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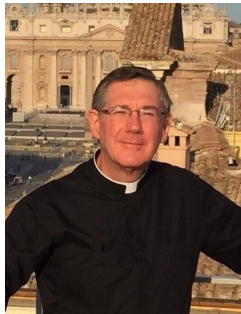
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*Welcome to visitors! New
Parishioners! We are pleased
to have you pray with
us at Saints Peter and Paul.
We hope you enjoy your visit
to our beautiful Church.
Please introduce yourself after
Mass to
Father Ron and parishioners;
we would like to meet 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
defence against the wicked-
ness 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 the evil spirits who
prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 16TH — JANUARY 22ND, 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.

WE SADLY ANNOUNCE THAT FATHER NORMAN BICH PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2022. HE WAS 91 YEARS OF AGE.

Fr. Birch was ordained on March 27, 1971. He is remembered as being the Pastor of St Jude's Parish, in Vancouver and St Paul's Parish in Richmond and Assistant Pastor of Sts Peter & Paul Parish, in Vancouver from 1980—1982. He also served as the Director of the Office of Religious Education and as the Chaplain to Simon Fraser University.

Prayers will be held at Saint Paul's Parish, in Richmond on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 at Holy Rosary Cathedral, at 10:00 am. It will be followed by the burial at Gardens of Gethsemani at 12:30 pm.

Let us continue to remember Father Birch in our prayers, along with his family.

EPIPHANY VESPERS, MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON:

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changing into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

16TH JANUARY 2022 READING

Jesus was invited to a wedding in Cana and his mother and his disciples. There he would perform the first of his signs. The evangelist reports this sign so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through our faith, we may have life in his name (John 2:30-31).

Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, wine is the wedding drink par excellence. Wine in such abundance was for Israel a symbol of the messianic age that was to come. Here it is poured forth at a wedding feast which calls to mind that the strongest image of God's relationship to humanity is that of espousal.

The ancient tradition of the Eastern Church celebrated in the Solemnity of the Epiphany three manifestations of Christ's glory: the revelation to the magi, the baptism in the Jordan, the wedding feast at Cana. The selection of this reading for this Sunday after Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord preserves this tradition.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 16th, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 17th, St. Anthony of Desert, 356 AD †</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>John Gilmore †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 18th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Adrian Friend—Birthday</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 19th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Humphry Waldock †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 20th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Giving Thanks—Merle & Ron Chong</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 21st, St. Agnes, 304 AD †</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Charles Tsang †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 22nd, Ferial 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Gabriel Van Heinrich † Paul T.S. Wong †</i>

FULTON SHEEN'S ADVICE FOR BEGINNING A NEW YEAR BY: DEREK ROTTY



We have just lived through the end of 2021 and the very beginning of 2022. Most of us have probably participated in annual festivities, including soirees with friends; worn glamorous new outfits and perhaps funny hats and glasses; and lifted champagne toasts at midnight on New Year's Eve. Yet, America's great pastor, Ven. Fulton Sheen gives us quite a bit more to think about as we make and live up to our annual resolutions proceeding through January. We would do well to ponder the truth that he conveys to us.

During his career as a clergyman and media personality, Sheen wrote a couple of articles about the ways we should think about the passage of one year to the next. At one point in his writing, Sheen echoed the very same concept that we have heard from pop psychologists and broadcasters of New Year's Eve festivities. "The beginning of a new year," he wrote, "is an opportunity for improvement. It makes little difference what the past has been...." This is certainly true in many ways, and we

commonly hear of people's hopes that one year will be better than the last. As human beings, we are prone to hope in this way, especially when our last two years have brought a world-wide pandemic, a deeply divisive political election, and a significant economic recession.

Yet, we must know that a mere few seconds around midnight, or a single digit at the end of a date, are not the harbingers of the "better days" for which we hope. Something more significant must change in order for the trends of one "bad" year to pass away, and for new trends to be established in a new year. Ultimately, that something deeper must be a rejection of social and cultural trends that keep us focused on ourselves, our bank accounts, and the differences that exist among every group of fallen human beings. We must, instead, focus on the fact that spiritual conversion, conversion of mind and heart, is the greatest miracle of our lives; and we must see such transformation as the greatest reality and opportunity for each new year.

So, what is Fulton Sheen's advice for beginning a new year, specifically for beginning 2022? His advice is to use this year to focus on conversion, away from sin and toward the Lord. Any use of time other than that is really a waste of time, no matter how many academic honors we might attain or how wealthy we might become. So, let's focus less on the headlines and crises in our timelines. Instead, let's ask how Our Blessed Lord wants to use these things for His glory and our conversion to holiness. That will allow it to be a great year.

Fulton Sheen wrote exactly this in the same article. "Each new year," he scribed, "is actually a testing and proving ground for eternity, a kind of novitiate in which we say 'aye' or 'nay' to our eternal destiny...." Our eternal destiny is Heaven, and we must recognize that reality, whether it is 11:00 pm on December 31 or 11:00am on January 15, or any other time of the year. "What matters most," Sheen offered, "is the sanctification of the now moment." More than forty years beyond his death, we can still take his advice: we must work on *sanctifying every new moment*, no matter where it falls on the calendar.

