



**ARCHDIOCESE OF  
VANCOUVER**  
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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

**PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON**

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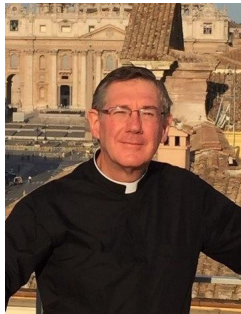
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*Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 6TH — FEBRUARY 12TH, 2022

**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

**FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY—Monday, 21 February 2022—Morning Mass will be at 9:00 am**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS—Wednesday, 2 March 2022—8:00 am, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS - Friday 4 March 2022—Second Mass will be at 7:00 pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm—Beginning on March 9th, 2022**



## READERS FOR MASS

We are looking for more readers for our Masses. If you can help, simply phone the parish office. Thank-you for your assistance.

## CALLING ON MUSICIANS, (ORGANIST, VIOLINIST, FLUTISTS) PLAYERS



We are looking for musicians to play at our Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 4:00 pm Mass. If you are able to play 1 or 2 times a month, please contact the parish Office.

## 6TH FEBRUARY 2022 READING

Two boats move slowly toward shore, laden with freshly caught fish. At the end of a fruitless night, the disciples had taken in an exceptional catch. This augurs well for the future which the Lord announces to these potential fishers of humanity who are ready to leave everything to follow him.

It is not without reason that Luke has grouped together the call of the first disciples and the episode of the miraculous catch. Under his pen the past of Jesus' ministry and the present of the Church's mission run together. The primitive community, born at Pentecost, pursues the proclamation of the gospel. The risen One continues his preaching through the voice of those whom he has chosen. The result is like an abundant catch of fish.

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets!" If Jesus sends his followers to fish for people, it is because they themselves have been caught in the net of his word. They must therefore set out on the adventure of faith, accept the risk of casting off, leave the security of a sheltered port to go beyond what is foreseeable and reasonable wherever the Spirit blows. After having been fish, they must become fishers in their turn, without fear or suffering. True apostles, they must be ready to signal their companions in the boater boat to come to their aid. In these times of crisis when there is a great temptation to hold onto everything we believe to be in danger, faith must more than ever be a daring putting out into the deep water.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <i>Sunday</i>    | <i>February 6th, 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>             | <i>9:00 am<br/>11:00 am<br/>4:00 pm</i> | <i>Parishioners</i>                    |
| <i>Monday</i>    | <i>February 7th, Ferial</i>                                  | <i>8:00 am</i>                          | <i>Elizabeth Williams †</i>            |
| <i>Tuesday</i>   | <i>February 8th, Ferial</i>                                  | <i>4:00 pm</i>                          | <i>James Thompson †</i>                |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>February 9th, Ferial</i>                                  | <i>8:00 am</i>                          | <i>Maria Tuele †</i>                   |
| <i>Thursday</i>  | <i>February 10th, St. Scholastica, 543 AD †</i>              | <i>8:00 am</i>                          | <i>Fr. D. Neilson †</i>                |
| <i>Friday</i>    | <i>February 11th, Ferial</i>                                 | <i>8:00 am</i>                          | <i>Holy Souls †</i>                    |
| <i>Saturday</i>  | <i>February 12th, Ferial<br/>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>9:00 am<br/>5:00 pm</i>              | <i>Bettye Mills †<br/>Holy Souls †</i> |



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF

*Saint Cecilia*

*Founded in 1860—Nashville*

## FUTURE NASHVILLE DOMINICAN CONVENT

The Archbishop & Father Ron are inquiring into the possibility of a convent here in Sts. Peter & Paul parish. A sufficient house would need to be rented for five (5) years lease. Beginning July 2023. If you have any leads please let Fr. Ron know. Thank-you for your help in this blessed matter.



## MASK MANDATE

During the days of more than usual contagion, for your protection & for the protection of others (including Father), masks are required by all; even those triple vaccinated, (except when receiving Holy Communion), over the nose and mouth while in the Church.

The Archbishop has directed that Masks are mandatory 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.

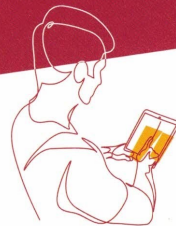
**If needed, masks are available in the Vestibule.**



**The Church  
wants to listen.  
Come join the  
conversation.**

### **SOME TOPICS OF CONVERSATION TO CONSIDER**

- 1 What helps or prevents you from being active in the Church's mission?
- 2 What areas of the Church's mission are we missing or neglecting?
- 3 What particular issues in the Church do we need to pay more attention to?
- 4 What particular issues in society do we need to pay more attention to?
- 5 How can we, the local Church, journey with our Indigenous sisters and brothers in a process of healing and reconciliation?



Keep an eye on your parish bulletin in the coming weeks to learn how you can participate in a Synod discussion.

For more information and to stay up to date with the latest Synod updates from the Archdiocese, visit [rcav.org/synod](http://rcav.org/synod).





# THE HOLY MASS AS SACRIFICE & SACRAMENT OF THE CROSS

BY: BISHOP ATHANASIUS SCHNEIDER



The Holy Mass is the Sacramentum Crucis, the Sacrament of the Cross: this is its essential definition. If the Holy Mass is the Sacramentum Crucis, then we need to consider what a sacrament is. A sacrament is a sign perceptible to the senses that signifies, and makes present by signifying, the reality to which it points. Thus, the two separate species, bread and wine, signify the reality of the separation of the body and blood of Christ on the Cross; that is, they signify the reality of the act of the sacrifice of the Cross. By signifying this reality, the sacramental signs make this reality present — as theologians say — in a sacramental way.

