

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.

SEVENTEEN—EIGHTEEN SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JULY 24—AUGUST 6, 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.



VISITING THOSE HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Ron follows proper protocols in these times. If any housebound parishioner would like him to visit, kindly phone the parish office during office hours to arrange.

PLEASE NOTE:

First Friday Adoration and 2nd Mass at 7:00 pm will not be celebrated during the Summer months. This will continue in the Fall.

Sunday Vespers and Benedictions will restart in the Fall.

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY READING 24TH JULY 2022

"Lord, teach us to pary as John taught his disciples." The apostles address Jesus as a "Master of prayer", asking him to reveal his secret to them. We also need to know it, "For we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Rom 8:26).

"Ask... seek... knock." These verbs emphasize the insistence of the call to prayer and the assurance of being heard if we persevere. "You will receive, you will find, it shall be opened to you." Above all, do not become discouraged. Prayer requires a long patience, but through perseverance, it obtains an answer. If earthly parents, with all the faults they may have, give to their children only good things, all the more must our heavenly Father give the most precious good to those who ask for it.

In showing us God's response to prayer, Jesus helps us to understand prayer itself. To pray is not to impose our will on God but to ask him to make us open to his will. To pray is not to want to change God but to ask him to change us. For the second petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come," a very ancient variant substitutes "May your Spirit come upon us and purify us."

EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY READING 31ST JULY 2022

Quarrels over inheritance can provoke bitterness and enmity in the closest of families. Jesus refuses to take sides on behalf of particular interests.

He goes even father, for he shows what is really at the root of the quarrel in greed for gain, the love of money. Jesus poses the true question: what is that assures life? In answer he recounts the short-sightedness of the rich farmer. This man thinks he will assure his life with abundant reserves accumulated in grain bins. But death suddenly snatches him away. Jesus denounces his lack of foresight. By limiting his ambitions to this world, the rich man forfeited his chance for true life.

We are fools if we believe that what is essential here below is to accumulate and to produce, if we identify the good life with a solid, reassuring bank account. "To be rich in the sight of God," is to give and share, to seek life where life is to be found.



LEMONADE & COOKIES, 30TH—31ST JULY 2022

In honour of B.C. Day Weekend (August 1) Lemonade and Cookies will be served after the weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Sunday	July 24th, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Parishioners	
Monday	July 25th, St. James 🕆 44 AD	8:00 am	J. Caviezel	
Tuesday	July 26th, St. Anne & St. Joachim 🕆	4:00 pm	J & K Caviezel	
Wednesday	July 27, Ferial	8:00 am	Sr. M. Martha, O.P.	
Thursday	July 28th, Ferial	8:00 am	Sr. M. Bethany, O.P.	
Friday	July 29th, St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, 🕆	8:00 am	Bp. Robert Barron	
Saturday	July 30th, Ferial 18th Week of Ordinary Time	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bryan Wei-Hao Hunag A & P Walter	
Sunday	July 31st, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Parishioners	
Monday	August 1st, St. Alphonsus Liguori 🕆 1696 AD	9:00 am	Desiree Deminica Sze 🕆	
Tuesday	August 2nd, Ferial	4:00 pm	Hillario Sr. ⊕	
Wednesday	August 3rd, Ferial	8:00 am	Harley ⊕	
Thursday	August 4th, St. Jean & Marie Vianney 🕆 1859 AD	8:00 am	Edna Rwera	
Friday	August 5th, Ferial	8:00 am	Benigna 🕆	
Saturday	August 6th , The Transfiguration of the Lord 19th Week of the Ordinary Time	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Celia Brutton Hanne Darren 🕆	



MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT

THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL # 146 states that the people only rise after the Priest has said, "Pray Brethren that my sacrifice... be acceptable to the Almighty Father." and then they make their response: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice..."

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

<u>ATTENTION READERS:</u> - 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



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!



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.

SIX SAINTS' DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST BY MARIA CINTORINO



The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our lives, as St. John Paul II often reminded the world. In these next few years of Eucharistic Revival, it would be good to look to the example of the saints to learn about their devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, and how we can best emulate their devotion.

Saint Tarcisius: As relayed by tradition, Tarcisius was a young Roman boy who lived during the reign of Emperor Valerian. As the early Church was being persecuted, the faithful were forced to worship in secret. One day, after a Mass which Tarcisius was present, the bishop asked if a member of the congregation would be willing to carry the Blessed Sacrament to their fellow Christians who were imprisoned, as it was too dangerous a task for the clergy. Tarcisius

bravely volunteered. After some instruction which entailed the necessity to keep the Blessed Sacrament safe at all costs, Tarcisius ventured off on his journey.

En route, some of Tarcisius' friends approached him as they needed another boy for their game. Hearing Tarcisius' negative reply and upon seeing his sense of urgency, the boys demanded to know what their friend was hiding from them. As their incessant requests were being refused, the boys concluded he most be hiding something which the Christians considered to be sacred, so they shouted that Tarcisius was a Christian. This resulted in the young Christian being violently beaten. A Christian soldier stumbled upon the scene, and intervened. The heroic boy died from his bruises in the soldier's arms, but not before asking the soldier to protect Jesus in the Eucharist and to bring Holy Communion to the imprisoned Christians.

