



**ARCHDIOCESE OF
VANCOUVER**
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J. Michael Miller, CSB

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

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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

CHANGE TO CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Although at the first Christmas there was "No room in the Inn", it is hoped that this extended schedule for Christmas, will have more room for all who come to our Church for Christmas.

How fitting is the name "Bethlehem" as it means "House of Bread": so as we journey to our "House of Bread" as did the shepherds, may we all come to adore Him this Christmas(s) at Saints Peter & Paul. - Fr Thompson

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12 — DECEMBER 18, 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

PREP ADVENT PENANCE—Tuesday, December 14th, 2021—4:30 PM

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 Proof of Vaccine Required at this Mass only, as we are expecting higher attendance at this Mass.
5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 25th, 2021—8:30 AM, 10:00AM & 11:30 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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT READINGS

When Luke writes his gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history but what interest him most in the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning. They are challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency; we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity.

We join those innumerable people who open their lives to unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting". Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the one who we await: Jesus Christ, who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 12th — Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 13th, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr † 304 AD</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Giving Thanks - Merle & Ron Chong</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 14th, St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor † 1591 AD</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Giving Thanks - Merle & Ron Chong</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 15th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Peter Bachman</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 16th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Aida Pergson †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 17th, "O Wisdom"</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Kerrilynne Bohlman †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 18th, "O Sacred Lord"</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Adrian Trend, Birthday Kristofer Bihis †</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



Due to expectation that the **Friday, 24th December 2021 4:00 PM** Mass will be very popular and we would exceed the **50% allotment** in the Church, proof of vaccination with ID shown at the door will be mandatory for attendance at this Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed for the Holidays from **Friday 24th December 2021 — Monday 3rd January 2022**.
Sacramental Emergencies at any Time. Office will reopen **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Father cannot always grant the date of the Mass requested but the office will arrange as close to the date requested as possible.

Please note that all Mass Intentions are published on the Website and Parish Bulletin.



BULLETINS

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.

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
AND GIVE HOURS OF AVAILABILITY.**

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

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST: A GREAT LIGHT BY ALBERT MOHLER

(<https://www.crosswalk.com/author/albert-mohler/>)



"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them." [Isaiah 9:2] Those words from the prophet Isaiah told of the coming Prince of Peace, and of the light and life He would bring.

Christmas arrives again with all the promise of remembrance and celebration. Christians celebrate Christmas because the light did dawn. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was not only the fulfillment of biblical prophecy, but the dawn of a new age. As the angels declared to the shepherds, this infant is "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

This is the very essence of Christmas: The birth of the Savior. To understand Christmas is to know that the ultimate peace the Savior would bring would be established by His death and resurrection. Even as Jesus came to save His people from their sins, Christ's birth points towards His cross and the fulfillment of His saving work.

When Isaiah told of the coming Prince of Peace, he spoke of light dispelling darkness. The metaphor of light is central to our celebration of Christmas. After all, even as John introduces his gospel by identifying Jesus as the Word who became flesh, John also describes Jesus as "the True Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."

The image of light dispelling darkness is central to our understanding of the incarnation and its meaning. When Jesus was presented at the temple shortly after His birth, the aged Simeon recognized this child as "A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

The metaphor of light makes sense only against a background of darkness. In the Bible, darkness is a rich metaphor that points to a double reality. In one sense, darkness points to the simple fact of human ignorance. Those who are "in the dark" are those who lack knowledge. To the Jewish mind, this metaphor had particular application to the Gentile world--a world that had not received the grace of God through the revelation of the Torah, the prophets, and the written revelation of God. Even today, we know that untold millions still dwell in deep darkness, having never heard about the one true God or of Jesus Christ, His only Son.

Excerpt from Crosswalk, The Birth of Jesus Christ: a Great Light by Albert Mohler

(<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/the-birth-of-jesus-christ-a-great-light-1369689.html>)

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 1st and 2nd 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)



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

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 removed.

ST PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

OPEN HOUSE 2022-23

MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2022 | SCHOOL TOURS BEGIN AT 3:00PM, 5:00PM AND 7:00PM (MUST REGISTER)

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