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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

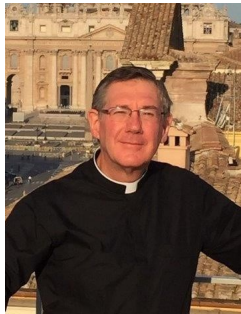
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Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet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

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 27TH — MARCH 5TH, 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

BURNING OF PALMS—Tuesday, 1 March 2022—4:30 PM

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

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE—Tuesday, 29 March 2022—7:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

- Blessing of Religious Articles: Father is available to bless them after the Weekend Masses (Saturday PM & Sunday Masses)
- Blessings of Homes: Please phone the Parish Office to arrange.

BURNING OF PALMS



Tuesday 1st March 2022, 4:30 pm at the Church front porch. All are invited including parishioners, PREP students, and families to this short (10 minutes) ceremony in preparation for Ash Wednesday. A container at the front porch will also be available to receive your last year palms

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.

27TH FEBRUARY 2022 READING

“Words! Words! Words!” cries Hamlet. Human speech can deceive as well as enlighten. It rarely captures all that is within us.

Charged with responsibility of spreading the gospel, the disciples of Christ must be vigilant over their hearts, for each one speaks from the abundance of heart. By means of word we build together the community of mutual support. We who wish to bring others to the gospel, must first have lived it ourselves. Black marks on white paper become the word of God only when people can read it in our lives.

In an age when empty words are multiplied, Christians remember that Jesus left them a life to imitate rather than mere doctrines to memorize. A life without words is worth more than words without life.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 27th, 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 28th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Erlinda E. Oliva †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>March 1st, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. James Lea †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>March 2nd, Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>8:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Barbara Jurencyk † Susan O'Bryan † Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>March 3rd, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Giving Thanks—Merle & Ron Chong</i>
<i>First Friday</i>	<i>March 4th, Lenten Ferial Adoration 12 Noon—6:45 pm - Benediction</i>	<i>8:00 am 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Clifford Baptist † Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March 5th, Lenten Ferial 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Souls † Hugh Locke Macaulay †</i>



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF

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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.



ASH WEDNESDAY FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14—104.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Distribution of Ashes occur after the Homily. Simply, approach the communion rail, keeping your mask on.

"SACRIFICE AND SANCTITY: THE SALVIFIC NATURE OF THE HOLY MASS"



Half-Day Recollection

Saturday, April 2, 2022
St. Peter and Paul Church

Presenter: **Fr. David Bellusci, OP**

Schedule:

10:00 Coffee
10:15 Talk 1
10:45 Break
11:00 Talk 2

11:30 Adoration/Benediction
12 Noon - Refreshment



St. Mary's Padre Pio Prayer Group

March 5, 2022, Saturday @7:00pm PST(on zoom)

PPPG Catechesis

Advancing to the Fifth Step of the spiritual Life:

Charism of Prayer

Presented by:

Father David Bellusci, OP

For Zoom meeting ID and password email:
pppgvancouver@gmail.com



March 2-April 10
40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

Take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign, more information provided with the Purple Handout Sheet, next to the bulletin.

www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver.bc



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!

LENT ISN'T ABOUT SELF-IMPROVEMENT, BUT OUR SOULS PINING AND THIRSTING FOR GOD

BY: FR. JEFFREY F. KIRBY



After an extended Ordinary Time, Christian believers will soon begin the penitential season of Lent. It will begin with the rather stark, annual observance of Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in which believers seek to dive deeper into the living out of the Paschal Mystery in their lives. Lent is forty days in spiritual observance of the forty days of the Lord Jesus in the desert.

All of this begs the question: What is the Paschal Mystery? And why are ascetical practices needed to participate in it?

The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the fulfillment of ancient prophecies, the purpose of his saving mission in destroying sin and death, and is the manifest expression of his immense love for us. The Paschal Mystery is the source of our belief in eternal life. It is the foundation of all our hopes.

Every believer, therefore, needs to know what the Paschal Mystery is and why it's essential to the Christian way of life.

It is for this reason that we need Lent.

The mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection calls out to be re-lived every day in the life of believers. In baptism, we become members of Christ's own body. We become participants in his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

With the pace of our world and its multiple distractions, it's too easy for us to miss the mystery. We need some help in refocusing and reorienting our lives to the fundamental mystery of our faith. And so, Lent comes to us as a help. It demands some reflection. It compels us – through various penances and ascetical practices – to choose the way of the Lord Jesus once again. Lent points us to the passion and suffering of life that we sometimes want to avoid, or the death to ourselves or the grieving of our fallen world that we'd prefer to avoid, or the Resurrection to newness of life that we'd rather neglect since it realigns and humbles everything else in our lives.

Lent brings us to a full stop, puts ashes on our foreheads, makes us abstain from meat, calls us to prayer and to the poor, and summons us to other ascetical practices, so that the value of our lives and the purpose of our discipleship can be rediscovered. Lent takes our souls and moves them to a renewed focus on the Paschal Mystery. Lent says to us, "The Paschal Mystery is what life is all about. Keep your eyes on this mystery."

The penitential season of Lent, therefore, is not merely about self-help, or self-improvement, or self-therapy for their own sake. Such things can border on pride or narcissism. Lent is not just about giving up caffeine or chocolate or about eating right, starting a fitness program, or being more punctual. While any of these could be good within an overall living out of the Paschal Mystery, especially when they are intended as a means to give greater service to others, they are not the reason for the Lenten season.

No holds barred, Lent is about a deepening in our knowledge and experience of the Suffering, Crucified, and Resurrected God who loves us and seeks union with us. Lent is about experiencing our souls pining and grasping for God, as well as the deeper realization of being grasped by God through the self-emptying love of Jesus Christ.

It is for this reason that Lent points us to Holy Week, in which we liturgically celebrate the very Paschal Mystery we have been living in our daily lives. Lent prepares us to observe Holy Week. It helps us to spiritually participate in the sacred liturgies and to say, as we witness the liturgical re-representation of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, "Yes, I know this mystery. I've lived this mystery – it's a part of me."

The joy of Easter is not meant to be born from the conclusion of Lent and its ascetical practices, but from the Resurrection of the Lord, as we see the fulfillment of our every hope and desire. Having been purified and refocused by a good Lent, we can experience the victory of the Lord Jesus over sin, death, and the darkness of this world. This is the purpose of Lent. This is the fruit of a good and holy Lent.

<https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2022/02/lent-isnt-about-self-improvement-but-our-souls-pining-and-thirsting-for-god>

MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT "WHEN CHILDREN CHATTER"



We ask that you take them for a walk, either to the family room on the left of the sanctuary or to the vestibule, which is now wired for sound. We appreciate your assistance in this matter so all the words of Holy Mass may be easily heard. Thank-you

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. Thank you for lifting up our voices.

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 MONERIS 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 (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

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.

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



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.

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.

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:

25—27 March 2022	22—24 April 2022
28—30 May 2022	17—19 June 2022

To find out more about how your donations help our community:

<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

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



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"Billy better hope his guardian angel didn't get laid off."