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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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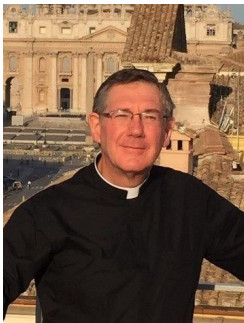
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*Welcome to visitors! / New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to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

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 5 — DECEMBER 11, 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**

- There will be 4 Priests Available

“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**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT READINGS

Today's gospel deals with the Baptist, that herald of an extraordinary event. The evangelist reports John's cry raised in the desert. He describes his mission to us: to prepare the way, to make straight the road. After a long silence during which there have been no more signs or prophets. God speaks anew. The echo of his voice rumbles across the solitudes announcing a decisive turning point in the history of the world. In an ultimate intervention which fulfils and overflows the ancient hopes, God will come.

But how? Will he show his presence like a meteor leaving a fiery trail across the lower reaches of the atmosphere before pursuing its course through the starry night? Will we only catch a glimpse, in the space of a flash of lightning, and then fall once again into the darkness which covers the world? No, for this Word which erupts into time changes all human history: “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” But to see him we must first die to ourselves in conversion. That is John's message.

It is in the midst of the discordant voices of history that God makes himself heard. By its life of justice, the community of believers ceaselessly sounds forth the invitation of humanity's new exodus.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 5th — Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 6th, St. Nicholas Bishop † 343 AD</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Mo Han Cheung</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 7th, St. Ambrose Bishop and Doctor of the Church † 397 AD</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	Giving Thanks to the Holy Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered - Merle & Ron Chong
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	Giving Thanks to the Holy Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered • Merle & Ron Chong
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 9th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	Giving Thanks to the Holy Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered - Merle & Ron Chong
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 10th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	Giving Thanks to the Holy Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered - Merle & Ron Chong
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 11th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	Giving Thanks to the Holy Infant of Prague for Prayers Answered • Merle & Ron Chong  <i>Paul McDonald †</i>

## CHANGE IN HEALTH MEASURES

As of the 1st of December 2021 there are new Health Measures from the Provincial Health Officer for Religious Ceremonies.

- A requirement that participants attending worship services, including choirs, must wear a face covering during worship services, including as participants come in to the place of worship and when they leave, until outside. Participants will be able to remove the face covering when consuming food or drink to allowed to speak without a mask, subject to distancing requirements or barrier to prevent transmission.

*“As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, let us emphasize unity and charity within the Body of Christ.”*  
- J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver

**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.

### 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%.

### **MONERIS (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 Moneris 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.



## **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!**



**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION:  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT DECORATE  
STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH  
TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2021 @ 9:00 AM  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE PEDESTAL IN THE VESTIBULE**

### **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”  
PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA BOSTON 1976  
THANK-YOU



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

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

Monthly “**Living with Christ**” Missalettes are available for sale (\$3.00) not for borrowing due to COVID.

Also “**The Word Among Us**” is for sale for \$5.00



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

### ***Love in the Sacrament***

God is always lavish of His love. To enhance our appreciation of His goodness, and therefore add to our happiness, He adorns His gifts. The natural world demonstrates this truth. The gorgeous beauty of the landscape; the golden glory of the rising and setting sun; the colors, which only the Divine Artist could blend, of the rose, the lily, and the violet; the human body with its admirable grace of movement; the attractiveness of the human countenance; the inestimable pleasure of true, loyal friendship — these, which are not necessary for existence, but which so embellish and heighten the enjoyment of life, since they are its distinctive charm, all testify to the magnanimity and tenderness of God’s love.

The same truth is applicable in the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. Christ, in this prodigy of divine ingenuity, besides being the food of the soul, and the pledge of eternal life, is also our companion in all the hardships of earth. The joy of His loving, silent, yet consciously felt, affectionate companionship — the harbinger of our intimate, perfect, eternal union with Him — is a superadded blessing, as if this were the only reason for this overflow of divine love.

*O eucharistic God, deepen our supernatural consciousness of Thy infinite generosity. Consume in us all that is worldly. Purify wholly our interior and quicken our higher faculties, so that we may better appreciate this supreme expression of Thy love for us. Kindle in our hearts a love that will meet the advances of Thy love and associate us now and forever with Thy deepest source of life.*

-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!

## **PENITENTIAL SERVICES** **PARISHES IN VANCOUVER WEST**

Sunday, 5 December 2021 at 2:30 pm  
**St. Mark's Parish**

Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**St. Patrick's Parish**

Thursday, 9 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**Holy Name of Jesus Parish**

Thursday, 9 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**St. Andrew's Parish**

Monday, 13 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**St. Augustine's Parish**

Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**Guardian Angels Parish**

Tuesday, 14, December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish**

Friday, 17 December 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**St. John the Apostle Parish**

Saturday, 18 December 2021 at 3:30 pm  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

Sunday, 19 December 2021 at 6:00 pm  
**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Tuesday, 21 December 2021 at 10:30 am  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**

Wednesday, 22 December 2021 @ 7:00 pm  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**

## **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.**



"All you hafta do NOW is write your Christmas cards, Mommy. I licked all the envelopes for you."