At the end of his short article, Sheen included the concept that is most important in this conversation. "Time is equivalent to what can be done or gained by it," he stated. The reality is that Our Blessed Lord wants to use time not to cause a precipitous rise in the stock market, but to write our conversions. Sheen is alluding to the truth taught by St. Augustine: the greatest miracle that God can do is to elicit the conversion of a sinner. That's what God really wants to do with each of us as 2021 has turned to 2022. He wants to pour out His grace upon us so that each one of us becomes a saint. Really, the most important question of the new year is: Will we let Him work in us so that it becomes a reality? Will we gain eternity in 2022?

Article from: <https://catholicexchange.com/fulton-sheens-advice-for-beginning-a-new-year/>

STS PETER & PAUL PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL



We will be taking a short break on our Youtube channel while we upgrade our equipment.

You can watch our old videos on our Youtube Channel.

You can find a link to our channel and videos on our website under the Live Stream & Video Link.

<https://sspeterpaul.ca/1725-2/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uca-w-Y7hh7wAPk8n7RtsUA>



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!



"And deliver us from evil, this spinach casserole for starters."

HOW TO START PRAYING DAILY : BY CAROLYN PIRTLE

Practices that increase our [awareness](#), [mindfulness](#), and [resilience](#) are incredibly useful tools when it comes to managing stress or tending to our mental health, but there is something else that can help us see our lives as they really are and flourish: prayer.

Practices that build awareness, mindfulness, and resilience help us understand ourselves and discover who we want to become — but they come with a liability. They can become warped tools that turn us inward, reducing us to self-centered navel gazers who are only concerned about ourselves.

Prayer is different. When we pray, we're not talking to ourselves. We're not simply practicing our coping mechanisms. We're talking to *Someone* — we're talking to God. We're building a *relationship* — spending time with the One who made us, the One who knows our every gift and our every flaw better than we ever could, the One who loves us more deeply than we could ever imagine.

And here's the really remarkable thing: When we talk to God, God talks to us in return. Prayer isn't a soliloquy — it's a conversation, a dialogue. The challenge for us is to make room to listen for God in that exchange. Just like our conversations with friends and family, we can fall into the trap of the one-sided relationship, where everything is about us and the other person scarcely has a chance to get a word in edgewise. So prayer is also an invitation to mutuality, to openness, to vulnerability in the presence of the other person.

God wants more than anything to be in a relationship with you. God created you specifically for this relationship. And the way you build that relationship with God is through prayer. This doesn't mean that you have to become a cloistered nun or immediately join a monastery. It doesn't mean that you have to start praying the Rosary every single day, or spend hours poring over the Bible. Developing a prayer life is just like building any other good habit or honing a muscle: You have to start small, or else you'll crumble under the weight of your own expectations.

SO WHERE CAN YOU START?

Start with what you know. Perhaps once upon a time you learned the words of [the Lord's Prayer](#), also called the Our Father. Way back in the first century after Christ, the earliest Christian communities prayed the Lord's Prayer three times every day — at morning, noon, and either in the evening or at night. You can do the same today.

You might be wondering if you can *really* build a relationship with God by saying this simple prayer three times each day. Given that the whole process will take you five minutes maximum, this idea may even sound a little superstitious. Can such a short time spent in prayer really *work*?

It's important to note that the thrice-daily commitment isn't a magic spell. It's not like tapping your heels together three times and expecting to be transported back to Kansas. The daily commitment is for *our* benefit, not God's. It ensures that three times each day, we're stepping away from our worldly concerns — even just for a moment — to turn our attention to our relationship with God, who is always there, waiting in love for us to talk to Him. And over time, God will do amazing things with the time that we offer in prayer, even if it's just a few moments each day.

This simple practice opens us up to a deeper relationship with our heavenly Father, whom we address in this prayer. We grow in relationship with Jesus, God's Son, our Lord, who taught his disciples — and us — the words of this prayer in the first place. We grow in relationship with the Holy Spirit, because prayer itself is our response to the Holy Spirit moving within our hearts, inspiring us to pray.

And when we really take the time to pray these words slowly and thoughtfully, the Lord's Prayer can change us. Praying "give us this day our daily bread" can help us move to a greater trust and reliance on God, who has promised to provide for our every need. Asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" can challenge us to acknowledge and let go of any grudges we're holding against others. Saying "thy will be done" can invite us to surrender our lives completely to God.

There's a lot packed into this short prayer. Many of us learned these words as children, but all of us will spend our lives learning how to pray it well and live it out. The good news is that our loving God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — will always be there to meet us in prayer. We just have to show up.

Article from: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/how-to-start-praying-daily>

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.

MONERIS (DIRECT DEPOSIT) 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*

THE ORDER OF MALTA

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:

21—23 January 2022
25—27 February 2022
25—27 March 2022
22—24 April 2022
28—30 May 2022
17—19 June 2022

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

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%.

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.

BC Provincial Health Authority Update: Due to the latest restrictions set out by the Provincial Health Officer and acknowledged by the Archbishop of Vancouver, the parish will suspend all in-person gatherings of meetings and groups that are non-liturgical until further notice.

If needed, masks are available in the Vestibule.

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.

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.



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"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."