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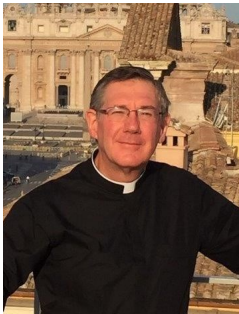
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Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet 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 EASTER MAY 15TH — MAY 21ST, 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.**



PROJECT ADVANCE SUNDAY

Sat/Sun May 14/15 The video will be shown before each Mass & volunteers will be available to take your pledges that day & for the following 2 weekends after Mass. May our Lord bless you graciously for your participation. Thank you.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2022

May 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past 2 years circumstances have unintentionally caused our lives to hold on to what is important in our lives. As restrictions lighten, it is a joyful sign to see more parishioners returning to the practice of the faith, in person.

You might know that next year 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of our parish. Hopefully a great part of our Jubilee will be the construction (and opening?) of our new Parish Centre. We will keep you posted. A good portion for this will be paid for by the sale of Cartier Hall. The rest will be covered by a mortgage. As already so, any proceeds from the Building Fund & Project Advance will assist with this outcome.

Our sincere gratitude for those who have participated in these over the years.

We also take the opportunity to encourage others to pledge.

Volunteers will be available after Mass for the last 3 weekends in May (beginning May 14/15).

Blank forms are also available for you to fill out and put in the collection basket at Mass or mail at anytime throughout the year.

May our Lord bless you graciously for your participation as we continue to prepare for our 100th Jubilee.

Blessing and Peace!

Fr. Ron Thompson
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 15th, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Eastertide</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 16th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Joyce William †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 17th, Eastertide</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>E. Presf</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 18th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Claire Ratvoy †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 19th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Elisabeth Skrilec—Healing</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 20th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Bryan Huong—Birthday</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 21st, Eastertide Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Angela YG Fong † Adrian Langford</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER BY GAYLE SOMERS

Gospel (Read Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35)



St. John tells us that after Satan had entered Judas, driving him out into the night to report to Jesus' enemies (see Jn 13:21-30), the Lord began to speak in an unexpected and baffling way: "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him." We know that Judas' betrayal led to Christ's Passion – violent brutality, suffering, and a shameful public death. How could all that be described by Jesus as a glorification of both Him and His Father?

The answer is anticipated in what Jesus says next: "I give you a new commandment... As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Although Christ's Passion had the appearance of failure, defeat, and impotence, it was, in fact, a revelation of God's love for man that far exceeded anything man had ever before or ever again will see. God's glory was revealed in the total self-emptying of Jesus on the Cross for love of us, doing for us what we are helpless to do for ourselves. Jesus submitted to great darkness and was thus able to conquer it. He emptied suffering and death of their sting. The "glory" of God is that even in the human circumstances that seem most devoid of His presence and care, God is at work to overthrow appearances and reveal His love for sinners in all its brightness and power.

Jesus also spoke about a "new" commandment of love. The Jews had been taught to love their neighbors as themselves (see Lev 19:18). What is "new" in Jesus' teaching is that now God's people are to love others as Jesus loved us — laying down His life for us, people who don't deserve it. The bar has been set much higher! This kind of supernatural love can only come from Christ living in us. The presence of this love in us — our willingness to serve others as Jesus served us — will be "how all will know that [we] are [His] disciples." When this selfless love becomes the mark of the Church, then "is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him."

Possible response: Lord Jesus, help me see the small ways that my self-denial out of love today can be a flash of Your glory in this world.

Original Article: <https://catholicexchange.com/god-makes-all-things-new-the-fifth-sunday-of-easter/>

15TH MAY 2022 SUNDAY READINGS

Urgency marks the beginning of Jesus' farewell discourse: "now... soon... not much longer..." Soon Jesus will no longer be with his disciples. They must pass from the experience of his bodily presence to faith in his invisible presence. To experience in faith a presence in absence is the whole of Christian life until the parousia.

Through the mutual love between the disciples the permanent presence of the Risen One is assured and manifested in the world. This mutual love characterizes our history during the time between Jesus' departure and his final return.



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!

CAN WE BE RELIGIOUS WITHOUT MAKING PEOPLE FEEL JUDGED? BY: EMILY RICCI



Every semester, I give my college students the same essay question on the midterm: “Tell me in your own words about one of the Gospel passages we read and the message you got from it.” And every semester without fail, at least 1/3 of the class will pick the story of Jesus with the woman who had been caught in adultery.

