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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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*Welcome to visitors! / New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet you!*



**FR. RON THOMPSON**

*Please Note:  
All Request of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during Office Hours not by Email. Thank-You*

**ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER**  
*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl through the world for the ruin of souls.  
Amen.*

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**NOVEMBER 28 — DECEMBER 4, 2021**

**Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am**  
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

**Weekdays: Monday 8:00AM; Tuesday 4:00PM; Wednesday – Friday 8:00AM**

**First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon – 6:45PM; Benediction 6:45PM; Second Mass 7:00pm**

**Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am**

**Confessions: Wednesday—Friday; 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:00-4:30 pm**

**Office Schedule: Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm**

**By Appointment; Marriage: Notify 8 Months in Advance.**

## UPCOMING

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—Tuesday, December 14th, 2021—7:00 PM**  
“Let every heart prepare Him Room”

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

**Masses of Christmas— Friday, December 24th, 2021—4:00 PM & 6 PM**

**Saturday, December 25th, 2021—9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
(NO EVENING MASS)

**Holy Family (Boxing Day): Sunday, December 26th, 2021—9:00 AM & 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM**

**Christmas Octave: Monday—Monday, December 27—31, 2021—9:00 AM**

**New Year's Masses (Solemnity of the Mother of God) Friday December 31st, 2021 —5:00 PM**

**Saturday January 1st, 2022—9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (NO EVENING MASS)**

**EPIPHANY Sunday, January 2, 2022—9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM**

**EPIPHANYTIDE: Monday, January 3rd, 2022—8:00 AM**

**Tuesday, January 4th, 2022—4:00 PM**

**Wednesday—Friday, January 5th—7th, 2022—8:00 AM**

**Saturday, January 8th, 2022—9:00 AM**

**Baptism of Our Lord, Saturday Masses, January 8th, 2022 —5:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 9th, 2021—9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM**

**THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR** begins the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 28, 2021).  
The cycle of reading for this New Year is “C” for Sunday and II for weekdays.

**THIS YEAR'S 2022 SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE BEEN NUMBERED AND WILL BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH PEWS**

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, THESE ARE NOT FOR SALE**  
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR OWN MISSAL THERE WILL BE A FEW IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR \$5.00 (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT READINGS

David's dynasty was broken off. The promises attached to his throne seemed buried. But an oracle of Jeremiah proclaims that God remains faithful to his covenant.

The days are coming says the Lord when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. IN those days, in that time. I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: “The Lord our justice.”

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 28th— First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>November 29th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>November 30th, St. Andrew Apostle † 60 AD</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 1st, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hua-Hsiang Yang †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 2nd, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. Bruno Mensbury</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier † 1552 AD, First Friday of the Month</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Mr. Chung Tak Chow †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 4th, St. John Damascene † 749 AD, Priest and Doctors of the Church</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Clair Allaye Chan Holy Souls †</i>

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY BULLETIN VIA EMAIL?

Sign up in the Binder in the Vestibule or send an email to the Parish Email with the Subject Line Weekly Bulletin.

### MASK MANDATE

The Archbishop has directed that Masks are mandatory (over nose & mouth) at all times inside the Church, as per local regulations, except during the reception of Holy Communion.

"I regard it as prudent that, as in all other indoor gatherings in BC, the wearing of masks will be required when attending Mass in the churches of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

All other parish gatherings indoors, such as meetings, prayer groups, PREP, etc., are covered by the BC mask mandate, and all those aged 12 and older must wear masks."

If needed, masks are available in the Vestibule.



### STs. PETER & PAUL WOMEN'S GROUP RESTART MEETING

**Scheduled for:**  
**Thursday 2nd December 2021**  
**@ 10:30 AM**  
**Location: Church Vestibule**

All interested Women are invited to the inaugural meeting.



**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION:**  
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT DECORATE**  
**STs. PETER & PAUL PARISH**  
**TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2021 @ 9:00 AM**



### PLEASE GIVE SOME JOY TO A LONG TERM CARE RESIDENT

Remember a long term care resident, who does not have family or friends who would do so, with a Christmas gift. Choose a card that has a gift suggestion that you would like to purchase, buy and wrap it then tape the Christmas card (unaltered) securely with the name of the resident facing out onto the gift then return it at Mass times December 11th and 12th.

Thank you for participating, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out a Registration Form available in the foyer and drop it in the Collection Basket.

