



**ARCHDIOCESE OF  
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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

**PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON**

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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 regular Office Hours not by Email. As the Parish Office receives dozens of emails daily, phoning is important in order that your request is received. 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.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29— FEBRUARY 4, 2023

**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

**STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP:** Wednesday, 1st February 2023 @ 7:00 pm

**FAITH STUDY:** Friday, 3rd February 2023 @ 10:30 am —11:45 am

**FAMILY DAY:** Monday, 20th February 2023

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday, 22nd February 2023, Mass 8 am, 4 pm, & 7 pm

**LENTEN 1/2 DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** Saturday, 25th February 2023 @ 10:15 am—12:30 pm

**THE UNFOLDING OF THE GOOD FRIDAY EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES & THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Saturday, 25th February 2023—Fr. Ron

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, 26 February 2023 @ After, 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses, Vancouver College Cafeteria

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Begins Wednesday, 1st March 2023 @ 6:30 pm in Lent

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**(FR. EMMERICH VOGT, OP) TOPIC: "THE EUCHARIST & LIFE OF PRAYER"**

**MERCY SUNDAY WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE ABBEY:** Retreat Master:

Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, OP, Friday 14th April—Sunday 16th April 2023  
@ 1:30 pm—7:30 pm

## STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP



Next meeting will be the 1st of February 2023 at 7 pm, at the Church.

Presentation: "What makes life meaningful?" - Bishop Robert Barron

Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Come and join us!

## FOUR SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH JANUARY 2023

In the century preceding the ministry of Zephaniah, the people of Judah had suffered greatly at the hands of the Assyrians. As the Assyrian threat receded, the prophet used the imagery of war to portray the coming Day of the Lord and to shock the people into looking for the true happiness promised to the faithful remnant of believers. They will find it in God and in the accomplishment of his demands: justice and humility.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 29th, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 30th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. Dunstan Massey, OSB ☩</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 31st, St. John Bosco, ☩ 1888</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. John Horgan ☩</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 1st, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord, Blessing of Candles</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 3rd, St. Blaise, ☩ 316, Blessing of Throats</i>	<i>8:00 am 7:00 pm</i>	<i>David Tsui Jr. Special Intention</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 4th, Ferial Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Jane Mackay-Dunn ☩ Cecilla Tng Chok</i>



### **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!**

### **FAITH STUDIES SERIES**

First Fridays of every month: 10:30 - 11:45 am  
Coffee : 10:15 am

Dates of Faith Studies: Friday, 3rd February 2023  
Friday, 3rd March 2023  
(April 7—Good Friday) Friday, 14th April 2023  
Friday, 5th May 2023  
Friday, 2nd June 2023

All Individuals are invited to participated in video presentations & discussions. See you there!



### **MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT**

**ROMANS 15:6 “SO THAT TOGETHER YOU MAY WITH ONE VOICE FLORIFY GOD”** (EPISTLE OF 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)  
St. Paul exhorts us to live in harmony and, in order to ensure the Sacredness and Transcendence of the Liturgy, it is important to express this harmony in our voice.

The Liturgy is an act of prayer & praise by using prose & poetry in “one voice” together. Our words spoken at Mass are not in our conversational style but rather are formal & melodic. Though not louder than our conversational style but rather are formal & melodic. Though no louder than our common parlance, yet words are prayed with a rhythm and are deliberate (not in a rush); most importantly, spoken in harmony & at the same pace (unison) as everyone else.

The priest celebrant sets the tone and pace of the spoken word. We are to follow his lead. To bring all together as one, it is necessary to “think before we speak”: i.e. take a breath, before we respond “Amen”, “And with your Spirit” etc...; pauses allow for reflection. Silence throughout the Liturgy reveals its true sacredness & transcendence. Pope Benedict: “The greater Mystery, surpasses all words, summons us to silence... We should expect the Liturgy to give us a positive stillness that will restore us.” (Spirit of the Liturgy: 2000).

**“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, though, not sound proof. We appreciate your assistance in this matter so all the words of Holy Mass may be easily heard. Thank-you.

