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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

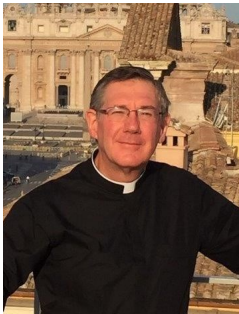
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*Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 22ND — MAY 28TH, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

Blessing and Peace!

Fr. Ron Thompson  
Pastor

**PENTECOST NOVENA (PINK SHEETS) ARE FOUND NEXT TO THE BULLETIN FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 22nd, Sixth Sunday of Easter, Eastertide</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 23rd, Eastertide, Victoria Day</i>	<i>* 9:00 am *</i>	<i>Humphrey Waldock †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 24th, Eastertide</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Michelle Yau †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 25th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Chan Ming Cho †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 26th, Eastertide, St. Philip Neri, Priest 1595 AD.</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Therese Tran Thi Mau †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 27th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Harold Waldock — Birthday</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 28th, Eastertide The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Sr. Louise Tsoh † Franko Bresan</i>

## 22ND MAY 2022 SUNDAY READINGS

We find ourselves in virtually the same situation as the people for whom the fourth gospel was intended: faith alone assures us that the Risen One is still present in the world, but present in absence.

We believe that, in return to his Father, Christ does not cease to act. His death did not put an end to the spread of the gospel. By his death and rising Christ is present in a new way. The Spirit which had come down on him in the Jordan is now poured out upon all believers. We go forth to plant the seed of his word.

The time of presence in absence is therefore the time for us to assume our own responsibility. Without taking hard and fast positions, we accept, in faith and in hope, the risk of giving new answers of life's ever-new questions. The Spirit demands that we take this risk.

## HOW I FOUND HOPE IN A SEASON OF DEPRESSION BY: NATHAN RUMOHR



I have suffered from depression probably my whole life but was first diagnosed when I was 20. In 2013 I had my worst depressive episode lasting for probably two years. I was not only dealing with my medical condition of depression but also felt the betrayal of God to let me fall into such despair. Needless to say, I was very angry with God.

The pain and sorrow of that darkness made me feel worthless and I felt there was no reason to live.

Over time, I got a lot of counselling, support from my girlfriend (now wife) and family. I was prescribed medication that has balanced me out to this day. It was a painful 2-year process but the support got me through the most severe depths of depression.

But there was something still holding me back. I was honestly trying to move on with my life but that feeling of abandonment and loss of trust in God still lingered.

During those two years, I was still going to Mass. One day, Father Justin Huang invited me to Faith Studies after he greeted me after Mass. He invited me while in line, in front of a lot of people. I didn't necessarily want to go but I am the kind of person who likes to take on a challenge so I said yes.

The first few sessions didn't really connect with me. I kept my distance from the studies, finding them very basic and superficial. But then week five of the study changed me.

It was the lesson focusing on Revelation 3:20 and the description of the painting Heart's Door by Warner Sallman. In that painting, Jesus is knocking at a door with no doorknob. Only the person inside can let Jesus in.

Something in the lesson opened me up and made me realize God's love for me. He hadn't abandoned me but was waiting for me. I then realized that I hadn't wanted Jesus in. I wanted to remain angry.

It's not the rules or commandments that drove me away from Christ, it was because I wouldn't let Jesus in to love me, suffer with me, triumph with me, mourn with me, and show me a version of myself I couldn't even imagine, the self that God knows we can be and designed us to be.

That week, I decided to let Jesus in and help gut out the anger and resentment. It wasn't quick but it was the beginning of Him working out a lot in my heart.

God broke down fear, and gave me hope, hope that the God of this universe through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ makes us all worthy of love, that we are all justified and counted. For me, going through that Faith Study was the door that allowed me to accept Christ's love without reservation.

Since then, not only has my relationship with Christ deepened, I've seen my faith study companions being transformed as well.

No longer were they just "nice men" who came to Mass every Sunday, but they were now leaders that attracted other young men to their presence. They engaged with visitors and were not afraid to have difficult conversations. They were first to volunteer and leaped into the journey with all that wanted accompaniment. This particular group further convicted my faith and showed me how to live the faith practically as a husband, father, and leader.

We all experienced our identity in Him. We were changed when we accepted His love.

God will change your life if you let Him.

