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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

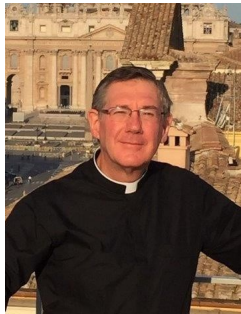
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Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 6TH — MARCH 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

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—Spring Ahead (Lose one Hour) - Sunday 13th March 2022 @2:00am

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

PLEASE NOTE:

- Blessing of Cars and 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.

QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

We are please to invite parishioners back to the Church for private prayer & adoration. Saints Peter & Paul Parish will open the doors from Wednesdays to Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm.

“Come let us adore Him.”

6TH MARCH 2022 SUNDAY READING

The gospel traditions joins the account of Jesus' temptation by Satan to the story of his baptism. Led into the desert by the Spirit received at the Jordan, Jesus is subjected to trial during his forty day fast. Here Luke seizes the occasion to present the two protagonists of a drama which will reach its climax at “the appointed hour”, Good Friday. By confronting his principal antagonist at the beginning of his public life, Jesus clarifies his understanding of the messianic role.

First he does not use his power as magic for selfish ends. Second he situates his sovereignty as Son of God in relation to the political realities of his world. His reign is subject only to God from whom he has received all that he is. Finally led to Jerusalem to endure the passion, he refuses to tempt his Father by demanding special protection, although it would vindicate his unique claim.

Every Christian is tempted: by the worship of money, by the expansion of political power exercised with disdain for human rights, and by reduction of religion to a tool of human ambition. These are so many masks donned by the devil who is most clever when he makes us doubt his existence. Like the Son of God in the desert, we are called in this time of prayer and fasting to reidentify our Christian vocation.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>March 6th, 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 7th, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Michelle Scully †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>March 8th, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. Sean Coghlon †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>March 9th, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. W. Harris</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>March 10th, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Eduard Thoma †</i>
<i>First Friday</i>	<i>March 11th, Lenten Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Souls †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>March 12th, Lenten Ferial 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. N. Birch Holy Souls †</i>

FUTURE NASHVILLE DOMINICAN CONVENT



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF
Saint Cecilia
Founded in 1860—Nashville

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.

LENTON DEVOTIONS: “WHEN YOU PRAY...”

- Sunday solemn sung Vespers and Benediction, 3:30 pm
- Stations of the cross, Wednesday 7, PM
- Quiet Prayers in the Church, Wednesday—Friday, 12:00 noon—3:00 pm, “Spiritual reading is provided—if you are willing

“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!

FROM TEMPTATION TO TRANSFIGURATION, BY: FR. RICHARD OUNSWORTH, OP



On the first two Sundays of Lent we always hear the same Gospel stories, of the temptations of Christ in the wilderness and of the Transfiguration respectively. We continue to follow the three-yearly cycle of Matthew, Mark and Luke that we have been following in Ordinary Time, and so this year we will hear St Luke's versions of these two events. What insights do these stories from the life of Christ have to offer us as we begin our "Lenten warfare", and in particular what aspects of them are highlighted by St Luke?

The relevance of the temptations to Lent is fairly obvious: this penitential season is indeed modelled on Christ's 40 days' fast in the desert. But it's worth glancing at the first reading from Deuteronomy for a deeper insight. Moses offers a very short summary, a sort of historical creed, of the pre-history of Israel, from the call of Abraham to the settlement of the Promised Land, and this

reminds us that the wilderness is the place where Israel herself was tried by many tribulations before entering into the Land, and where she put God himself to the test (cf. Exodus 17:1-7; 32:1-10; Numbers 14:1-12). As we make our own journeys to the Promised Land of heaven, are we the tempters or the templees? Do we stand with the faithless Israelites of the exodus generation, in with Satan himself, and put our God to the test? Or with Christ, allowing him to lead us through the trials of this life so as to enter into our heavenly inheritance?

It is clear that for St Luke especially the story of Christ's temptations represents his victory over the wiles of the devil. Later in the Gospel, he records Christ saying, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy" (10:18-19). Christ has won this authority for us in his own temptations. But this is not the end of the story: Luke alone adds that, having been defeated in a theological battle by Jesus, the devil left him "until the appointed time" (4:13), clearly pointing towards the crucifixion. This will be Christ's definitive victory over evil, and the purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves to share in this victory.

A final point to note is the difference between Luke and Matthew in the ordering of them. St Matthew makes the climactic temptation the one on the high mountain, where Satan offers Christ kingship and glory if he will worship him. Have a look at the very end of Matthew, and you will see why this makes sense as the last of the three temptations. For Luke, it is the temptation to throw himself from the top of the temple that comes last, and this is because of the centrality of the temple in Luke's Gospel (and Acts). Notionally, the temple is the dwelling place of God among humanity; yet it is Christ and no building that is the true temple, and Lent is the time for us to cast down all the stone temples we have built in our lives that pretend to replace Christ.

Briefly onto the Transfiguration: Luke makes the link to the previous week's theme clear, by telling us that Christ's discussion with Moses and Elijah concerns "his passing [literally 'exodus'] which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). It seems clear that Christ is giving his most intimate disciples this apocalyptic vision in order to prepare them – and us – for the Passion which is that exodus. What is it a vision of? The resurrection? I think not: the resurrection is nothing like this. Rather, it is his second coming, the consummation of all things, which we might think of as the ultimate exodus.

One of the biggest differences between the three accounts of the Transfiguration is when the disciples are afraid. For Mark, it is right from the off; for Matthew, it is the voice of God that causes fear, which certainly makes sense. For Luke it is the cloud – another reminder of the exodus, when a cloud led the people through the wilderness. We are indeed on a journey, through penance and passion, to the resurrection and the end of time, but it is a journey so often overshadowed by clouds of confusion and doubt. Lent is a time to hear again the words of the angel to Mary: be not afraid.

Original Article from: <https://catholicherald.co.uk/from-temptation-to-transfiguration/>



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.

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.

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

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.

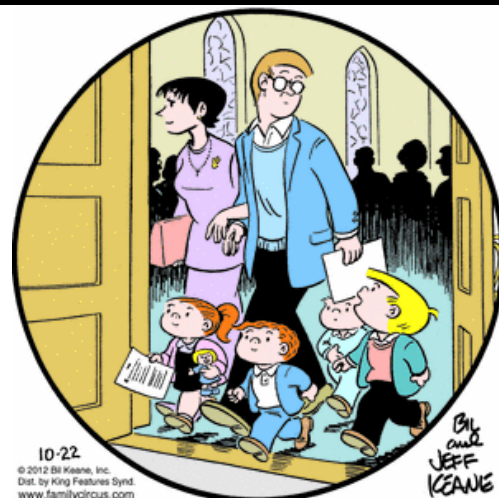
If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes that should be available on:

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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**"When we sing the hymns,
I think it's best for me
to just be a listener."**