancing.

PLEASE USE ONLY THE 2022 ENVELOPES

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Family Day Holiday Monday, Feb. 21

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 due to Family day holiday. Weekly Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and there will be no adoration on that day.



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 were mailed on Feb. 3

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 to receive the class link.

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.

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