



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

CHURCH LOCATION: 1430 WEST 38TH AVENUE **RECTORY/MAILING:** 1425 WEST 39TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C. V6M 1T2

RECTORY PHONE: 604-261-3535 **E-MAIL:** parish.sspp@rcav.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: JACKSON WONG

PARISH WEBSITE: [HTTPS://SSPETERPAUL.CA/](https://sspeterpaul.ca/)

Archbishop: Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE: [WWW.RCAV.ORG](http://www.rcav.org) **JOHN PAUL II PASTORAL CENTER:** 4885 SAINT JOHN PAUL II WAY; TEL: 604-683-0281



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 16 — 22, 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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: Sunday 7th May—11:00 am

THIS SUNDAY'S READING, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 16TH APRIL

“We have seen the Lord!” The risen Lord appeared to his disciples. Only Thomas was absent. Jesus showed them the wounds of his passion, shared them his peace, and breathed on them the Spirit who would bring the work of salvation to fulfilment through them. But Thomas, who shared the experience only by hearsay, demanded physical proof.

We are surprised by his change of heart. Accepting the risk of faith is not easy. Thomas reminds us of ourselves with our need to touch. He mistrust any claim upon his faith not rooted in daily experience. The Lord accepts this need. Eight days later he takes Thomas at his word and gives in to his demand, “Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!”

Shall we, the believers of the 21st century, remain unmoved by the liturgical celebration of the Easter season? Are we content simply to repeat, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed?” Thomas’ experience must become ours. We must strive to make tangible the power of the resurrection in our lives. We must allow the power of the Lord to heal the wounds begotten by oppression. Our sense of wonder leaves us open to the surprise of faith. Thus we can believe in the seemingly impossible and do all we can to give flesh to our hope. May we so live that Jesus becomes for each of us, “my Lord and my God!”

100th Anniversary Celebration

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 will mark the

100TH ANNIVERSARY

Of the founding of

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

MASS 5 PM & DINNER 6:30 PM WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Tickets will be on sale, beginning in April 22/23

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**

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>April 16th, Second Sunday of Easter (Of Divine Mercy)</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>April 17th, St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>April 18th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Richard Joseph Heinrich Cox—Bday</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>April 19th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>J & C Thompson †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>April 20th, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Beuigra †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>April 21st, Easter Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Jane Mackay-Dunn †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>April 22nd, Easter Ferial Third Sunday of Easter 3:00 pm—Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:30 pm—Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>George Reifel Charles Henry Wills †</i>

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*



FAITH STUDIES SERIES

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

Dates of Faith Studies:

Friday, 5th May
“Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist”

Friday, 2nd June 2023

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



GUESS WHO?

Parishioners: High School Graduation Photo, for all to guess who this person may be?

This picture is the High School Photo of:

Fr. John Horgan



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.

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.

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN’S GROUP



Next meeting will be the **Thursday 4th of May**, (instead of Wednesday May 3rd) at 7 pm, at the Church.

Presentation: The Presence of the Mystery of the Eucharist “Bread for the Journey”

Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Come and join us!



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.

BECOMING MORE PRAYERFUL IN A DRY SEASON BY: CHRIS JOHN



Boredom, anxiety, and malaise. Sound familiar to anyone? Especially this year with fewer opportunities to connect with others, a lack of engagements to look forward to, and chronic feelings of uncertainty. My prayer life has been affected at times in the same way. I've struggled with "dryness" (feeling bored or restless with my prayer) over this last year, no doubt influenced by the year's challenging circumstances.

It's understandable that we might be feeling stagnant in our spiritual lives or struggling to see God in the midst of our times. And even if we do have a consistent prayer life, there is always room to deepen it.

Prayer is ultimately about communing with God and something I always remind myself. Some of our best moments of prayer can be when we simply sit under the merciful gaze of Jesus. When we focus our minds and just talk to Him. When we remember that it is God who first loves us—and we don't have to do or say anything to deserve that love. It is by putting our hearts in a posture of acceptance and gratitude that we can allow the fruit of prayer to really take hold in our lives.

