

HIGHLIGHTED

In pursuit of Paradox – February 1, 2023 – 7 pm in Church Auditorium

How we learn about God and the Cosmos

Presented by: Dr. Jenna Freudenburg

Being humans, we want to understand the mysteries of the world we inhabit. One of the most puzzling mysteries in science is the fact that the fabric of our universe is expanding at an ever-increasing speed. To understand the relationship between this unexpected behaviour and the contents of the cosmos, scientists are pushing current theories to their breaking point in hopes of inspiring a new understanding of how the universe works. This blueprint for gaining understanding by seeking out contradictions goes beyond the scientific world: it is applicable in religious life as well. In this talk, Dr. Jenna Freudenburg will discuss how pursuing paradox can lead to both knowledge of the natural world and knowledge of God.

Dr. Freudenburg is a postdoctoral fellow in Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Toronto. In addition to a PhD in astronomy, she holds a master's degree in Science and Religion from the University of Edinburgh.

All are welcome!

With Angels and Archangels Hymnal:

The Hymn book that the parish has been using for many years is an American book that is no longer in print. As many are old and need to be replaced, the parish will be purchasing a set of the Archdiocesan hymnal "With Angels and Archangels." These books cost \$30.00 per book. In order to purchase these, the parish is inviting parishioners to dedicate books in memory of deceased loved ones at \$30.00 a book. A dedication label will appear with the name in front of each book. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the back of the Church and placed in the collection basket. With your generous assistance, we hope to have these books available for the Holy Week of 2023. Thank you for your support!

Memorial Mass on First Friday, February 3

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, February 3, to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours at 416-534-4219.

Social Justice Committee Meeting on Feb. 2

The Social Justice Committee of St. Peter's Parish seeks to create a window that provides opportunities for formation, greater Parish engagement and collaboration in social justice issues and activities.

We invite you to attend a meeting on **Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM** in the parish auditorium. We will explore ways to support Ukrainian families and identify areas in which our Parish could extend our outreach and educate our parishioners about important topics.

If you would like more information about the Social Justice Committee, feel free to contact Fr. Michael (416-534-4219, ext. 211) or Sister Gabriel at 416-534-4219 or Vickie McNally at vick@total.net

Native Peoples' Mission

Are you Indigenous and Catholic? Did you know that St. Ann's Parish in Toronto is home to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Native Peoples' Mission? They offer an enculturated weekly Sunday Mass at 12:30 p.m. that honours traditional spirituality. All are welcome. 120 First Ave., Toronto. More information at

<https://nativepeoplesmission.archtoronto.org/>. Miigwech

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope to finally embracing you. Amen" – St. Thomas Aquinas
(Feast Day Jan. 28)

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Bereavement Support Group

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, February 9 to March 9, 2023** from **1:30 - 3:30 pm** in the rectory. If you or someone you know is dealing with the loss of a loved one and would like to join this group, please **register** at the parish office (416-534-4219) or email: **contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca**
Facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps

The Call to Holiness in Today's World



An evening of reflection on Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter **GAUDETE ET EXULTATE** (Rejoice and Be Glad)
As a Lenten preparation for a deeper living out of the Beatitudes
Monday, February 20 at 7:00 PM in the St. Peter's room.
Facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Riddle, cps

Parish Finances

Offering Jan. 21-22, 2023

Envelopes:	\$2352.00
Loose:	\$358.60
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3733.60

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church takes place Monday to Friday after the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM. (No adoration on Statutory holiday)

Isaac Hecker and the Journey of Catholic America

Is the Holy Spirit moving you to find out more about His role in your life? Have you ever wondered why the second reading is always a letter from St. Paul that reflects on the workings and guidance of the Holy Spirit? The Toronto Paulist Associates would like to introduce you to one of the greatest American Catholic missionaries and saints of the 19th century who, like St. Paul, underwent a conversion and was driven by the Holy Spirit to preach the Good News to secular America using media tools of the modern age. Dare to be moved by the Holy Spirit – plan your night out to a screening of **ISAAC HECKER AND THE JOURNEY OF CATHOLIC AMERICA** which will take place on **February 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the church auditorium. Who knows where He will lead you.

Red Velvet Sunday – Feb. 12

Join us every second Sunday of the month, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities.

St. Peter's Pancake Breakfast – Feb. 19

Date: Sunday, February 19

Time: Following the 11:15 am mass (Only)

Location: Parish Auditorium

Ticket Price: \$5.00



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen – February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

□ Download a letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples: <https://bit.ly/MS2023-LetterToCouples> For questions, please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage-faq or contact formation@archtoronto.org