



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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 1— JANUARY 14, 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.

UPCOMING

NEW YEAR'S MASSES (SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD):

SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022—5:00 PM

[SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022—11:00 PM—12 MIDNIGHT HOLY HOUR WITH SUNG OFFICE OF VIGILS (READINGS) AND BENEDICTION AT MIDNIGHT

- FOLLOWED BY A 'GAUDIUMUS' (REFRESHMENTS) TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR; THE BEGINNING OF OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH.]

SUNDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2023—9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (No 4:00 PM)

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

QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

The Church is open for prayer during the Christmas season, Wednesday—Friday 12noon—3:00 pm [including First Friday, 6 January 2023 but No Benediction or 7 pm on this day]

"Come let us adore Him."

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 1ST JANUARY 2023

This is the octave of Christmas, a designation less popular than in centuries past, but still useful. Carrying a celebration through the eight day allows for more celebrations, more aspects of the mystery to be opened in our midst. The mystery of God in human flesh and history is ritually remembered through these several weeks from Christmas day to the Baptism of the Lord. On this octave day a very specific aspect of this mystery holds our attention Mary is the Mother of God.

Contemporary Catholics can recall a number of names for this day, titles dictated by Church tradition, society, and various popes. It is New Year's Day; it is often still called the circumcision of Jesus; it has been decreed as World Day of Peace. In the current calendar's preparation, research showed that it is the oldest feast of Mary in our Church. Amidst the echoes of Christmas and the visit of the shepherds, we take time to celebrate Mary.

The primacy of the celebration of Mary as the Mother of God indicates the primacy of this title.

FIRST READING, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, 8TH JANUARY 2023

Returning from exile, the Jews march toward a Jerusalem illumined by the glory of God. The vision of the prophet does not end with the spectacle before his eyes. He sees more. He sees all nations united in this procession toward one city which will no longer be of this earth.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 2nd, St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen † 379</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>M. Gibson</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 3rd, Christmastide</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Sr. M Sabina, O.P.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 4th, Christmastide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. J. Hughes</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 5th, Christmastide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 6th, Christmastide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. J. Horgan †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 7th, St. André, † 1937 The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. E. Vogt Special Intention</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 8th, The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 9th, The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 10th, Ferial (Lectionary Year 1)</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. J. Horgan †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 11th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 12th, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, † 1700</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. J. Horgan †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 13th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 14th, Ferial Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. J. Horgan † Special Intention</i>



Building Fund

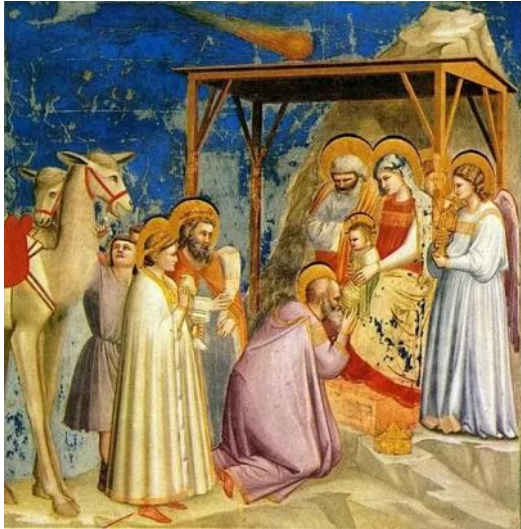
We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.

A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!

ST. AMBROSE'S ADVENT HYMN by E.J. Hutchinson

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| <p>1. Give ear, O Shepherd, Israel's King,
Enthroned above the angel band.
Appear before us as we sing;
Come with your strong and saving hand.</p> <p>2. Come, Saviour of the nations, come,
Divulged by Mary's virgin birth.
Let all the world be rendered dumb
By such descent of God to earth.</p> <p>3. Begotten not of mortal seed
But by God's own mystical breath,
God's Word became true flesh indeed,
The fruit enwombed that conquers death.</p> <p>4. The belly of the Virgin swells,
Her maidenhood remains secure:
Under the banner of "Noel"
Tents God within her temple pure.</p> | <p>5. The God-Man goes forth from his room,
The great hall, yet the Maiden's keep;
The double-natured mythic groom
Runs quickened on while sinners sleep.</p> <p>6. First from the Father went he out
Then to the Father went he back
His course went down; he broke hell's clout
His course went up; he, finished, sat.</p> <p>7. You, equal to the Father, wear
The trophy of our flesh and blood,
Imparting strength to what you bear
By vivifying mortal mud.</p> <p>8. Your manger is now luminous;
Its glow suffuses night's dim air,
The barren night now numinous:
May faith direct our footsteps there.</p> |
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THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS – 2023



While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Ascension on Sunday

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the twenty-second day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the ninth day of April, you will celebrate the joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Twenty-first day of May will the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of May the feast of Pentecost.

On the eleventh day of June the feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the third day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Amen.

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP



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

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

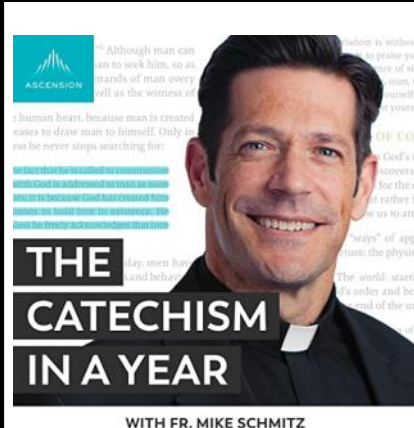
See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



After Christmas Clean Up & Take Down on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 9 am. Please sign-up on the volunteer sheet on the vestibule podium if you can help!

Thanks for your willingness & availability!



Beginning Jan. 1, Ascension Press will launch "The Catechism in a Year," taking listeners through the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and "providing explanation, insight and encouragement along the way."

Over the course of 365 daily podcast episodes, Father Mike Schmitz will read the entire catechism. Throughout 2022, the priest has hosted the popular "The Bible in a Year" podcast with Scripture salvation.

A priest of Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz is a popular Catholic speaker and author. He and Cavins created the Bible podcast with the backing of Ascension. Cavins also is a founder of the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, and a former director of evangelization and catechesis of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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%.

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"



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.

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



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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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



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"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."