

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

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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.

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 12TH — JUNE 18TH, 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

25—26 June 2022—Weekend Patron Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul
- Lemonade & Cookies on the Lawn (Weather Permitting)

Post Feast Day Celebration Sunday
—3rd July 2022 Pancake Breakfast (By Donation)

## **THINGS OF NOTE**

Weekday First Reading is for Cycle Week Day II until Advent





## PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

Hosted by Sts Peter & Paul's Men's Group Location: Vancouver College Cafeteria After 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

# 12TH JUNE 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

All liturgical celebration, indeed all Christian prayer, is Trinitarian: to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The liturgical celebration of the Hoy Trinity as an "idea feast" finds its origins in the Carolingian Church of the eight and ninth centuries. A votive Mass of the Holy Trinity proved so popular that it began to replace Sunday celebrations. In 920 the bishop of Liège composed a full Mass and Office to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The feast was established for the entire Roman church in 1334.

The smallest functional unity of human life is not the individual. Every man and woman, no matter how deformed in spirit or body, exists because he or she was born of the coming together of two human beings. No infant survives without acts of touching and feeding which are acts of human relationship. If we exist at all, we exist as the product of some form of human community.

We profess that we have been created in God's image. Our self-image is so clearly and relentlessly one of life in community that we can not help but see in the scriptures suggestions and revelations of God's own life as life for and with the other. Though we will never come to know God as God knows himself every sign of God's action in our world leads us to him as a God in interaction.

Creation itself is God's self-expression, the extension of his love to that which is other than himself. God's ongoing dialogue with creation reaches its climax in Jesus who is Godamong-us. This Jesus is taken up into the fullness of the Father's glory and the fullness of their love is poured forth upon us in the gift of the Spirit.

Mass Intentions			
Sunday	June 12th, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Parishioners
Monday	June 13th, St. Anthony of Padua, 1231 AD 🕆	8:00 am	Filip Bresan
Tuesday	June 14th, Ferial, 11th Week of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	Berchmans Loh
Wednesday	June 15th, Ferial	8:00 am	Fr. John Horgan
Thursday	June 16th, Ferial	8:00 am	Fra Marco Luzzago 🕆
Friday	June 17th, Ferial	8:00 am	Boldie West 🕆
Saturday	June 18th, Ferial The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Yuang Hsiang & Ken Huang Edwin Jenolino 🕆

## WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

- 1) "Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."

   St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (St. Edith Stein)
- 2) "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

"Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him."

Saint Francis de Sales

- 3) "Don't spend your energies on things that generate worry, anxiety, and anguish. Only one thing is necessary: Lift up your spirit and love God."
  - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
- 4) "And of what should we be afraid? Our captain on this battlefield is Christ Jesus. We have discovered what we have to do. Christ has bound our enemies for us and weakened them that they cannot overcome us unless we so choose to let them. So we must fight courageously and mark ourselves with the sign of the most Holy Cross."
  - St. Catherine of Siena
- 5) "Do not have any anxiety about the future. Leave everything in God's hands for he will take care of you."

   St. John Baptist de La Salle
- 6) "Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."
  - St. Francis of Assisi
- 7) "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."
  - St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
- 8) "Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety, or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 9) "Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."
  - St. Francis de Sales
- 10) "Oh, if only the suffering soul knew how it is loved by God, it would die of joy and excess of happiness! Some day, we will know the value of suffering, but then we will no longer be able to suffer. The present moment is ours."
  - Št. Faustina
- "Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him."
  - St. John of the Cross
- 12) "Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?
  - St. Gerard Majella
- 13) "My Jesus, if you uphold me, I shall not fall."
  - St. Philip Neri
- 14) "The secret to happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."
  - St. Gianna Molla
- 15) "Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him."
  - St. John of the Cross

## THE TRINITY AND THE SANCTITY OF FAMILY LIFE BY MICHELE CHRONISTER



As a middle-schooler, my dad and I often got into theological discussions. I was an inquisitive kid (who would grow up to study theology in college and graduate school) and he was studying theology in a lay ministry formation program. It was my dad who first told me about the analogy between the family and the Trinity.

Of course, it is a far from perfect analogy, for many reasons. It is merely an illustration for some aspects of the mystery of the Trinitarian relationship.

#### The Family as Community of Persons

In the Trinity, there are three Divine Persons, but only one nature – the Divine Nature. In a human family, there are any number of persons, but they do not share the same, singular human nature. There is an otherness and lack of union between the members of a

human family that are simply not possible in the Trinity.

Although the family is a community of persons, what a messy community it often is! Opinions differ between spouses and siblings. Minor disagreements are daily occurrences in even the best of families. It is a daily struggle to put aside the individual's desires for the desires of the other.

