



Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)

The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. 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

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Talking Across Differences as a Form of Peacemaking

In these polarized times, St. Michael's Continuing Education and St. Peter's Parish, present a talk on how to have peaceful and productive relations, amongst persons of differing opinions. Communication across differences is a significant challenge, contributing to the breakdown of relationships. Can we develop tools or skills to help us communicate across differences and become peacemakers? Pastor and experienced international Community Peacemaker Teams Reservist Pieter Niemeyer shares practical insights. This talk complements St. Mike's Continuing Education's Diploma in Interfaith Dialogue program. Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the St. Peter's Parish Auditorium.

More Follow-up on the Parish Survey

There were a few people in the parish survey who asked for more instruction regarding some of the postures and gestures during Mass. Here are some of the important things that we do in the church.

The Reading of the Gospel: When the Gospel is read at Mass, an acclamation is sung to the "Alleluia" or Lenten verse. As it is the Word of Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's Word, we stand for the Gospel. When the priest or deacon proclaims where the reading is from, we are to make a small cross on our foreheads, lips and hearts. As we do so, each says quietly to her/himself: "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." This is to express the hope that the Word we hear will remain in our minds, be spoken on our lips, and take root in our hearts. The prayer is that this life-giving Word of God that is proclaimed will make a difference in the way we think, love and speak.

More information of this nature will follow in the coming weeks.

Prayer for Priests

O, Jesus Eternal priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your heart where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily hold your sacred body. Keep holy their lips moistened with your precious blood. Keep holy and unearthly their hearts sealed with sublime mark of your glorious priesthood.

Let your love surround and shield them from the contagion of this world. Their labors for the Glory of God may be blessed with abundant fruits and may the one whom they serve be the source of joy to them here on earth and in heaven their eternal crown. Let them be eager to be with you, to proclaim your good news and to fight against the evil one. Lord, give your church holy priests, religious and lay leaders. Jesus Redeemer of this world keep pure your priests and those whom they serve. Holy Mary Queen of priests, pray for your priests.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting **CLEAN** winter coats, sweaters 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. Please wash any used clothing before donating. Thank you for your understanding in this regard!

Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. They include:

St. Mary's Church (588 Adelaide Street) Thurs, Feb 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun

St. Edward the Confessor Church (75 Churchill Ave) Tues. Feb 25, celebrated by Cardinal Francis Leo

All Masses begin at 7:00 pm. Confession time from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. No need to register. Just come!

Memorial Mass on First Friday March 7, 2025 at 7 PM

This will take place on March 7 at 7 pm. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.



St. Peter's Pancake Sunday – March 2

Date: Sunday, March 2

Time: Following the 11:15 am Mass

Location: Parish Auditorium

Ticket Price: \$5.00



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)

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Peter's Church. Please take a moment to fill out a registration form in order that we can serve you better. Forms are available at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. We have the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (direct debit from your bank) or if you wish a box of offertory envelopes for 2025, it is located at the back of the Church. You may pick your envelopes from the labelled "New Parishioners" tray. Kindly ensure to write your full name and address on the envelope when giving your donations. All parishioners are requested to inform the Parish office whenever there is a change in address or phone number. Thank you!

Parish Finances

Offering Feb. 8-9, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2331.25
Loose:	\$505.30
PAG:	\$993.00
Total	\$3829.55

Taizé Prayer: Cultivating Hope

Come join the FCJ sisters and friends for an evening of quiet Taizé prayer as we continue our pilgrimage of HOPE this Jubilee Year. See you on **Tuesday, February 25, from 7.30 - 8.30pm** in the main church. Our monthly Taizé prayers take place on the last Tuesdays of the month. All are welcome!

2025 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. Thank you!

PLEASE USE 2025 ENVELOPES AND DISCARD THE 2024 ENVELOPES

The Source - Sisters of Life

The Sisters of Life will be hosting "The Source" in the Church on **Thursday, February 20** at 7:00 PM. You are invited to come for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) followed by Christian fellowship in the Church Auditorium. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

Family Day Holiday Monday, Feb. 17

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 due to Family day holiday. Weekly Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and there will be no adoration on that day.

