

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (Ash Wednesday)

The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. 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

Lenten Mission at St. Peter's Parish, Sunday March 26 – Thursday, March 30 from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Our Lenten Parish Mission will be led by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB from Sunday to Thursday evenings, March 26 – 30 from 7 – 8:30 pm. We will reflect on the Scrutiny Gospel stories and Matthew's Passion of Jesus that will be proclaimed this year on Palm Sunday. On Thursday evening, Fr. Rosica will focus his reflection on the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15) and lead us in a Communal Penance Service with the opportunity for individual confessions. Join us for this year's Lenten mission and an experience of conversion, healing and the promise of eternal life that we receive through reflection on the Sacred Scripture.

Themes of our Lenten Mission:

Sunday, March 26, 2023: The Woman at the well – John 4:3-42

Monday, March 27, 2023: The Man born Blind – John 9:1-41

Tuesday, March 28, 2023: The Raising of Lazarus – John 11:1-44

Wednesday, March 29, 2023: Matthew's Passion Narrative

Thursday, March 30, 2023: Prodigal Sons and Daughters.



Communal Penance Service with opportunity for individual confessions

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!

Tax Receipts 2022

Tax receipts for 2022 have been mailed out last week. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home. Thank you!

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



Marriage Sunday celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> at 2:30 PM
Feb. 11-12, 2023 PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL

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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 Feb. 4-5, 2023

Envelopes:	\$1980.00
Loose:	\$360.00
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3363.00

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)

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. 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.

Red Velvet Sunday – Feb. 12 THIS WEEKEND

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

Thank You



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
St. Peter's Parish

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Peter's Conference, would like to thank everyone for contributing generously to our weekly collection baskets as you exit Mass and our Christmas envelop drive. The funds collected help us turn Concern into Action, and enable us to respond to calls for help from those most in need in our parish community.

Through your support and generosity, you have made it possible for us to help over two dozen families in our parish with groceries, clothing, and furniture throughout 2022, and a little extra special Christmas help. We extend physical aid, but also friendship to those less fortunate and are always looking for people who might consider joining us in our vocation. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul, leave us a message at (416) 534-4219 ext. 229.

On behalf of our volunteers, our parish family, and those people whom we've helped, thank you and God's blessings and peace be with you in 2023.

2023 Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners are requested to pick up their envelopes located at the back of the Church if they have not done so. Please write your name and address on the 2023 envelopes when donating. You are also requested not to use 2022 envelopes in 2023.