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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 4—DECEMBER 10, 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.

UPCOMING

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Tuesday, 13 December 2022—7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHRISTMAS ON A SUNDAY 2022: Saturday, 24 December 2022—4:00 pm & 6:00 pm—(Organ and Trumpet)

Sunday, 25 December 2022—9:00 am & 11:00 am

(No 4:00 pm)

HOLY FAMILY (BOXING DAY): Monday, 26 December 2022 – 9:00 am

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: Tuesday, 27 December 2022—4:00 pm

Wednesday—Friday, 28—30 December 2022—8:00 am

Saturday, 31 December 2022—9:00 am

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

Saturday, 31 December 2022—5:00 pm

Sunday, 1st January 2023—9:00 am & 11:00 am **(No 4:00 pm)**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT READING 4TH DECEMBER 2022

The essential traits of the Messiah who is to come are seen in this poem. He is the Son of David who will receive his prophetic spirit from God. He will reveal the holiness of God by causing justice to reign among peoples. The knowledge of God with which he will fill the country will restore the peace of paradise. The promise of this "peaceable kingdom" stands in stark contrast to the reality of our age.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING:

Our beautiful Church fittingly presents well for the Christmas Season.

This comes about because of our volunteers.

Grateful for those, including a stepping up of new volunteers, to assist Father in the Christmas appointments, you are asked to help and sign up on the sheets provided on the vestibule podium.

◇ **Wednesday December 22nd: 9—11 am & 11—1 pm to arrange the trees and**

◇ **Thursday, December 23rd: 9— 11 am & 11—1 pm to arrange the crib and the flowers.**

Thank you for coming on board to help bring about our own 'Bethlehem' for our Lord to enter into our lives! May our Lord bless you in being a part of this tradition here at Sts. Peter & Paul.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 5th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Denisa Cook</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 6th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Liesl Borel</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 7th, St. Ambrose, † 397</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Dr. Alphonsus Hui †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Chung Tak Chow</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 9th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hua-Hsiang Yang †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 10th, Advent Ferial Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Souls † Holy Souls †</i>

ADVENT PRAYER

Prayer is a beautiful way to help cut away from distractions of the season and open your heart to prepare for the joy and hope of Christ's birth. Here is a sample prayer to use during the season to focus your heart and mind on the birth of Jesus Christ.

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
 Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
 As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
 Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.
 The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
 You came as a baby born in a manger.
 Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
 Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.
 Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
 When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
 Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.
 And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."
 "Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
 Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
 Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
 Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.
 Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
 Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
 Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
 In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.
 This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
 Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
 Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
 Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.



~Renee Swope, "The Manger of My Heart" from Proverbs 31 Ministries



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.

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP



Next meeting 1st Wednesday of the month will be this Wednesday December 7th at 7 pm to the Church. Presentation: "Pray the Mass Like Never Before" - Fr. Mike Schmitz



"ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE! GIVE THANKS TO HIM; BLESS HIS NAME!" (PS: 100)

In your goodness please consider Saints Peter & Paul Parish in your Will.

May he bless you abundantly in this life and in the next.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS 'ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE STORY OF SALVATION' -

THE CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

The Immaculate Conception is “one of the wonders of the story of salvation,” Pope Francis said in his Angelus address Tuesday.

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter’s Square Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the pope encouraged Catholics to entrust themselves to Mary, seeking purity and holiness.

He said: “The uncontaminated beauty of our Mother is incomparable, but at the same time it attracts us. Let us entrust ourselves to her and say ‘no’ to sin and ‘yes’ to Grace once and for all.”

It is customary for the pope to lead the Angelus prayer not only on Sundays, but also on Marian solemnities. In his address, the pope reflected on the meaning of the Immaculate Conception.

“Today’s liturgical feast celebrates one of the wonders of the story of salvation: the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Even she was saved by Christ, but in an extraordinary way, because God wanted that the mother of His Son not be touched by the misery of sin from the moment of her conception,” he said.

“And so, for the entire course of her earthly life, Mary was free from any stain of sin, she was the ‘full of grace’ (Luke 1:28), as the angel called her. She was favored by a singular action of the Holy Spirit so as to always remain in perfect relationship with her Son, Jesus. Rather, she was Jesus’s disciple: His Mother and disciple. But there was no sin in her.”

Citing the hymn that opens St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, the pope said that we too are created by God for the “fullness of holiness” granted to Mary from the beginning.

“And what Mary had from the beginning will be ours in the end, after we have passed through the purifying ‘bath’ of God’s grace,” he said.

“What opens the gates of paradise to us is God’s grace, received by us with faithfulness.”

Yet even the most innocent person is marked by original sin, he said, and therefore must engage in a lifelong struggle against its consequences. Lest we be discouraged, we should remember that the thief who was crucified beside Jesus “is the first person we are sure entered paradise,” the pope noted.

He continued: “But be careful. It does not pay to be clever -- to continually postpone a serious evaluation of one’s own life, taking advantage of the Lord’s patience. He is patient. He waits for us, He is always ready to give us grace. We may be able to deceive people, but not God; He knows our hearts better than we ourselves do.”

“Let us take advantage of the present moment! This, yes, is the Christian sense of seizing the day. To not enjoy life in each passing moment - no, this is the worldly sense. But to seize today, to say ‘no’ to evil and ‘yes’ to God, to open oneself to His grace.”

The pope said that the “journey of conversion” begins with seeking God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We must then seek to repair the harm we have done to others.

“And this, for us, is the path for becoming ‘holy and immaculate,’” he explained.