**FAMILY WITH SMALL CHILDREN SEATING:** On Weekends the left (east) back bench is reserved for parents with young children—even after Mass has begun. Thank you for your consideration & cooperation.

# 100th Anniversary Celebration



## Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

We are looking for more photos, films, videos of any parish events, within the last 99 years, and would love to include them in our 100th Anniversary celebration Souvenir Program Book and our Video History.

**Please drop off your memorabilia in person at the Parish Office.**

For details or to share your photos, please contact the Parish Office, **604-261-3535** or email **parish.sspp@rcav.org**

## HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE SURVIVE THE WAR

The Archdiocese encourages us to donate through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) at <https://cnewa.org/work/ukraine/>  
There you can learn more about this charitable organization.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Two Saturday Lenten Half-day Recollections

**The Unfolding of the Good Friday  
events according to the Sorrowful  
Mysteries and the Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**



Fr. Ron Thompson

**The Eucharist and the Life of Prayer**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**



Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP

### SCHEDULE for both days

10Am Coffee  
10:15 Talk 1  
10:45 Break  
11:00 Talk 2  
11:30 Adoration  
12 Noon Benediction  
Lunch to Follow

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## 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.

## OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023** will mark the

**100TH ANNIVERSARY**

Of the founding of

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH**

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION



The Conference of Bishops gives directives to how to "physically" receive Holy Communion.

Post Pandemic re-start warrants a refresher for us all.

Unless one is infirmed these norms are to be followed. In this way, the priest knows that you are practicing and attentive; for he is the guardian of ensuring reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

**When receiving on the hand, either kneeling or standing, the following are the Church's directives:**

- Make a cross with both hands, left on the right, slightly cupped (Father should not touch your hand; not too cupped)
- Take the host with you underneath right hand and place in your mouth (& perhaps then make the sign of the cross).
- If kneeling, then stand and return down the side aisle to your seat, only after you have received.

### **Not to Do:**

- Stand & walk away before receiving
- Put the host in your mouth with the hand of receiving (scooping)

NB: pandemic instructions given about the mask: remove mask at rail or after your "Amen" before you receive in hand, would still apply for those who wear a mask.

Father will take extra precautions to cleanse regularly, if there is any touching when receiving in the hand or on the tongue.

Thank you for your reverence upon receiving Holy Communion.

## MERCY SUNDAY WEEKEND RETREAT

### AT THE ABBEY:

Retreat Master:

Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, OP.

### "Saved by Mercy, Sent in Power"

Friday 14th April—Sunday 16th April  
2023

@ 1:30 pm—7:30 pm

More Info to Follow.





## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out a Registration Form available in the vestibule 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 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%.

## 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:

**25—26 February 2023**

**25—26 March 2023**

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.**

## 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

## NEW FORMED PROGRAM

FORMED

We are please to announce to aid in our Parishioner's want and need for Catholic Resource that we have setup a FORMED account with the Augustine Institute.

This resource is **free** for Parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul Parish, all you have to do is sign-up online via your computer or smart devices with the app if you would like.

Steps for Parishioners to register for free on FORMED:

1. go to "signup.formed.org"
2. Type "Saints Peter & Paul Vancouver" to find and click on our Parish:

**Saints Peter & Paul Parish 1425 W 39th Ave Vancouver BC**

3. Click "Next"
4. Type first and last name as well as your personal email address and click "Sign Up"

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



***How long does it take to become a Catholic?***

Becoming Catholic is a life-long commitment. However, the Christian initiation process typically lasts for few months in order to prepare to take this step. Participants in the initiation process generally meet at least once a week. **Here at Sts. Peter & Paul our program will begin, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**at our Parish Church. Father will use the program called, "The Search" (7 weeks program) found in our FORMED database. The Second part will take place in the New Year.** The initiation of individuals who are ready to make the commitment to become new members of the Catholic Church usually take place at Easter (Easter this coming year is Saturday, April 8, 2023).

More questions? Contact the Parish Office



**"Which do you think got to Noah's ark last — turtles or snails?"**