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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.*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 21 — MAY 27, 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.

**NOVENA PRAYER:** The Novena prayer to the Holy Spirit is next to the bulletin, as between the Ascension and Pentecost is the original Novena (9 days of prayer).

**VICTORIA DAY MASS:** Monday 22nd May Mass will be at 8:00 am instead of the usual holiday time (9 am) due to Father having another Mass later that day.

## THIS SUNDAY'S READING, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 21ST MAY

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus his day in the fifty day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

**SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**

**THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023, WITH ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**

**MASS AT 5:00 PM—BANQUET 6:30 PM**

**BANQUET TICKET \$100 PER PERSON, TABLE OF 8 FOR \$750**

**TO PURCHASE CONTACT THE PARISH**

**604-261-3535 / [PARISH.SSPP@RCAV.ORG](mailto:PARISH.SSPP@RCAV.ORG)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 21st, The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 22nd, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Dunn ☩</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 23rd, Eastertide</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Richard Cheng</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 24th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Rosina Miceli—Healing</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 25th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Charles Henry Wills ☩</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 26th, St. Philip Neri, 1595 ☩</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Therese Tran Thi Mau ☩</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 27th, Eastertide Pentecost Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Greg Koch Gerry Waldron ☩</i>

Tuan Raphael Nguyen will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism / Confirmation & Eucharist) next Sunday (Pentecost) May 28 at the 9 am Mass. Let us keep him & his family in our prayers.

Welcome Tuan into our Faith community here at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE



We are reaching out for volunteers at this time to help with special tasks in order to make our 100th Anniversary Banquet a great success. This volunteer sheet is provided on the Lectern in the Vestibule. Please take the time to sign up in any of these needed tasks. This would be greatly appreciated. Thank-you very much.

## **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*



**PROJECT  
ADVANCE  
2023**

**Empowering  
our Parish Vision**



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Donate online at [projectadvance.ca](https://projectadvance.ca)

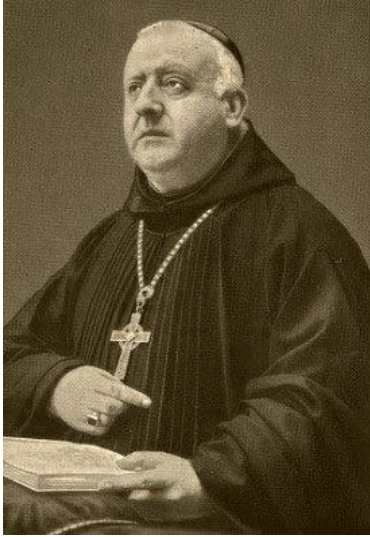


We are grateful for our parishioner's here at Sts. Peter & Paul for your generous support of last year's successful Project Advance appeal. We raised **\$93,744** of which **\$53,544** was returned to our parish. Previous Project Advance donors will be receiving letters in the mail to launch the Archbishop's phase of this year's Project Advance Campaign: Empowering our Parish vision. Please return your donation forms to the Sunday collection. Volunteers will be available to assist with this, if desired, after 3 weekend Masses beginning May 20/21st. You may also drop your pledge in the Collection basket at any time throughout the year. Blank forms are available next to the bulletin, for your perusal in order to do this. Online donations at [projectadvance.ca](https://projectadvance.ca) are encouraged, when possible, as this minimize processing and costs for the Parish Advance office. Your support helps many community programs as well as our own parish special project namely seed money for our Parish Centre. Thank you for the continued Project Advance support in 2023. God Bless.



# DOM MARMION: THAT WHERE I AM, THEY ALSO MAY BE

Author: Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B., Abbot of Maredsous



The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension of Our Lord

Our Lord said to His Apostles before He departed from them: "If you loved Me, you would indeed rejoice that I am going to the Father." To us also Christ repeats these words. If we love Him, we shall rejoice in His glorification; we shall rejoice with Him that, after completing His course on earth, He ascends to the right hand of His Father, there to be exalted above all the heavens in infinite glory.

But Jesus goes only to precede us; He does not separate Himself from us, nor does He separate us from Himself. If He enters into His glorious kingdom, it is to prepare a place for us there. He promises to return one day to take us with Him so that, as He says, where He is we also may be. True, we are already there in the glory and happiness of Christ, by our title as His heirs; but we shall one day be there in reality. Has not Christ asked this of His Father? "Father, I will that where I am, they also whom Thou hast given Me may be with Me."

Let us then say to Christ Jesus: "Draw us into Your triumphal march, O glorious and all-powerful Conqueror! Make us live in heaven by faith and hope and love. Help us to detach ourselves from the fleeting things of earth in order that we may seek the true and lasting goods of heaven!"

From Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B., The Mysteries Of The Rosary. Translated and published by the Monks of Marmion Abbey, Aurora, Illinois. Translation of Dom Columba Marmion's "Les Mysteres du Rosaire" published with the permission of the Abbey of Maredsous in Belgium.

## PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

May 2023

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great gratitude and joy that we celebrate our Parish's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year of 2023.

Part of our Jubilee is, to be as steadfast as we are able to be, in order to move forward with the construction of our New Parish Centre.

Presently, it is in the hands of the Archdiocese for us to sell Cartier Hall at a good market price. Donation are presently needed to help us move forward; as the cost of this project will exceed the sale of this property. Then, the shortfall will also have to be covered by a sustainable mortgage. When permission is granted, we will be able to concretely move forward with the project; as City approvals have already been given.

Thus, this year's Project Advance Campaign is ever so important (and the Building Fund too) in order to help make our Anniversary Dream a reality!

Our sincere gratitude for those who have participated in these over the years.

We also at this time take the opportunity to encourage others to pledge; even for the first time.

Volunteers will be available to assist with this, if desired, after 3 weekends of Masses beginning May 20/21<sup>st</sup>. You may also drop your pledge in the Collection basket at any time throughout the year. Blank forms are available next to the bulletin, for your perusal in order to do this.

Many our Lord bless all our families here at Sts. Peter & Paul and may our 100 Anniversary Celebration rightfully lead us in faith, hope & love as we enter the next 100 years!

Blessing and Peace!

*Ron. R. Thompson*

Fr. Ron Thompson  
Pastor

## 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:

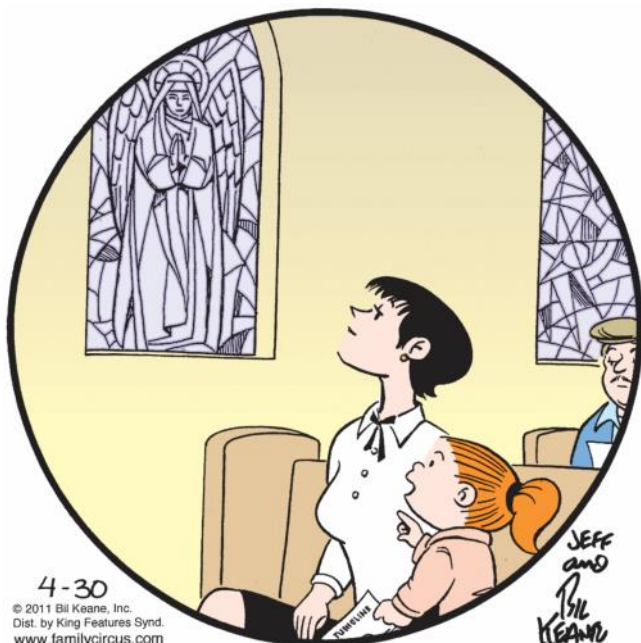
<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

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

## QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

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

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



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## 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. 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



## 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.