



**ARCHDIOCESE OF  
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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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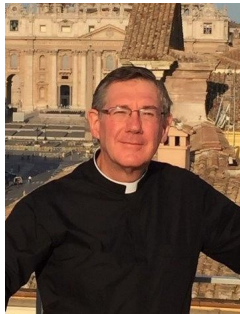
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*Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 24TH— APRIL 30TH, 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

**HOLY HOUR :** Sunday 24, April 2022: 3:00 -4:00 pm

3:00 pm—Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30 pm—Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

**CONFIRMATION OF STUDENTS-** Saturday, 30th, April 2022—5:00 pm (**Bishop Monroe**)

**1ST COMMUNION OF PARISH CHILDREN-** Sunday, 1st, May 2022—11:00 am

## 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.”*

## 24TH APRIL 2022 SUNDAY READING

Christ's appearance to seven of his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias marks an important step in the growth of paschal faith. As the Father sent his Son into the world, so the Lord Jesus will send his disciples on mission. The overwhelming catch of fish from the lake is a living parable of church's apostolic activity. The Risen Christ is the source of its fruitfulness.

Just like the apostles who went back to their nets after the tragedy of passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. What if our faith in the resurrection were not more than a religious tradition? What if Christ no longer dwell in this established Church, which seems so rooted in defensiveness and little given to apostolic boldness? If that were so, we might be tempted to return to the reassuring banality of our everyday tasks. Or we might be tempted to organize ourselves into a Christian ghetto, separate from those who might upset our certitudes. WE could ream nostalgically of the Church of former times when faith was taken for granted and religion ruled society.

But Christ stands on the shores of this world, more involved than ever, and he calls us to throw away our nets. We do not always recognize him at the first meeting, but he is there. He calls to us from the heart of our communities, in the commitments of those who seek the truth, who love and who forgive, who struggle for a better and more just world. He is there above all in that meal where we share his memory.

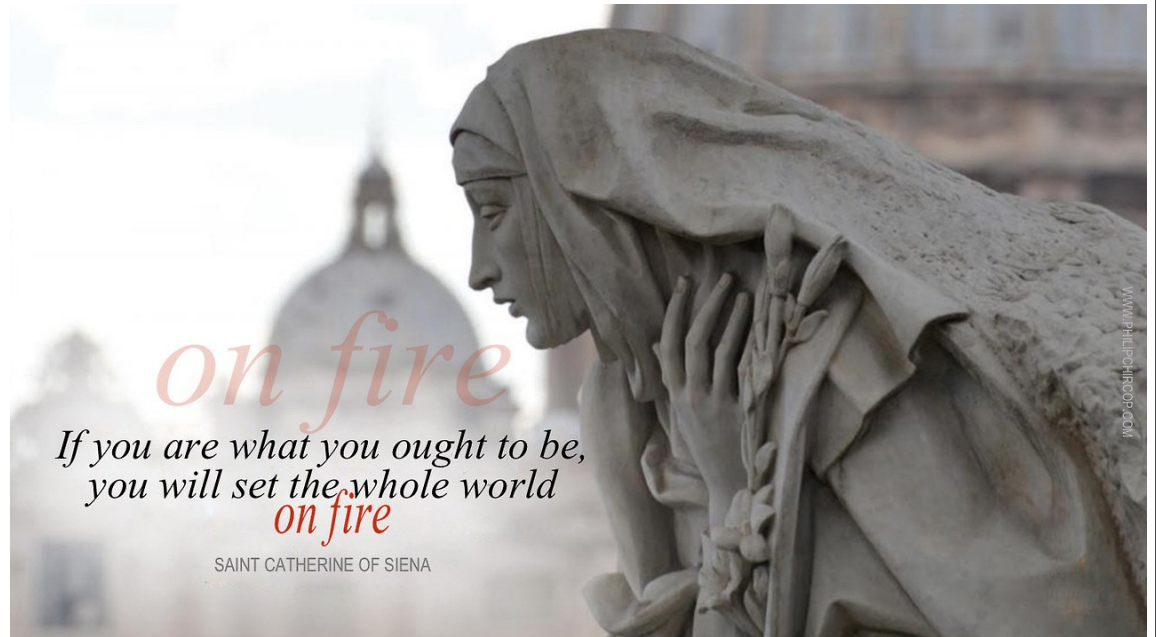
## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 24th, Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>April 25th, St. Mark, Evangelist 68 AD †</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Maria Hensel †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>April 26th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Marija Cecil</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>April 27th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Jim Kidd †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>April 28th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Angelo Benetti †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>April 29th, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor, 1380 AD †</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Dr. Alphonsus Hui †—Birthday</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 30th, St. Marie De L'Incarnation, Religious Memorial 1672 AD † Third Sunday of Easter (Mass of Confirmation)</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Stephen Roy † Confirmation Students (Bishop Monroe)</i>

**HOLY HOUR :** Sunday 24, April 2022: 3:00 -4:00 pm  
 3:00 pm—Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 3:30 pm—Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE **REPOSE OF THE SOUL** FOR:  
 Joyce Williams whose Funeral Mass will be here this Friday, 29th April 2022 at 10:00 am.