Original Article: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/how-i-found-hope-in-a-season-of-depression>

# JESUS SPEAKS THROUGH HIS APOSTLES: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## BY GAYLE SOMERS



### Gospel (Read Jn 14:23-29)

In a long section of St. John's Gospel that we call "the Last Supper Discourse" (see Jn 13-17), Jesus begins to anticipate His departure from this world and what that will mean for His friends, the apostles. He emphasizes that to love Him means to live as He taught them. Those who love Jesus in word and action will live in communion with the Trinity here on earth, even before they reach heaven.

Then, Jesus moves on to describe something that is yet to happen and is of vital importance as we seek to understand how His followers will know what they need to know about Him and His Word after His departure. How will the Gospel move from this band of apostles and those who traveled with them into all the world? Once Jesus leaves, how can we know we have the truth about Him and thus be able to live it?

Jesus has a plan to make sure all those who wish to follow Him, in all the years that must pass before His return, will know what they need to know: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." If we have read the Gospels carefully, this promise by Jesus has to bring some relief. We have seen how little the apostles actually understood of what Jesus said and did while He was still with them. Notice that this promise is made uniquely to the apostles in this conversation. Jesus switches from speaking about "whoever" (all believers) in vss 23-24 to "you" (the eleven who were with Him at the Last Supper) in vss 25-29. We can understand by this that although the Holy Spirit will be sent to all believers, He will do a particular work of teaching and reminding the apostles. Later in this same discourse, Jesus tells the apostles that the Holy Spirit will "guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16:13). This is an even more expansive promise, because it anticipates that the apostles will, in the future, need to know more than they did on this night. In all this, the work of the Holy Spirit is of supreme importance. Jesus knew that He had chosen mere men upon whom to build His Church. The worldwide proclamation of the Gospel, through all the ages of the Church's history, would have to come through ordinary flesh and blood. How could this be anything other than risky? There is only one way: a supernatural charism of the Holy Spirit, working in the apostles and their successors, would guarantee "all the truth."

Because of this magnificent promise, Jesus can leave His apostles with "Peace." How is this peace different from what "the world gives"? Peace in the world depends on circumstances. The peace of Jesus goes much deeper than that. His peace grounds us in the truth of God's love and power, no matter what our circumstances might be. How can we be sure of this truth? We look to these promises right here. The charism given first to the apostles and then passed on through the laying on of hands to their successors enables us to know "all the truth," expressed now in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

What an incredible plan! Did it work? Our first reading gives us the evidence we need to answer this question.

*Possible response: Lord Jesus, please help me love You in ways that go beyond words and emotions.*

*Original Article: <https://catholicexchange.com/jesus-speaks-through-his-apostles-the-sixth-sunday-of-easter/>*



### **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!**



### **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.

### **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.”*

## 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%.

## 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

## 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:

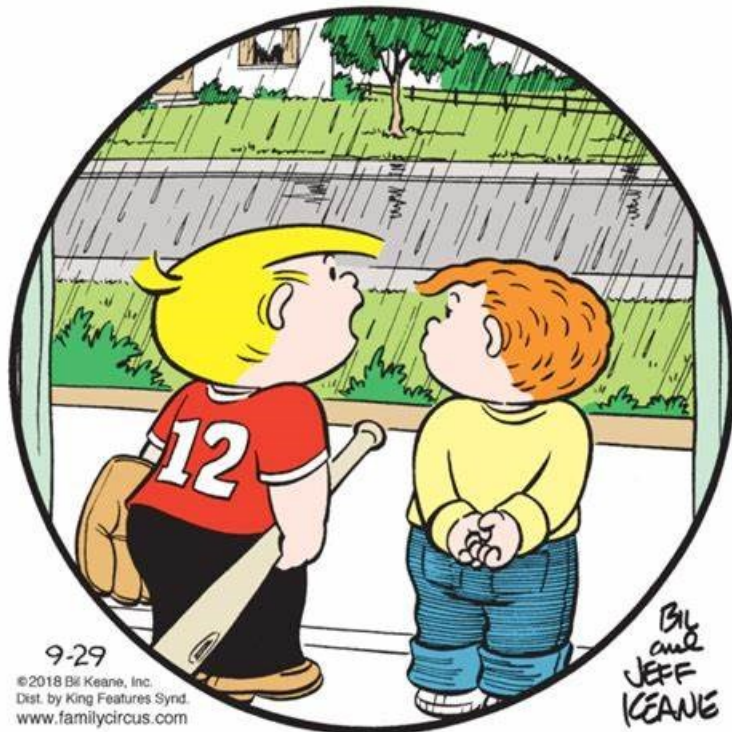
<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

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

### 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.



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**“I wish God wouldn’t wash the world on Saturdays.”**