The Holy Mass is the sacramental form of the sacrifice of Golgotha. We can also say that the Holy Mass is the Real Presence of the sacrifice of Golgotha, the Real Presence of Christ's immolated body and outpoured blood. This act of sacrifice is the greatest act that has ever taken place or will ever take place in human history.

## SACRIFICE

Sacrifice in the biblical sense is the greatest act of love, and in Christ's oblation on the Cross this act has been carried out not simply by a man, but by the God-Man. The sacrifice of the Cross, which is primarily an interior but at the same time a visible act, was — thanks to the hypostatic union — accomplished by the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. It is ascribed not to the nature but to the person, and therefore, to the Divine Person of Jesus Christ.

The act of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was a divine and human act. As the Council of Chalcedon teaches, the two natures in Christ — divine and human — are united without confusion, change, division, or separation. The act of sacrifice on the Cross is primarily the highest expression of the love of Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, for His Father, and at the same time it is the highest expression of the love of Christ the Redeemer for us men. All three Persons of the Holy Trinity were in some way involved in this sacrifice. The Holy Mass is the same divine-human sacrifice of Christ, yet involving the Church hic et nunc, i.e., in this concrete time and place, in order to allow all the members of Christ's Mystical Body to participate, in a sacramental but real way, in the Incarnate God's unique, ever-present and eternal self-sacrificing act of love.

St. Thomas formulated the truth of the sacrificial character of the Eucharistic sacrament in these words:

***Since this is the sacrament of Our Lord's Passion, it contains in itself the Christ who suffered. Thus, whatever is an effect of Our Lord's Passion is also an effect of this sacrament. For this sacrament is nothing other than the application of Our Lord's Passion to us.***

*Thomas Aquinas, Commentary on the Gospel of John, Lecture 6, n. 52.*

The Magisterium of the Church teaches us, clearly and certainly, the truth about the essentially sacrificial character of the Holy Mass and the identity between the sacrifice of the Cross and the sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

The Mass is the living re-presentation of the sacrifice of the Cross, as St. Thomas says: "*Celebratio autem huius sacramenti . . . imago quaedam est repraesentativa passionis Christi quae est vera eius immolatio*": the celebration of this sacrament is a certain image and representation of the Passion of Christ, which is His true sacrifice. Pope Pius XII explains the true meaning of the "commemoration" of the sacrifice of the Cross in the Mass in this way:

The august sacrifice of the altar, then, is no mere empty commemoration of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, but a true and proper act of sacrifice, whereby the High Priest by an unbloody immolation offers Himself [as] a most acceptable victim to the Eternal Father, as He did upon the Cross.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

The mystery of the Cross is enclosed in a white disk of unleavened bread and in a gem of wine. In the reiterated rite of the Mass, the one sacrifice of the Redemption expands but does not multiply, is outpoured but not dissipated; in contact with the multiplicity it is not disintegrated but aggregates; made coextensive with all times and places, it unifies them. The Mass is the prolongation, the plenitude of the Cross: *Altare plenitudo Crucis*; it is the essence of the sacrifice of the Mass lies in the interior and exterior oblation of the Body and Blood of Christ, joined with the mystical immolation made in the name of Christ by His ministers, the priests.

The sacrifice of the Cross speaks to us of the most fruitful love, and its fruits are infinite because they are borne by a Divine Person. In the Holy Mass, it is principally Christ who offers, who continues to offer Himself interiorly by the same act with which He offered Himself on the Cross. The fruits of the sacrifice of the Cross are applied to all our needs, especially the purification and sanctification of our souls.

The most beautiful fruit, however, is Holy Communion. From the tree of the Cross we gather the life-giving fruit of the immolated body and outpoured blood of Christ, offered to us as our true spiritual nourishment, as the medicine of immortality and pledge of our resurrection. Holy Communion enables us to see the intimate connection between sacrifice and banquet.

## THE CROWNING ACT OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

The Mass is to us the crowning act of Christian worship. The altar, and not the pulpit or the choir or the organ, is the center of worship, for there is re-enacted the memorial of His Passion. Its value does not depend on him who says it, or on him who hears it; it depends on Him who is the One High Priest and Victim, Jesus Christ our Lord. With Him we are united, in spite of our nothingness; in a certain sense, we lose our individuality for the time being; we unite our intellect and our will, our heart and our soul, our body and our blood, so intimately with Christ, that the Heavenly Father sees not so much us with our imperfection, but rather sees us in *Him*, the Beloved Son in whom He is well pleased.

The Mass is for that reason the greatest event in the history of mankind; the only Holy Act which keeps the wrath of God from a sinful world, because it holds the Cross between heaven and earth, thus renewing that decisive moment when our sad and tragic humanity journeyed suddenly forth to the fullness of supernatural life.

*Editor's note:* This article is adapted from a chapter in Bishop Schneider's book, *The Holy Mass: Steps to Restore the Centrality of God in the Liturgy*. It is available from your local Catholic bookstore or online through [Sophia Institute Press](http://SophiaInstitutePress.com).

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## **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!**

### **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.

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.

### **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*

### **PARKING IN FRONT OF RESIDENT’S DRIVEWAYS**

It has come to our attention, sadly, that parishioners have parked wrongly.

*“The Eleventh Commandment park carefully & not hurriedly.”*

We value the goodwill of our neighbours, please take care not to block access to any driveways or carports or garage when parking your vehicle. When parking in the lane adjacent to the east side of the Church, please enter off Cartier so that you will be facing North, then pull in tightly along the fence, directly behind the car in front of you so that there is room, if needed, for other cars to park and pass. Thank you for your co-operation!



By Bill Keane

### **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%.

