



ARCHDIOCESE OF
VANCOUVER

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J. Michael Miller, CSB

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

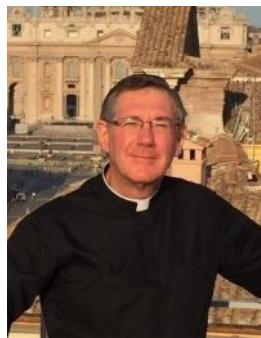
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Welcome to visitors!/New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet you!



FR. RON THOMPSON

Please Note:

All Request of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE!) DECEMBER 11—DECEMBER 17, 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: 4 priests: Fr. Ron,

Fr. David Hughes, Fr. Justin Huang & Fr. Anthony Ho

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 : HOLY HOUR 11PM

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT READING 4TH DECEMBER 2022

The events of the exodus shaped the memory of Israel. For Isaiah in particular, the judgment of God, the day of vindication against the enemy, the day of joy for the afflicted, the sick and the lowly, is manifested in the new exodus of the exiles toward Zion. God continually builds and rebuilds his kingdom.



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 21st 9—11 am & 11—1 pm to arrange the trees and
- ◊ Thursday, December 22nd : 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 11th, Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe, † 1531</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>B. Caviezel</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 13th, St. Lucy, † 304</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>December 14th, St. John of the Cross, † 1591</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>December 15th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>December 16th, Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. J Horgan †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>December 17th, O Wisdom Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Pope Francis Special Intention</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.



"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.



MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT

SOLEMN SUNG SUNDAY VESPERS & BENEDICTION occurs on Sundays at 3:30 pm.

"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.

WHY IS OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN?

by Katie Yoder

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When Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego nearly 500 years ago, she came first and foremost as a mother — the mother of God, and our mother.

“Listen, and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son; do not be troubled or weighted down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain,” Our Lady of Guadalupe is quoted as comforting the saint. “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?”

She spoke as his mother and as the mother of an unborn baby Jesus when she appeared on the Hill of Tepeyac in Mexico City, in 1531. Her miraculous image, imprinted on the saint’s tilma, or cloak, shows her wearing a black sash, an indication of pregnancy in the native culture.

Our Lady of Guadalupe not only looked like a native woman, but also spoke in the same language as one. She came at a time of conflict between the Spanish and the indigenous peoples to ask St. Juan Diego to persuade the bishop to build a church. As a sign to the bishop, she instructed the saint to gather Castilian roses in full bloom despite the winter. When he presented the flowers to the bishop, he discovered her image left on his tilma.

Today, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City houses that image, which is visited by millions of pilgrims each year. She is not only considered the patroness of the Americas, but also of the unborn. Here’s why.

In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II established Dec. 12 as the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

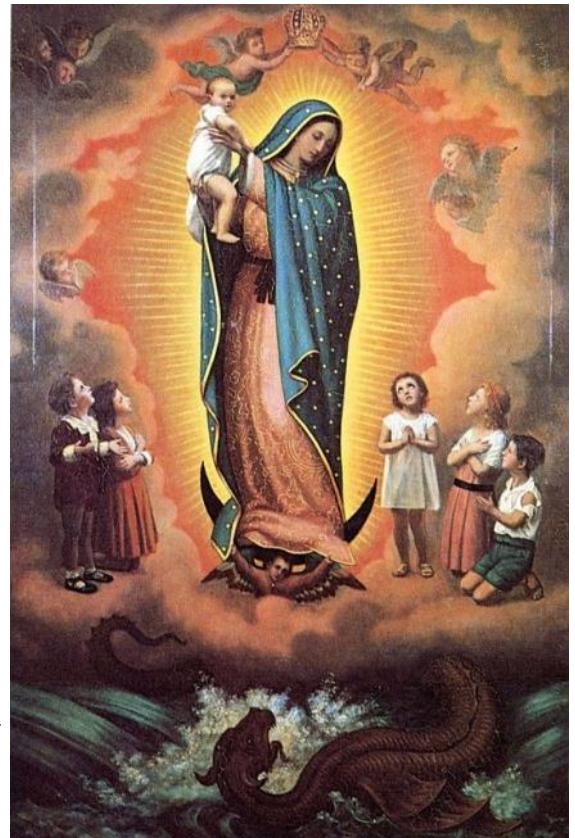
“This is our cry: life with dignity for all! For all who have been conceived in their mother’s womb, for street children, for Guadalupe!” he declared at the basilica.

Nearly 20 years later, in 2018, Pope Francis entrusted to Our Lady of Guadalupe “in particular, those who are awaiting the birth of their children.”

“Saint John Paul II commended to her maternal protection the life and innocence of children, especially those who run the risk of not being born,” he told Polish pilgrims during his general audience. “By her intercession, in this time of Advent, let us implore the gift of children for families without children, respect for the conceived life and the openness of hearts to Gospel values.”

The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops USCCB features a prayer asking for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as the patroness of unborn children, for “every child at risk of abortion.”

“Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child’s life,” the prayer reads. “Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.”



Original Article: <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/why-is-our-lady-of-guadalupe-patroness-of-the-unborn/78633>



Romans 15:6

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 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%.

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

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



We are pleased 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:
 3. Click "Next"
 4. Type first and last name as well as your personal email address and click "Sign Up"
- Saints Peter & Paul Parish 1425 W 39th Ave Vancouver BC**

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



**"Now THAT'S a happy tree!
Right, Mommy?"**