

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Call for Volunteers: Mardi Gras and Valentine's Celebration



Pancake Breakfast

Save the date! On February 11th, 2024, join us for a delectable pancake breakfast following the 11:15 AM family mass, as we celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day in style. To make this event a memorable success, we are seeking volunteers to contribute their time and skills in various capacities:

Volunteers To Make Pancake: Assist with making pancakes.

Decor: Decorate the auditorium.

Table Setup/Clean-Up Crew: Help create a welcoming atmosphere by assisting with the setup and ensuring cleanliness throughout the event.

Other Dynamic Roles: Ready to assist with any other duties that may arise during the festivities.

To express your interest and become a part of this celebration, kindly provide your name and email to the parish office. Reach out to them at 416-534-4219. Volunteers are requested to gather at the church auditorium at 9: AM on February 11, 2024, for a morning filled with cooking, set-up, and preparation. Let's come together to make this event a fun occasion for everyone!



The Ignatian Guide to Discovering God's Will – Saturdays from February 24 to March 23 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

Have you ever felt yourself being pulled in a bunch of different directions? Have you ever felt confused and lost in life, not knowing which path to follow? Do you ever struggle with not knowing what you truly, most deeply want in life? If this applies to you, join us here at St. Peter's Parish for a transformative 5-week Lenten retreat, "The Ignatian guide to discovering God's Will." **Saturday evenings from 7-9 pm starting on February 24th and running until March 23rd**, immerse yourself in the wisdom of Ignatian spirituality—a tradition over 500 years old. This series of talks offer tools to navigate the storms of life, guiding you towards a greater understanding of your deepest desires and a discovery of God's will for your life. Equip yourself with the Ignatian spiritual compass this Lent, and navigate your way to the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.'

St. Peter's Group of Wisdom

"The St. Peter's Group of Wisdom would like to invite all interested parishioners to join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, February 15th at 9:30am in the Parish Auditorium**. We are very fortunate to have a guest instructor coming in to lead us in an introduction to tai chi practice. Tai chi is a gentle, low-impact form of mind-body practice which can have beneficial effects on both mental and physical health.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the practice of this ancient martial art, and to discover how it might be helpful in our daily lives by reducing stress, promoting strength, balance and co-ordination, and supporting our overall wellbeing. Do join us in your most comfortable clothes and shoes!"

Celebration of Marriage Sunday Mass Feb. 11, 2024 at 3:00 pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for 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](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)



The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. 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**

Please consider Pre- Authorized Giving Plan

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.

2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE
2023 ENVELOPES PLEASE
DISCARD IT**

Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting clean winter coats, sweaters, **men's pants and boots, blankets, sleeping bags** and winter clothing for distribution among those who attend the Winter Welcome Table for a warm meal. Toiletries and unused socks are also in great demand. Please donate in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, **“Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”**. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

From the St. Peter's Social Justice Committee

**Wednesday February 7, 2024
7:00– 8:30 p.m. Rectory**

Please join us for conversation and information about four actions that we can take towards the climate emergency. Following a presentation on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum, at our last meeting, the following actions emerged as doable ways to make a difference:

1. Reduce our consumption of meat.
2. Host Parish events on COPs (Conference of Parties) and provide the “faith” connections for climate action.
3. Reduce the use and need for plastics.
4. Attend climate protests and rallies.

As we approach the Lenten Season, consider giving up practices that hurt the environment.

Parish Finances

Offering Jan. 20-21, 2024

Envelopes:	\$2293.50
Loose:	\$432.50
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$3749.00

Offering Jan. 27-28, 2024

Envelopes:	\$2924.00
Loose:	\$441.00
PAG:	\$1023.00
TOTAL	\$4388.00