This young saint reminds us that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Like Tarcisius, we should reverence Him in the Blessed Sacrament and protect the Eucharist at all costs, even if it means laying down our lives for Him.

Saint Dominic: Saint Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), is commonly known for his zeal for souls as he spent countless nights praying for the salvation of souls. However, Dominic's early followers also recorded a more discreet practice of Dominic: they speak about the tears of their founder, not only when praying, but also when celebrating Mass. Brother John of Bologna, an early friar, relayed that when he served at St. Dominic's Masses, he would see tears stream down the saint's cheeks after he received Holy Communion. The simplicity of the tears of this great preacher reminds us that Jesus gives us a tremendous gift in the Eucharist: God Himself descends and takes His dwelling in the soul of man. Our response then should be one of gratitude, awe and reverence for the love Christ has for us: that He should give Himself to sinful man as food. As Dominic, we should always be thankful for Christ's gift to us in the Eucharist and be mindful of Whom we receive at Mass.

Saint Francisco Marto: This young boy was one of the visionaries of Fatima. He, along with his sister, Jacinta Marto, and his cousin, Lucia, received apparitions of Mary under the title Our Lady of Fatima. During her visits, the Blessed Mother asked the young seers for the rosary to be prayed daily and for sacrifices to be made for sinners. In addition to following Mary's requests, Francisco had a devotion to "the hidden Jesus," Jesus hidden in the Eucharist. It was not uncommon to find Francisco in church (oftentimes when he should have been in school!) to comfort and console Jesus. As Sr. Lucia recalled in her memoirs, Francisco's favorite place to pray was by the altar in order to be physically close to Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. By his example, this young saint teaches us to thirst for Christ, to remain in His presence, and of the importance of consoling Him in the Eucharist simply by being present to Him. Additionally, St. Francisco challenges us to make visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament—even if it is for five minutes!

Mother Teresa: We are all familiar with this great saint who tenderly took care of Calcutta's poor. Not only was Mother Teresa attentive to the needs of the poor, but also to the need of each person to experience the love of Christ in the Eucharist. She herself uniquely understood the importance of and the powerful effect of Christ in the Eucharist for she said: "when you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." As busy as Mother Teresa was, she and her nuns faithfully prayed a Holy Hour each day, knowing that the Eucharist was the source of their strength. We too should follow in the footsteps of Mother Teresa by taking some time each week to spend with Jesus in adoration. We should never be too busy to offer our day and week to God in this special way!

Saint Clare: St. Clare is known to have saved the town of Assisi from the Saracens. As the Saracens were approaching the convent, Saint Clare took the ciborium, and going to the window, faced the direction which the invaders were coming. She raised the Blessed Sacrament, and upon this benediction, the Saracens fled the town and failed to return. Thus, the town of Assisi was spared from the attack. St. Clare's actions showed her Faith in the Real Presence and of her confident trust in God: that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host, and as God, He will protect and guide His children. Like St. Clare, we should humbly present our needs to Christ, believing in His presence, remaining faithful to Him and trusting in Him. When we do so, we will experience the power of His love and grace in our lives, just as St. Clare did.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: He was a young Italian boy who had a great love for Jesus in the Eucharist. His simple yet sincere devotion to the Faith caused Carlo's parents to become practicing Catholics and at their son's request, they started to attend daily Mass with him. This millennial saint, however, is most known for his devotion to the Eucharist, for he documented all known Eucharistic miracles and even created a website containing information of each miracle! Though he died at the age of fifteen, his devotion to the Eucharist inspired all those around him, and enabled him to leave behind a beautiful testimony of his love for the Eucharist: his Eucharistic miracle website. Today all people throughout the world have access to Carlo's website to deepen their knowledge and love for Christ in the most Blessed Sacrament. Carlo teaches us that learning about our Faith can strengthen our Faith and love of Christ. Carlo also challenges us to learn about Eucharistic miracles, and so acquire a deeper understanding of God's love for us as well as strengthen our belief in the Real Presence.

There are countless other extraordinary saints who were deeply devoted to the Eucharist. The lives of these six saints teach us how to reverence and love Jesus in the Eucharist. Just as the Eucharist had a transforming effect in the lives of the saints, Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament can also touch and change our lives. We just need to allow Christ to enter our hearts by giving Him the time and space to do so. When succumbing to the love of Christ in the Eucharist, miracles will happen, not only in our own lives, but in the lives of those around us.

Original Article: https://catholicexchange.com/six-saints-devotion-to-the-eucharist/

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

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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:

19-21 August 2022

23—25 September 2022	21—23 October 2022
18—20 November 2022	8—11 December 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 <u>removed</u>.

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. Thank -you.



Volunteers

Needed