

■ 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 on Feb. 6. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home. Thank you!

Family Day - Monday, February 20

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for the Family Day Holiday. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the church. There will be no adoration on that day.



■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Memorial Mass on First Friday March 3

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, March 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.

The Call to Holiness in Today's World – Feb. 20

An evening of reflection on Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (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. 11-12, 2023

Envelopes:	\$3804.25
Loose:	\$482.00
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$5309.25

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)

Lenten Reconciliation Services

- ◆ Every Saturday from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment
 - ◆ Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. (Parish Penitential Rite).
 - ◆ Good Friday, April 7, 2023 following the 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service.
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Turkey and Syria Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

-By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

-Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

Muffin Sunday – March 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.

Pancake Breakfast – Feb. 19 – THIS WEEKEND

Date: Sunday, February 19

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

Location: Parish Auditorium

Ticket Price: \$5.00

Faith Study on the Gospel of Matthew

We will be recommencing our weekly Faith Study on **Thursdays, from 7 PM to 8:45 PM**. This semester, we'll be working through the Gospel of Matthew during the Lenten season and up to Easter.

This Gospel was particularly beloved by the Early Church, being the most quoted of any of the Four Gospels, and being placed at the beginning of the New Testament because of its great prominence and importance in revealing Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all redemptive history.

At the height of his ministry, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked them two fundamental questions found only in this gospel account:

1) Who do PEOPLE say that I am? and, 2) Who do YOU say that I am?

These are the most important questions that all people, including us in the Church, must answer. And our answer makes all the difference both for this life and the life to come. And so these two questions will be the guiding points of our journey through the Gospel of Matthew in the coming weeks. All are welcome to join us on the following Thursdays except on February 23. Next sessions are:

- March 2, 9, and 16.
- April 13, 20 and 27

Looking forward to seeing many of you there! God bless.

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakoneckny

“The rosary helps us to be conformed ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness” – St. John Paul II