



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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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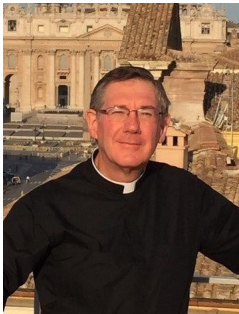
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*Welcome to visitors! New
Parishioners! We are pleased
to have you pray with
us at Saints Peter and Paul.
We hope you enjoy your visit
to our beautiful Church.
Please introduce yourself after
Mass to
Father Ron and parishioners;
we would like to meet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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY JANUARY 9TH — JANUARY 15TH, 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

Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 9th, 2022—9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM

THINGS OF NOTE

If you are using **2021 or Older** Envelops please cross out the number as the Envelop numbers are sometimes reassigned from year to year.

While we attempt to keep Envelop numbers the same each year we are limited to the numbers of Envelops being handed out.

Thank you for your understanding.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD READINGS

The annual season of light draws to a close. January may be quite bleak in the northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores, and communities regularly package their Christmas décor and store it away for eleven months. For the Church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all the loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery. It remembers one more aspect of Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding the mystery of Jesus through he recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of his public life because the varied details of their accounts unveil his identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in Spirit. He is the beloved Son.

These proclamation about Jesus summon us to fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD GOSPEL READINGS

After his baptism in the waters of Jorda, Jesus receives in prayer the anointing of Spirit who consecrated him to go forth and preach the Good News.

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying: "I am baptizing you in water, but there is one to come who is mightier than I. I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove. A voice from heaven was heard to say, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favour rests."

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 9th, Epiphanytide, Baptism of The Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 10th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Tora Anderson †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 11th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Giving Thanks—Merle & Ron Chong</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 12th, St. Marguerite Bourgeays †1700 AD Anniversary: Ordination of Archbishop J. Michael Miller</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Blessing for Catherine Wong & Family</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 13th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Blessing & Healing for Dwyer Family</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 14th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 15th, Ferial</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Peter Bachman † Peter Bachman †</i>



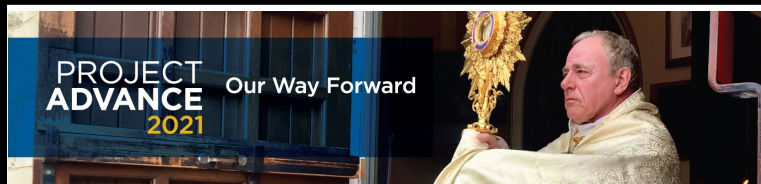
MASK MANDATE

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.



2021 PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous gift in support of Project Advance 2021, through which we are directing funding to ministries in your local parish and to the wider community. Your gift ensures that we continue to emerge from the pandemic as a vibrant family of faith and hope and that the Church's evangelizing mission will be strengthened.



VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED!

On Tuesday, 11th of January 2022 @ 9:00 AM
We need help to take down Christmas Decorations and Trees

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>

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

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.

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!

RAISING KIDS IN AN INFLUENTIAL WORLD: BY POY JOSE DUQUE



What kind of world are my children growing up in? It's the question that weighs on so many of us parents. The world we live in is crazy and influential. **I feel like I'm pretty grounded but yet I still feel the fear of, what will stick with them? What will they see on TV? Or at school?**

My kids are so young, are not yet formed intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, etc. and if I'm honest, I want to just keep them in my bubble where I know what could influence them. I want them to learn virtues, to be kind, respectful, and love Jesus.

For example, when I bring my daughter to the playground and she sees a kid hit or spit, I get to be there to explain about right and wrong. But I can't always be there. So how do I give them tools to know what's right and wrong no matter what they face and when I'm not there?

I grew up in a home where we asked questions like, what is my family legacy? What do we want to be known for as a family? My parents, at a very young age, instilled in my sisters and me a sense of purpose and identity. We knew our family was different. In a predominantly Catholic country, compared to my friends and family we were "more Catholic." We practiced our faith more outwardly and in action.

I remember my parents would always say to us that we are daughters of God, we are children of God. We read books about "growing little women" and discussed our identity as women. This was my parents' way of teaching us purpose and identity. We had dedicated time for prayer daily as a family, weekly family meetings, and just time to learn. To have the language accessible to us, to be able to discuss these things and these truths was very good. I didn't love it as a child because it was so serious but really looking back at it now there's so much value in what my parents did. I even remember they gave us the talk about sex at a young age and it was weird and uncomfortable but again, beneficial because it gave us an understanding of what the purpose of marriage and sex are in a Catholic perspective not the way society shows and portrays it.

While I don't think I'll do it all this way, having time to discuss these things was so important and laid a really important foundation for me.

My parents used to work for multinational companies that were successful because they had vision, mission statements and core values that guided the behaviour of each and every employee. **My parents saw how beneficial it was for a group of people to come back together and realign their purpose and thought it could be applied to families too and so they started a tradition of year-end family retreats.**

Every year at the end of the year, instead of having parties and taking part in New Year's celebrations we would end it with a family retreat. We left the busy city of Manila, the Philippines to spend a week of family bonding, prayer, rest and team/family-building.

At these retreats, we were guided and taught by our parents and sometimes guest speakers like the nuns or priests at the retreat center. We'd talk about many different topics from money management, virtues, time management, spiritual growth and many more. My parents made these "boring" topics fun, interactive and child-friendly. A lot would label this as a little extreme but little did I know, I would recall these lessons they taught us on many occasions as an adult.

The first retreat we had, I was probably 11 or 12, we created our Family Vision and Core Values. We brainstormed ideas, prayed about them, and made the final decision together on creating an identity that we would all live by. My parents made sure it was a joint decision and we were involved in the whole process so that we took ownership of it.

Our vision was: To become a family of God-loving members, living the Christian values by example.

We broke up our core family values into an acronym to easily remember—CHORES:

- C - Caring
- H - Honesty
- O - Obedience
- R - Respect
- E - Encouragement
- S - Sharing

Excerpt: Read Remaining Article at: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/raising-kids-in-an-influential-world>

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).

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

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%.

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

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)



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.

