

HIGHLIGHTED

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

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife



ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$43,600.00

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Stations of the Cross

A great Lenten spiritual devotion held on Friday Evenings during Lent after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.



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.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit; O Lord open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”

– Psalm 103

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Spring Forward – Sunday, March 12

Next weekend, March 12, is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks, watches, and other time keeping devices ahead one hour next Saturday evening before retiring for the evening so that you will arrive on time for Sunday Mass.

Counters Needed for Collection

St. Peter's Parish requires counters to assist with the counting of the collection. Volunteers work in teams of four. This is an ideal volunteer position for a retired person available in the daytime. If you are a regular parishioner and willing to help, please contact the office at 416-534-4219. As this is a high risk volunteer position, volunteers must be willing to undergo a police background check and complete the volunteer screening procedures.

Parish Finances

Offering Feb. 25-26, 2023

Envelopes:	\$1949.00
Loose:	\$450.35
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3422.35

Lenten Reconciliation Services

- ◆ Every Saturday from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment
- ◆ March 30 – Parish Day of Confessions – 12 noon – 9 pm
- ◆ Good Friday, April 7, 2023 following the 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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.



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:

March 2, 9, and 16.

April 13, 20 and 27

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

Facilitator: Gabriel Nakoneckny