After the Angelus, the Holy Father greeted pilgrims in the square below, which was wet following a rainy morning. He singled out an Italian group holding a banner proclaiming “L’Immacolata vincerà” (“The Immaculate will triumph”). The group, inspired by the spirituality of St. Maximilian Kolbe, has brought the banner to St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus since the 1990s.

“They are great, they are always here!” the pope commented.

He continued: “As you know, this afternoon the traditional veneration of the Immaculate Conception in Piazza di Spagna will not take place, to avoid the risk of a crowd gathering, as disposed by the civil authorities, whom we need to obey.”

“But this does not keep us from offering our Mother the flowers that she enjoys the most: prayer, penance, a heart open to grace.”

The pope recalled that that morning he had made a private visit to the statue of the Immaculate Conception in Rome’s Piazza di Spagna and then celebrated Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

“I wish everyone a happy feast day. And, please do not forget to pray for me,” he said.

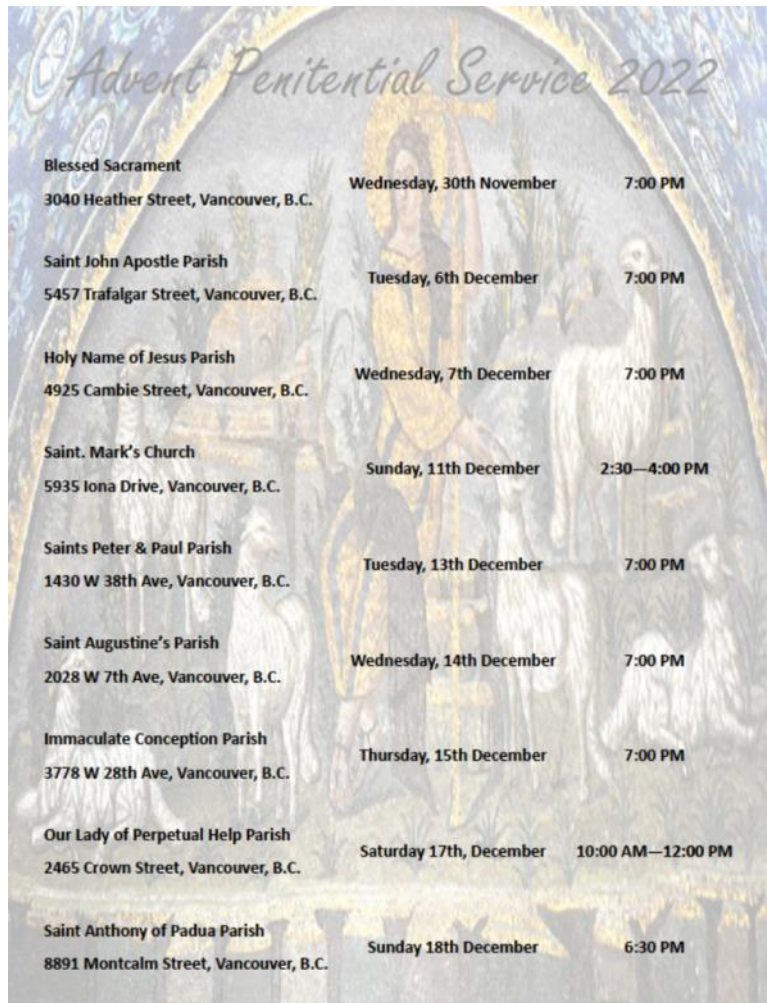
Original Article: <https://angelusnews.com/news/vatican/the-immaculate-conception-is-one-of-the-wonders-of-the-story-of-salvation/>



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!



Advent Penitential Service 2022

Blessed Sacrament 3040 Heather Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Wednesday, 30th November	7:00 PM
Saint John Apostle Parish 5457 Trafalgar Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Tuesday, 6th December	7:00 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Parish 4925 Cambie Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Wednesday, 7th December	7:00 PM
Saint Mark's Church 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver, B.C.	Sunday, 11th December	2:30—4:00 PM
Saints Peter & Paul Parish 1430 W 38th Ave, Vancouver, B.C.	Tuesday, 13th December	7:00 PM
Saint Augustine's Parish 2028 W 7th Ave, Vancouver, B.C.	Wednesday, 14th December	7:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Parish 3778 W 28th Ave, Vancouver, B.C.	Thursday, 15th December	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 2465 Crown Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Saturday 17th, December	10:00 AM—12:00 PM
Saint Anthony of Padua Parish 8891 Montcalm Street, Vancouver, B.C.	Sunday 18th December	6:30 PM

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 an 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%.

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.

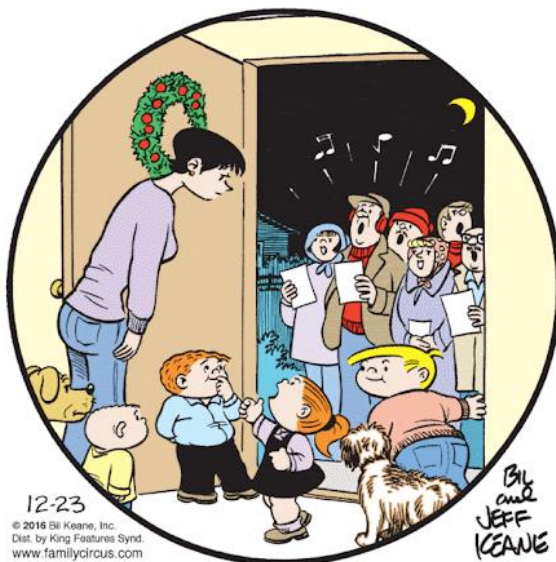
If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes that should be available on:

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 **ONLY on the days provided above, otherwise they will be removed.**



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**"When they're finished singin',
should we give them some of
our leftover Halloween candy?"**