



# 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 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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5— FEBRUARY 11, 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

**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: THE UNFOLDING OF THE GOOD FRIDAY EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES & THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH FR. RON:**  
Saturday, 25th February 2023 @ 10:15 am—12:30 pm

**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

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

**LENTEN 1/2 DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday, 25th March 2023 @ 10:15 am—12:30 pm**  
**(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 2023 @ 7:30 pm — Sunday 16th April 2023 @ 1:30 pm

## THIS SUNDAY'S READING, SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

Today's gospel complements the previous accounts of the beatitudes. "Happy are you!" declared Jesus to those to whom he announced persecution. Today he reveals who they are. They are the salt of the earth and the light of world. The images must be explored. The scriptures prescribed use of salt, a covenant sign, on all the offering made of God. (Lev 2:13, Num 18:19). Salt was also considered a fertilizer. For Israel, light was a symbol of messianic revelation triumphing over the darkness of paganism.

We must live, then, as salt for the earth and light for the world. The prophet Isaiah points the way. If we pursue justice for the oppressed and care for those in need, we will be true to our mission to preserve, to nurture and to enlighten all humanity. Through our lives, Jesus Christ, the true light of the world, will shine on in the darkness, a darkness that will not overcome it (John 1:5).

## PLEASE NOTE



We are pleased to see more Families attend Weekend Masses. We are reserving the East Side last two pews in the back of the Church for families even after Mass has begun. We have placed signs on the pews.

Thank you for your consideration.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>February 5th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 6th, St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, † 1597</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>D. Joseph</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>February 7th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Therese &amp; Mary Leung</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 8th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>James Thompson †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>February 9th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Sr. Mary Martha, OP</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 10th, St. Scholastica, † 543</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. D. Neilson †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 11th, Ferial Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Sr. Rose Catherine, OP Private 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.

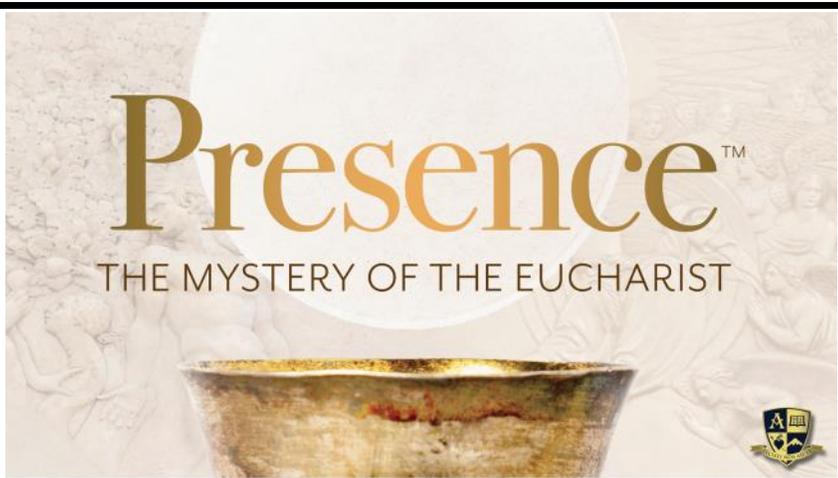
**A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!**

### **FAITH STUDIES SERIES**

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

Dates of Faith Studies: 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. Not louder than our conversational style, rather they are formal & melodic. 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 two (2) left (east) back bench are 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

## OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 will mark the 100TH ANNIVERSARY Of the founding of SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

### 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.

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI QUOTES



“Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that He who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally.”

“Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.”

“Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and be of service to him.”

“Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.”

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

“Do few things but do them well, simple joy are holy.”

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

What is it that stands higher than words? Action. What is it that stands higher than action? Silence.”

“Be patient in trials, watchful in prayer, and never cease working.”

“Dear God, please reveal to us your sublime beauty, that is everywhere, everywhere, everywhere, so that we will never again feel frightened.”

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.”

“If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.”

“Here is one of the best means to acquire humility; fix well in mind his maxim: One is as much as he is in the sight of God, and no more.”

### 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



Fr. Ron Thompson

Saturday, February 25, 2023

The Eucharist and the Life of Prayer



Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP

Saturday, March 25, 2023

#### 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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### MERCY SUNDAY WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE ABBEY:

Retreat Master: Fr. Chrysostom Mijinke, OP.  
“Saved by Mercy, Sent in Power”

Cost to Retreat: \$180.00 / \$340.00 for Married Couples for room & board.

Friday 14th April 2023 @ 7:30 pm — Sunday 16th April 2023 @ 1:30 pm

This event will be first come first served, opened to Parishioners only until the 15th of March 2023. Then it will be open to the public to attend.



## 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 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%.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

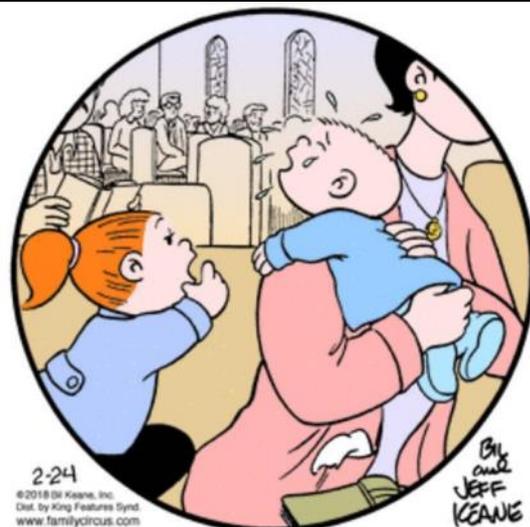
FORMED

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"



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“Quiet down, P.J. Remember, thou shalt not cry.”