If you would like Donation Envelopes and/or the BC Catholic please remember to check the boxes on the registration form.

If you would like to Donate via Direct Deposit please complete an MONERIES form and return it back to the parish.

For those already registered, any changes such as your address, tel. #, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 604-261-3535.

**NB:** The Building Fund contributions are not taxed by the Diocese, whereas the regular Sunday contributions are taxed at 14%.

### MONERIES (ONLINE GIVING) DEDICATED GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PARISH

To make Sunday giving as easy and effective as possible, our parish is now providing a new option for the weekly collection: Dedicated Giving through electronic payments. Regular Sunday contribution will be taken on the 1st of each month and the Building Fund is taken on the 15th of each month.

If you are interested please fill out a form and place it in a sealed Moneries Envelope and drop it off at the Parish Office or the Rectory Mail Slot.

#### ADVANTAGES TO YOU

- Regular and consistent support to the parish
- Continued support if you are away
- Eliminates "catch-up" periods
- Convenience of not having to write weekly cheques

#### ADVANTAGES TO THE PARISH

- Allows regular, dependable flow of contributions
- Enables effective planning of our parish resources.
- Reduces paperwork and bookkeeping



**ALTAR SERVERS:** There is a need for Altar servers at our Masses. Young men & boys (Grade 3 +) are invited to serve at the weekend Masses. Simply contact the parish office & Father will give them simple instructions. Thank you for stepping forward, saying "yes" and thus adding to the dignity of Holy Mass.

## NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS:

Special Envelopes are provided for offering Holy Mass for the intentions of deceased family members and friends during the month. 1 Mass will be offered for each envelope received and all these will be placed on the Altar during this Month.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace."*



## **Building Fund**

We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.

**A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!**

## **ON THE FAITH (& RCIA):**

**SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED**  
Tuesday @7:00pm

**Talk 10 (The Last Things)**

**Nov 30**

**Tuesday @ 7:00pm, in the Church Vestibule.**

**Fr. Ron will share a Series of Talks along with the 'Symbolon' DVD'S.**

## **PREP CLASSES:**

**Prep Classes for Elementary Students not attending Catholic School resumes: Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm.**

**Please register through the Parish office:**

**Tuesday– Friday 9:00am—3:00pm.**

**FR. RON IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF AN OUT OF PRINT BOOK:  
"CHRISTIAN PRAYER: THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS"**

## **WHY WE PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—JOHN A. KANE**



### **Prayers of Healing & Reparation**

The peace of soul that is ours in our moments of adoration is a blissful exaltation above the turmoil of time, an anticipation of the eternal peace of Heaven. Our union with the eucharistic worshipers, the myriad hosts of angels that surround the tabernacle, adoring in Heaven as they gaze forever on His soul-stirring divinity, humbly prostrate before Him in His sacramental lowliness as He hides the beauty that would overwhelm us — what is this but paradise on earth?

Thus raised above the visible, we can forego its claims and honor Christ for His own dear sake. We can compensate for the irreverences of those who believe, but do not realize, the mystery of His Real Presence, and for the profanations of those who absolutely deny it. If we love Christ, we will gladly spend ourselves trying to repair the dishonor which He so patiently endures in the sacrament of His love. The conscious recognition of what He suffers will help us to increase our love of Him.

Our reparation does not remove the injuries, nor do we absolve the offenders by offering our love as compensation for their want of love. But heart speaking to heart in understanding sympathy gives to the heart's desires an additional value. Only too tragically verified, in our day, are the words of the evangelist: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." In the anguish of His rejection by so many for whom He died, Christ turns to souls who love the tranquillity, the eternal calm, of His eucharistic humiliation. As they tell Him of their joy just to be near Him; as they beseech Him for greater grace to communicate more worthily; as they pour out their love for Him — love ever intensifying with the frequency of their Holy Communion — as they invite the angels around the tabernacle to join in their act of thanksgiving for this divinely gracious gift, their love and their gratitude will touch His Sacred Heart, and will make amends for the heartless unconcern, the chilling disregard, of His thoughtless creatures.

When the world is cold to Christ, and questions with superficial, destructive criticism the truth of His sacramental presence, while He continues to dwell with infinite patience in a desert of forgetfulness, where ingratitude so abounds, and to bless those who outrage Him, our loving reparation may be best appraised by the withering disappointment that the sacramental Savior daily experiences in those who seem to delude Him, their God, far from them.