And all too often, our families are marred with the effects of the Fall. Members might manipulate or even abuse other members. There is selfishness. There is discord. There are grumpy mornings and sleepless nights.

Yet, the unity of the Trinity is what the family is meant to imitate.

The family is not the same now as it would have been before the Fall of Adam and Eve. But we don't need to throw up our collective arms and despair of the life of sanctity and wholeness for which we were created. We can contemplate and pray with the Trinity, in order to understand what our families can be, if we entrust them to God.

#### The Union of the Trinity

The union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are alluded to throughout the Gospels. "The Father and I are one." "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." "The Spirit descended upon him..." But what is the dynamic of the relationship?

Catholic theology tells us that the Father is eternally gazing with love at the Son, and the Son at the Father. The love between them is so real that it is a third Person – the Holy Spirit. (Hence, Catholic theology asserts that the Holy Spirit proceeds from them both.) This is a simplification of this rich doctrine, and it is, ultimately, a mystery. When the Church says that a truth of the faith is a "mystery," she doesn't mean it in the way that a mother will insist to a protesting child, "It's true because I said so!" Rather, the Church means that there are vast depths to that particular truth – depths that we will plunge for all eternity without reaching the end.

The life of the Trinity isn't meant to be a distant, abstract reality. The perfect, eternal exchange of love — that is what each of us has been created to rest in the heart of, for all eternity. By the grace of our Baptism, we are destined for eternal union with the Trinity, partaking in Trinitarian life. The name of this doctrine is "Divinization" and the first time I heard it articulated in a college theology class, it changed my life. St. Athanasius famously said, "God became man, so that man might become God." This reality is what he was referring to — not that we would become divine, but that we would be caught up in a loving union so profound that we would be partaking in the life of God.

Of course, the Incarnation made this a reality. Because of the Incarnation, and Christ's subsequent Ascension (as one fully human and fully divine) human nature now rests in the heart of the Trinity. Christ did not shed his human nature when he returned to the Father. Because of the union that occurred in him – his divine nature wedded to human nature – he has brought human nature where it would be impossible for it to tread otherwise.

#### The Destiny of the Family

The life of the Trinity is one of selfless love, poured out endlessly for the other. This love is not about happy feelings, but about a deeper, profound joy – the kind of joy that only is possible when all has been given over for the beloved.

In our imperfect families, this is the kind of love that we are called to, too. How can that look in broken, imperfect families?

This deeper theological meaning does not mean that we should brush aside the poor behavior of others. It does not mean that we should endure abuse from a spouse, parent, or child. Rather, it means that — worthy or not — we are called to eventually come to a place of longing for the sanctity of the other.

In some families, this is less complicated. Each person is relatively healthy in body and mind, and all get along fairly well. Even in such a family as that, though, there will be challenges – a child who falls away from the Church in adulthood, a sibling who lives a lifestyle different from the one they were raised in, etc. Any sort of engagement with one another must be done with the love of the Trinity in mind. Disagreements should not be about winning an argument, but rather about winning a heart. This doesn't mean that families will always agree. But if they are functioning from a place of love modelled on the life of the Trinity, turning back to God in their weakness, it will go a long way.

Sadly, there are families where the picture is more complicated. If, for example, there is abuse, love does not demand that you remain. Love demands not just mercy, but also justice. Justice is God's, ultimately, but part of that process is disengaging from the abusive member of the family – not only for the victim's healing and safety, but also for the accountability and healing of the abuser. Some of these relationships may never be healed in this lifetime, but time and space apart may be necessary to allow the healing that is possible in this life.

What of those with no family? They, too, are called to rest in the heart of the Trinity. Perhaps those with no one else recognize the need for that more than those with families.

It is too easy to make the family – an image of the Trinity – a higher ideal that the reality it is meant to reflect. The family is not the end goal. It is only meant to be a part of our journey to heaven, where all will be united in the mystical body of Christ and the life of the Trinity – a bond far stronger than any human bonds on this earth.

With hope, let us turn to the Holy Trinity, trusting that God will lead us all to deeper union with each other and with him.

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#### MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT



<u>THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON</u> - 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 <u>full</u> 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

#### **OUIET 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:

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 <u>ONLY on the days provided above</u>, otherwise they will be removed.



# <u>CALLING ON MUSICIANS, (ORGANIST, VI-OLINIST, FLUTISTS) PLAYERS</u>

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.

Volunteers Needed

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Minor maintenance upkeep of the Church is desired.

If you would like to spend a couple of hours a week during the day, to help with this, kindly phone the parish office. It would be appreciated. Thankyou.



## 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.



"What does that story of Adam and Eve teach us?" "Not to eat fruit."