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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.*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 28 — JUNE 3, 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, PENTECOST SUNDAY 28TH MAY

On this Sunday we continue our contemplation of the greater Easter mystery. The portion of Jesus' farewell discourse which we read presents the hour of Jesus' glory. In the gospel of John the hour of Jesus' "lifting-up" is at once the hour of his death and that of his glorification. That hour holds the whole mystery of this season: Jesus' dying the rising, his ascension to the Father his gift of the Spirit.

In that hour Jesus prays for his disciples, for all those who believe in him that they may share in his glory. But sharing in his glory means participating in the totality of that "hour". Disciples of Jesus join in his sufferings and so come to share in his glory (1 Pet 4:13).

Jesus has glorified the Father by finishing his work. Those who belong to him remain in the world, proclaiming the good news that the work of Jesus bestows eternal life. "Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). Jesus prays for those to whom he has entrusted the message (cf. Acts 1:12-14), but not for them alone. He prays also for all who will believe in him through their word (John 17:20).

This Sunday presents a commission. We must welcome our share in Jesus' hour, both the suffering the glory. We must join in Jesus' work, that all may be one. He has brought eternal life; he has revealed the Father's name. Through us he continues to reveal it so that the Father's love may live in all and he may live in all (John 17:26).

**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 28th, Pentecost Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 29th, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Marie Boyle ☩</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 30th, Ferial (8th Week in Ordinary Time, Series 1)</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Bill Urquhart</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 31st, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Robert Dunn ☩</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>June 1st, St. Justin, 165 ☩</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Jane Mackay Dunn ☩</i>
<i>First Friday</i>	<i>June 2nd, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Carmelita Lardizabal Special Intention</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>June 3rd, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, 1886 ☩ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>David Chan ☩ Special Intention</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.



### FAITH STUDIES SERIES

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

Dates of Faith Studies:

**Friday, 2nd June**  
**“How to Share Your Faith: Part 1”**  
**with Chris Stefanick Show**

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

### 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.

## THE SOLEMNITIES OF JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI AND SACRED HEART OF JESUS, by: Stephanie A. Mann

This June is a very solemn month. Generally, there are six solemnities on the liturgical calendar: Pentecost Sunday, (May 28 this year) Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles. The first four are movable feasts, scheduled according to the date of Easter each year: Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, Trinity Sunday, a week after Pentecost Sunday; Corpus Christi, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (usually moved to the Sunday following.); and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Friday after Corpus Christi. The Birth of St. John the Baptist is a fixed feast: June 24th. In Quebec, his feast is celebrated with parades and festivities since he is the patron saint of that Canadian province. The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul is on June 29 which, this year, falls on a Sunday.

Pentecost, 10 days or so, after the Ascension of our Lord, celebrates the fulfillment of his promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide the Apostles. Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost Sunday as a further meditation on the mystery of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi heralds the coming of the long liturgical season of Ordinary Time by focusing our attention on the Holy Eucharist.

But why does the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus follow the Solemnity of Corpus Christi? The late Fr. John Hardon, S.J., proposes that the personal devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus flows from the summit and the center of our Catholic faith, the Holy Mass, and that devotion to the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus, leads us to love his Sacred Heart. But before we meditate further on that mystery, let's consider the special liturgies of these two Solemnities.

The great scholastic philosopher and theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, wrote the liturgy for Corpus Christi when Pope Urban IV added the solemnity to the universal Church's liturgical calendar in 1264. He provided a great sequence, one of the great poems chanted or recited before the proclamation of the Gospel. At one time, the Church had many sequences for different feasts and Masses (including the Dies Irae in the Requiem Mass), but now we have only three: Victimae Paschali Laudes (Christians, to the Paschal Victim) for Easter Sunday; Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) for Pentecost, and Lauda Sion Salvatorem (Sion, Lift Up Thy Voice and Sing), for Corpus Christi.

St. Thomas also wrote a hymn for Vespers: Pange Lingua (Sing, Tongue, the Mystery of the Glorious Body), from which we have the Tantum Ergo (Down in Adoration Falling) verses sung at Benediction; a hymn for Matins, Sacris Solemniis (Sacred Solemnity), which includes the great Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) meditation, best known in the setting by Cesar Franck, and a third hymn, for Lauds, Verbum Supernum Prodiens (Word Descending from Above), from which we take the other Benediction hymn, O Salutaris Hostia (O Saving Victim). He also wrote a hymn of Eucharistic thanksgiving, Adore Te Devote (Devoutly I Adore Thee). Each hymn provides great doctrinal statements of the truths of the Incarnation, the Paschal Mystery, and the Eucharist, while expressing devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Redeemer.

Part 1... Part 2 Next week.



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!

*Rev. R. Thompson*

Fr. Ron Thompson  
Pastor

### **REMEMBER THE SICK**

In your generosity, please remember to keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick and are unable to attend Mass:



Frank McCullough  
Elizabeth Skrilec  
William Urquhart



### **LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SING**

Anyone interested in joining the choir is encourage to join the 9 am or 11 am choir on Sunday. Lifting your voice to enhance the Mass for everyone.

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 20/21<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. Online donations at [projectadvance.ca](http://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.

### **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!

## 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

\* **Devotion First Friday: 12:00—7:00 pm**

**with Benediction @6:45 pm, 7:00 pm 2nd Mass**

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



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**"How do I know God hears my  
prayers when I just say 'em  
in my head?"**



## 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.