The wonderful thing about the Church is that She provides us with so many forms of prayers to connect with God. We can adopt meditative or contemplative prayer. We can recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. We can pray spontaneously as we're cooking dinner or walking the dog. We can pray in communion with others at Mass.

With that in mind, a great start to becoming more prayerful this next year we might consider changing things up and try something new!

I've had to do this in my own prayer life, and there have been seasons when I've felt particularly drawn to certain forms of prayer.

Like any human relationship, as we grow closer to the other, what we talk about, and how we spend time together tends to shift. The same is true in our relationship with God.

Adopting new forms of prayers can be a great way to deepen this relationship and get to know a different side of Him.

If you like a little more direction, start by exploring some tools. For example, Laudate is a great and very popular Catholic app that offers the Daily Mass Readings, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other resources to help deepen your prayer life. Hallow is another Catholic app that offers guided mindfulness meditations grounded in Christ. And another great resource is the Magnificat, which you can find online or in print. This is a wonderful resource for enriching your prayer life by deepening your participation in Mass as well as growing in your personal prayer life.

It's also okay if some forms of prayer feel weird or awkward. Try something else. You may find that you feel more connected to God reading Scripture or saying certain prayers than you do by meditating. There is no one or right way. The key is to keep trying and to keep desiring to connect with God. He will meet you there.

I can sometimes focus too much on the "actions" of prayer. I think about the list of things I need help with for myself and others, offering gratitude to God, kneeling, reciting a certain set of words, etc. Of course, these are all wonderful and beautiful aspects of prayer. But prayer is, at its core, simply bringing ourselves into the presence of God and reflecting on His infinite love for us.

I'm reminded of the story of Martha and Mary from Scripture. Martha was busied by many things in preparing to host Jesus—many good things!—and her sister Mary simply sat at the feet of Christ, listening to Him with love. Jesus tells us that Mary's response was the better part. I think it can be helpful to remember that as we begin this next year. Our prayer can simply be time spent with the Lord where we don't have to do anything other than allow Him to love us.

Lastly, try being bolder. Have you ever held back in prayer? Do you ever think, God doesn't care about this? Or if we're honest, doubt that what you desire would actually be able to happen?

I have struggled with this, especially when I'm not feeling God's presence. When that happens, my prayers can grow small. I start to doubt that He does really want to bring healing, love and fulfillment into my life even though He absolutely does.

But when we admit our weaknesses, fears, and needs and then, with childlike faith, trust that He will help us, I think God delights very much in this.

When we do ask for things on behalf of ourselves and others we can do so with greater trust in God's goodness. We can boldly claim the truth that He is our Father who desires to hear and answer our prayers generously.

Of course, this doesn't mean He will answer all of our prayers as we hope or expect. But it does mean that we believe He has heard our prayers and will respond in the way that is best for us and others.

This is much easier said than done. But I think it gets easier the more time we spend in prayer, where we remember how much He loves us (by letting his gaze rest on us in prayer, as mentioned above). The more we do this, the easier it is to trust in God. And the easier it is to trust, the bolder we become in asking God for His mercy and help over this next year.

Especially as we begin another year with so much uncertainty, so many of us are considering how can we gain more peace? How can we find more purpose? How might we better trust in His will for our lives and the rest of the world in 2021?

The simple answer? Become more prayerful.

So, as we enter this next year, consider adopting some new forms of prayer, resting more in God's loving gaze (as opposed to always "doing" something for prayer), and being bolder in asking for His help and grace. And if we seek Christ consistently in these ways, we will surely find Him this next year.

Original Article: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/becoming-more-prayerful-in-a-dry-season>

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%.

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.

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:

15—16 April

27—28 May

17—18 June

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.**



LEAVE A LEGACY

By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your Will; by this you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building

Fund.

This will enhance the Church’s mandate to sanctify & teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.



9-12

© 2011 by Family Fun
Dist. by King Features Syndicate
www.familyfun.com

“How many ‘Talk to God’ minutes does our family plan allow?”



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!

MEDIA FOR CATHOLICS

FORMED

FORMED is a **FREE** website 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

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.”