-Excerpt from Why We Pray Before the Blessed Sacrament: <https://catholicexchange.com/why-we-pray-before-the-blessed-sacrament>

## **MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT**

**The General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM):**

**# 147 of the official 'how to celebrate Holy Mass' states that the people wait during the Preparation of the Gifts for the Priest to complete his invitation: Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father," before they stand and then say "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands...." This also is spelled out in our St. Joseph Pew Sunday Missal on P.21 that we Stand only after the Priests says the whole invitation.**

**Prayerful Pause of 30 full seconds after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

**The Lectionary Rubrics (Instructions) state: "A period of silence is observed after the reading."**

**At the Abbey in Mission this is for 2 minutes. Here, in parish life, it will be a full 30 seconds (time is an "Our Father).**

**(At the Archbishop's Pastoral Visit at Assumption, Port Coquitlam, he was pleased with this practice and encouraged it)**



## PROJECT ADVANCE 2021 Our Way Forward



## 2021 Project Advance Campaign

Pledges are still continuing please drop your pledges into the Basket or you may drop them off at the Office during Office times.

To assist with your pledges to this year's campaign, the Parish portion will go towards funding our New Parish Centre.

We have already the Development Permit for this and are moving ahead with the few Civic changes, including the exterior to be more in harmony with the neighbourhood and mirroring the Church as the more important structure.

Our gratitude for all who have, in the past, assisted in this so needed project for our parish life and look forward for more parishioners to practically be engaged in supporting this, Our wholehearted thank you!

Also, in early November we will have a mail out to those who have contributed in the past, we value your support in this important time!



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### Kids today are growing up with technology.

#### In many ways, technology is great.

The Internet brings many opportunities for education, entertainment, and communication. But there are also many dangers online—dangers your children need to be prepared to handle.

The home is the hub of where we nurture our children into thriving adults who love the Lord and steward their sexuality. Parents are the first educators of their children when they are at home, when they are away, when they lie down and when they get up (Deuteronomy 11:19).

*Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* uses the image of the home to guide you in how to teach your



children to say no to pornography, while at the same time forming them in a broader understanding of:

- Their God-given identity
- The importance of sexual integrity
- How to understand sexual shame
- How to engage media with discernment

**This book makes it possible to have engaged, healthy and informed conversations about online threats.**



## REQUEST FOR CLOTHING & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

The Order of Malta is organizing Blue Drop Boxes in the back of the parish vestibule for the "Door is Open" Catholic charity.

The Door is Open is a drop-in ministry that provides food, clothing, counselling, shelter services, referrals, and a warm, safe environment in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a neighbourhood recognized for the highest concentration of the poorest urban population in the whole of Canada. It feeds up to 250 people everyday of the year. Right now, more people than usual need their assistance to survive and are counting on the Door is Open for their daily meals. At this time, they cannot allow volunteers to help them so they have to prepare the food themselves, mostly sandwiches.

They need non-perishable foods, such as canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, etc... You can also make a cash donation if you cannot go shopping. Seasonal, clean clothing is very welcome, especially socks, t-shirts, warm jackets, sweaters, hoodies.

Most of us are sitting snug at home, with lots of food, warm and comfortable, we are lucky compare to others. Charity begins at home, this Vancouver.

If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes that should be available on:

10—12 December 2021

Please ensure that any donations are placed in the Blue Box Provided and **only on the days provided above, otherwise they will be discarded.**

## A SEASON OF HOPE

CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
Tuesday November 30th, 2021

On Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 St. Patrick Regional Secondary will be hosting "A Season of Hope, Christ Our Light", an advent tree lighting ceremony via Livestream at 1:00PM.

The advent season is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ and is the beginning of the liturgical year, and what better way to prepare than to gather as a community through song, prayer and thanksgiving.

We will be inviting our school community to purchase light bulbs. The light bulb represents an intention which Fr. Ron Thompson will pray over during the ceremony. The light bulbs will remain lit throughout the advent season and serve as a reminder to the community of this prayerful time of preparation.

Each light bulb on the tree can be purchased for \$5.00

An email will be sent to you after purchase, inviting you to list your intention.

As we are in the middle of Covid, visitor access is limited so we ask those of you who are not staff and students to please join us on our Youtube page for the [live stream](#).

**Courtyard:** outside area in front of the Chapel and beside our totem pole.

Family Circus, 1/14/12



"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"