In this story, a woman is accused of adultery and brought before Jesus. The leaders are using her as a way to test Him – they don’t actually care about her. Jewish law of the time stated she should be stoned to death, but that goes against His teaching on mercy, so no matter what He says, they can trap Him. Jesus instead outsmarts them by replying, “Let you who are without sin cast the first stone.” In other words, He’s telling them not to judge others until they’re without sin themselves. (John 8:11)

The majority of those who pick it say it speaks to them because they believe strongly in not judging other people.

Which none of us want to be. Even non-Christians repel this kind of attitude. This is a good thing until this attitude trends so far into “not judging” someone that we aren’t allowed to even believe something different than the other. The “you do you” mentality reigns.

As the conversation goes deeper, we begin to dissect that one of their main problems with religion is not wanting to offend other people with morality, the determination of right and wrong. From a place of kindness, we don’t want to offend LGBTQ friends or atheist family members by what could seem like imposing their beliefs on others.

Maybe you’ve felt the same way. It’s one thing to accept a set of beliefs, but isn’t it offensive to try and push beliefs on others as well? Isn’t saying something is right or wrong judging other people for their actions?

Here’s what I tell my class: there’s a difference between religion and the people who follow that religion.

When I see someone speeding on the highway, I think that their behavior is wrong. However, I do not take it upon myself to pull them over and reprimand them – after all, I’m not a police officer, so I don’t have any authority to do so. It’s not my place to judge them.

It’s the same for religion: Just because I am following a certain moral code doesn’t mean I have the authority to reprimand others for not doing so as well.

Holding a certain set of beliefs is about me and my actions, not about critiquing others’ performance of them.

This doesn’t mean that religion is inherently offensive for having rules and morality; most organizations do, from the government to homeowners’ associations and everything in between. However, it should be up to the leaders of those organizations (in Christianity’s case, God!) to make judgments related to those rules.

At times, especially as Christians, it can seem as though even holding certain beliefs that are countercultural come off as judgemental. If I believe in marriage between man and a wife, will someone I meet who believes differently feel judged by me?

But having different beliefs is the nature of our world and it’s diversity, not a judgement on someone’s actions.

We don’t have to abandon what we believe in order to fit in societally.

Of course, many religious people want to share their religion with others because they have found happiness in it – that’s okay. Think about the latest movie you watched or book you read that changed your life; of course you’re going to want to tell others about it. You probably don’t focus on how long it was or the cost of it though – rather, you focus on the joy it brought you.

Sometimes, people take this too far. Chances are we’ve all met a religious person who fits the stereotypical representation of a cantankerous, stuffy, and judgmental person of faith. They’re quick to tell you (or anyone who will listen) all of the things that you’re doing that they don’t believe are right.

In looking at the Bible, that’s actually not the example of religious fervor. Jesus included many references in His teaching to not being judgmental. He quips that judging others is like pointing out the splinter in someone else’s eye when you have a beam in your own. (Matthew 7:3)

As we look back at the story of the woman caught in adultery, Jesus’ response to her is just as telling as His response to her accusers. He asks if anyone has condemned her, and when she says no, he replies: “Then neither do I. Go and sin no more.” He doesn’t hide His view from her - adultery is wrong - but He puts love and mercy first. If we pause and look really closely at the life of Jesus, we see that to be religious is actually the epitome of not judging others.

He sought out those that were judged by society in order to love them. He fought for a world that brought everyone into a place of belonging.

So what does that look like for us in everyday life? Before we get into the do’s and don’t of what everyone should be doing, we have to know Jesus. Get to know His character. Understand how He loved. Pray for opportunities of conversation rather than call-out’s. Pray for your own heart to be one of empathy and understanding with those you don’t align with. Bring every heartache and desire for justice back to Him in prayer before we step out on our own. Drawing closer to Christ Himself helps us discover how to love people without pointing fingers.

It’s by coming to know Jesus better than we realize: religion and judgement are fundamentally at odds. Religious people who exude judgement are not a good representation of who Jesus is. As we develop our relationship with Christ, we come to find that we can love others through Him—no judgement necessary.

Original Article: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/can-we-be-religious-without-making-people-feel-judged>

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



THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON - is led by the Reader as the priest partakes in the chalice, others are encouraged to join in this.

ATTENTION READERS: - 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

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.”

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 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.

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



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