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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 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 OF EASTER MAY 7 — MAY 13, 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READING, 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7TH MAY

Who does not cherish the desire for a home, a harbour of peace and refreshment? Jesus announces his departure in terms of that human desire. He is going before his disciples to prepare a place for them. "I am the Way" is as strange a proclamation as, "I am Sheepgate" (John 10:7), but they help us examine the implications of the Easter experience.

"You know the way that leads where I go" (John 14:4). We are sympathetic with the misunderstanding of Thomas and Philip. They would like to specify the road and identify the place where they will see the Father. But there is no need for a map. Jesus is the way to the Father. We must follow him. Whoever has seen him has seen the Father. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life because he is one with God: he is in Father and the Father is in him.

Authentic Christian faith is no anonymous. We cannot believe in a faceless God. Christianity teaches us to recognize God in the face of Jesus of Nazareth. But identifying his face in the disfigured faces of those who suffered he bore on the cross, we find our dwelling place in him.



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 on Sale After Church in the Vestibule or during Office Hours

\$100 EA, Table of 8 for \$800

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>May 7th, Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 8th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Sr. M. Sabina, OP</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 9th, Eastertide</i>	<i>10:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Funeral—Mrs. Patricia Khoo † Hanne Darren †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 10th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Ella Quagliotti-Romano †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 11th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Jane Mackay-Dunn †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 12th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Unborn in my Family</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 13th, Eastertide Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>DeMaala Family Return to the Church Fr. Frank Landry</i>

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 **Wednesday 7th of June, 7:00 pm**

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



Discussion & Refreshments to follow.
Come and join us!



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.

LIFE is WORTH Living

MARCH FOR LIFE VICTORIA

THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:15AM Mass celebrated by
Archishop Michael
Sacred Heart Parish, Ladner
3900 Arthur Drive, Delta

12:00PM Protestant Prayer Service
Central Baptist Church
833 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC

12:00PM Mass at St. Andrew's Roman
Catholic Cathedral
740 View Street, Victoria, BC

1:45PM March leaves from Centennial Square
down Government Street
to the B.C. Legislature

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DID JESUS EVER LAUGH? BY DR. DONALD DEMARCO



There is no passage in the New Testament that indicates that Jesus laughed. This does not mean, of course, that He never laughed. He was human and experienced an array of emotions from sorrow to anger. But if He did occasionally indulge in laughter, it was not recorded. Nonetheless, it is easy to imagine Him laughing when the children he entertained and blessed sat on His lap and tugged at His beard (Mark 10:16).

Jesus certainly approved laughter. In His Sermon on the Mount He said to the crowd, “Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh” (Luke 6:21). In his book, *The Virtues*, Romano Guardini regards laughter as a virtue. He reasons that “A sense of humor means that we take man seriously and strive to help him, but suddenly see how odd he is, and laugh, even though it be only inwardly. A friendly laugh at the oddity of all human affairs — that is humor. It helps to be kind, for after a good laugh it is easier to be serious again.” Christ must have noticed the amusing idiosyncrasies of the motley group He chose to be His apostles and enjoyed more than a few belly laughs. Yet He dearly loved them, although He was fully aware of their imperfections.

He made several positive references to the Old Testament and, therefore, affirmed its contents, including the laughter of God. The Psalmist states that “The wicked plot against the godly; they snarl at them in defiance. But the Lord just laughs, for he sees their day of judgment coming” (Psalm 37:12-13). In Psalm 126 we read: “Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.”

When God told Abraham that despite his old age he would sire a child and his progeny would be as multiple as the stars, he evoked great laughter. His wife, Sarah, said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me” (Genesis 21:6). In Job 8:21 we read, “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy”.

Dostoevsky found the laughter of children to be “a ray of sunshine from paradise”. Children learn to laugh before they learn to speak. Laughter is innate and children have not yet shaken loose from their tenure in heaven. Their laughter brings joy to those who have forgotten how to laugh. The world would be in a sorry state if it were not for the laughter of children. The sunshine they bring is an indication that there is something divine about their laughter. Bishop Sheen referred to the “Divine sense of humor” which he saw in Christ when he referred to Peter, the man who betrayed Him thrice, as a “rock” on which to build his Church. Yet, the venerable bishop did not see something in this life that he felt was in store for him in the next: “But there was one thing that he does not show... one thing he saved for those who have a divine sense of humor. It was one thing he saved for heaven that will make heaven, heaven. And that was... his smile.”

Sheen was very much influenced by the wit and wisdom of G.K. Chesterton. They shared a longing to find something of that divine sense of humor more fully expressed in Jesus. At the close of his book, *Orthodoxy*, the distinguished convert to the Church of Rome had this to say: “There was something that He hid from all men when he went up a mountain to pray. There was something He covered constantly by abrupt silence or impetuous isolation. There was one thing that was too great for God to show us when He walked upon our earth; and I have sometimes fancied that it was His mirth.”



VANCOUVER COLLEGE MAYFAIR 2023

Mayfair takes place on the Vancouver College Campus

Saturday, May 13th from 10 am—4 pm

VOLUNTEER SERVICE



Minor maintenance upkeep of the Church is desired.

If you would like to spend a couple of hours a week during the day, to help with this, kindly phone the parish office. It would be appreciated. Thank-you.

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%.

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:

27—28 May

17—18 June

To find out more about how your donations help our community:

<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

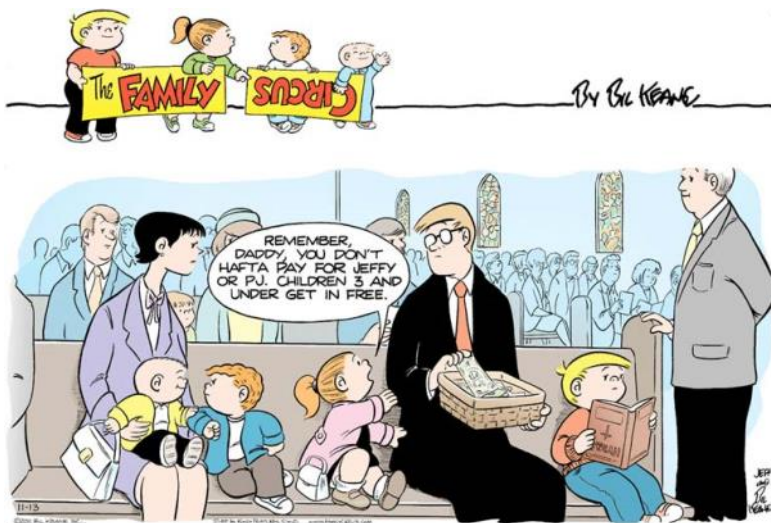
Please ensure that any donations are placed in the Blue Box Provided and **ONLY on the days provided above, otherwise they will be removed.**



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.



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"

QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

The Church is open for prayer, Wednesday—Friday
12noon—3:00 pm

"Can you not watch with me?" - Matthew 26:40

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



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. The initiation of individuals who are ready to make the commitment to become new members of the Catholic Church usually around Easter.

More questions? Contact the Parish Office