### WISDOM OF THE SAINTS



### 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.

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

#### INCOME TAX

If you would like your income tax donation receipt both for Sts Peter & Paul Parish or/and Project Advance you can contact the Parish Office or pick them up directly from the Office.

### 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!**

## **THE RESURRECTION IS THE TRIUMPH OF MERCY BY: GAYLE SOMERS**



### **Gospel (Read Jn 20:19-31)**

The celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday usually focuses on the sheer ecstasy of His victory over death. All during Holy Week, we are absorbed with the details of His horrific Passion. When we reach Easter, our hearts nearly burst with joy that Jesus is alive and vindicated as God's Son. In other words, it's easy to dwell on the *fact* of the Resurrection and be so dazzled by it that we do not think much beyond that. The mercy of Divine Mercy Sunday (yes, intended pun) is that now we begin to meditate on the *meaning* of the Resurrection. Today's Gospel gets us started.

When Jesus miraculously appears among the apostles, we find they are locked in a room "for fear of the Jews." These fellows have not lately impressed us, have they? His closest friends (Peter, James, and John) slept instead of keeping watch and praying in Gethsemane. All the apostles except John fled the Crucifixion, and they were all reluctant to believe the witness of the women to whom Jesus first appeared. Yet the word Jesus speaks to them is, "Peace." Then He commissions them to continue the work the Father sent Him to do. If the Gospel reading stopped right here, we would still have enough information to knock us over backwards with joy: Jesus loves sinners! These men were often feckless and self-absorbed, yet when He goes to them, He gives them peace and joy. Can any scene in the Gospels demonstrate more clearly than this one the meaning of Easter?

Jesus then does something truly astounding. "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" What?? Are we prepared to see this in the story? Jesus breathed His own breath on the very people who failed Him in His hour of need. This action reminds us of God breathing into Adam's nostrils His own breath at Creation, confirming him in "the image and likeness of God." Jesus establishes the apostles as those who will continue His divine work on earth. In them, God will forgive or retain sin. What can explain Jesus building a Church that is both human and divine other than the boundless mercy of God?

We find that one of the apostles, Thomas, was missing from this momentous occasion. When he gets the report of it, he refuses to believe it. He must see and touch the wounds of Jesus to be convinced. We don't know why Thomas doubted the men with whom he'd spent the last three years and who, along with himself, had been chosen as Jesus' closest intimates. His refusal to believe makes us uncomfortable, doesn't it? His doubt and cynicism don't seem to come from a good place, yet Jesus appears and gives him precisely what he needs for faith. Mercy! This river of mercy is starting to gain momentum. Jesus then helps us to understand where the river is headed: "Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and believed." This happy river is coming *our* way. It will flow out to everyone, everywhere, in all times. Those who believe in Jesus without ever seeing Him are going to be swept up in the torrent of God's mercy for sinners.

If we have been slow on the uptake, St. John puts it all together for us: "These [signs of the Risen Jesus] are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief, you might have life in His Name". The meaning of the Resurrection is the triumph of mercy and new life for sinners. Isn't this a great Day?

**Possible response:** Lord Jesus, I know myself to be as weak, fickle, and hard-hearted as the apostles sometimes were; thank You for the mercy You offered to them and to me.

**Original Article:** <https://catholicexchange.com/the-resurrection-is-the-triumph-of-mercy/>

## 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 a 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%.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT



Reminder to Readers of Weekdays & Sunday Masses to make a deliberate pause of 20 **full** seconds after the First (& Second) Reading. For in this way, following the Lectionary instructions, the word of God—has time to enter through our ears to our heart. Thank you for your help in this way!

**"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

## 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.

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:

28—30 May 2022

17—19 June 2022

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

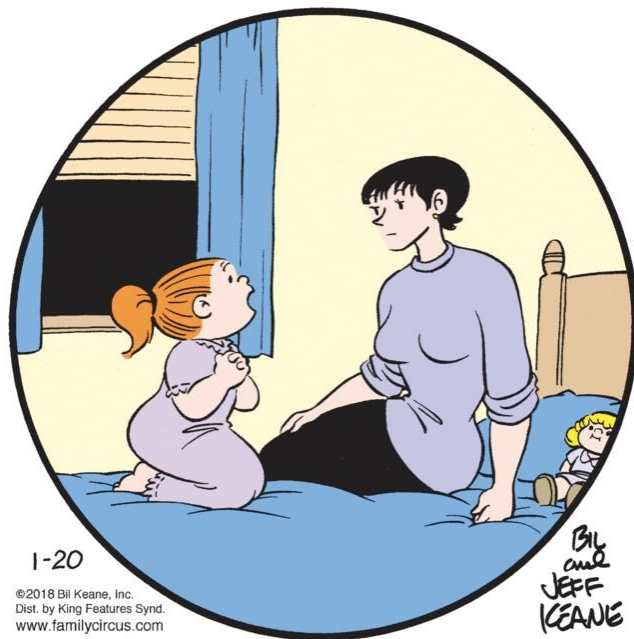
<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

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



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

We are looking for volunteer 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.



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**"God's not planning on retiring anytime soon, is He?"**