



**ARCHDIOCESE OF
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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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3RD 2023

Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am 4:00pm
(Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction every Sunday at 3:30pm)

Weekdays: Monday 8:00AM; Tuesday 4:00PM; Wednesday – Friday 8:00AM; Saturday 9:00am

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.

Sunday's Reading First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down...” Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry rises to God, borne up by the certainty of a kingdom already among us but not yet completed. For our God is God who comes: “He who was, and who is, and who is to come!” (Rev 4:8). Once again, we must situate ourselves properly before this mystery which manifestation of the Lord. That is an old temptation to which troubled societies regularly succumb. Even today many sects set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not date of the Parousia but its character which must concern us. It will pronounce judgement on all history and on our personal lives. In the face of this coming of the Son of Man which no one can foresee or prevent, if this world, it is best always on the alert, to be aware of our responsibility toward the present, and to recognize the eternal significance of every moment.

Paul calls the vigilant Christian to give thanks without ceasing. Thanksgiving is not an expression of smug complacency. With this awareness of what we are not yet and do not yet do, we turn towards the One who is the beginning and the end of all things. We renounce what delays and announce what hastens his coming. Then, like a thorn in the world's flesh, we become a goad to the world's vigilance, triumphing over sleep and stirring up hope.
“Come, Lord Jesus!”

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine



Our heavenly Mother, Daughter and Queen of the Holy Land, we turn to you to obtain your powerful intercession. May graces fall like abundant rain on your people, heal all the hardened hearts and bring justice and peace to the Holy Land.

May Jerusalem shine like a beacon of unity between Christians who are privileged to live close to the Holy sites, sanctified by the life, the passion, the death and resurrection of Jesus. May this Holy City be a haven

of friendship and understanding between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

May Intolerance and suspicion vanish, may love eradicate fear. Our Heavenly Mother, look with pity on all those who live on the land which is yours, afflicted by the differences and conflicts for many generations.

May all those who do not believe in the one God be touched by your grace and reach the fullness of faith, hope and love. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Daughter and Queen of the Holy Land, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners Countess G. Dobrzensky Kinsky+ Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Chung Tak Chow+</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Advent Ferial</i>	<i>4pm</i>	<i>Hua Hsing Yang+</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Dec 6</i>	<i>Advent Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Douglas Mackey-Dunn Sr.+</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>St. Ambrose 397 AD+</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hector Quagliotti Romano+</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (meat is allowed)</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Special Intentions</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>Advent Ferial Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00pm</i>	<i>Mark Wilson+ Robert Dunn+</i>

**SAINTS
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2023
ADVENT
CELEBRATION**



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS
AND TO ALL
PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT**

BLESSINGS TO ALL

Get to Know Jesus Through the Liturgical Year

1). Advent

The word Advent—meaning the coming—refers to the days and weeks before Christmas, as well as preparation for Christmas. There are always four Sundays in the Advent Season. The Liturgical colour is that of Purple, aside from Memorials, Feast Days and Solemnities.



Symbol One of the key symbols illuminating this Season is that of the [Advent Wreath](#). Made in the form of a circle and green, the Advent wreath is decorated often with a red ribbon, sometimes an apple, but the key elements are candles. The circular symbolic sacramental has four distinct candles; three are purple and one is pink.

On Christmas, the fifth candle is inserted in the very middle of the Advent wreath—white in contrast to pink and purple. That white candle in the middle signifies the Birthday of Jesus, who is truly the Light of the world who came to dispel the darkness of sin.

2) Marian Feasts

Given that Advent has a very important Marian tone, there are two important Marian Liturgical celebrations: the Immaculate Conception (December 8); then [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) (December 12). In all of the Advent Season, the Church joyfully awaits the Birthday of Jesus with Our Lady, the expectant Mother of Jesus.

3) St. John the Baptist

Furthermore, a key Biblical figure is Saint John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare the way for the Birthday of the Savior.!

Advent concludes with Christmas and the Christmas Season. Impossible to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus—the most important birthday in the world—in one day. There must be an Octave as well as an extended Season to rejoice because Jesus, Our Saviour, is born. Christmas already starts with Christmas Eve. The long-awaited day has arrived: Jesus is born of the Virgin Mary

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP



**1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH**

Wednesday Dec 6th

Please join us

Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Come and join us!

Parish Christmas Décor Volunteer Schedule



Tuesday Dec 19th Light Sorting

Wednesday, Dec 20th—Trees up

Thursday, Dec 21st—Christmas Crib

Friday, Dec 22nd—Flowers

Please sign up at the vestibule podium

We take our
children to the
mall to meet
santa... Why
not take them
to church to
meet Jesus

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Along with the 52 Sundays of the Year, in Canada, we have 2 other Holy Days of Obligation: Christmas and New Year (Mother of God).

Consequently this year, there are 4 days of Obligation within a span of 9 days: 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas, Holy Family Sunday and Mother of God (New Year).

Here at Sts. Peter & Paul are these Masses:

Sat/Sun Dec 23/24 (4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
Dec 23rd—5pm
Dec 24th—9am and 11am

Sun/Mon Dec 24/25 (CHRISTMAS)
Dec 24th—4pm and 6pm
Dec 25th—9am and 11am

Sat/Sun Dec 30/31 (HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY)
Dec 30—5pm
Dec 31—9am and 11am

Sun/Mon Dec 31/Jan 1st (MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR)
Dec 31—4pm
{Holy Hour 11pm-12midnight}
Jan 1st—9am and 11am

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

An update on our New Parish Centre Project to be built on the west side of the Church: (1450 W 38th and 1449 W 39th and the lane in between these): Virtually, the city has given necessary approval to move ahead. Our challenge now is to finance this. The total construction cost is estimated at 14.5 Million. We have an offer to purchase Cartier Hall for 8.5 Million. This means that we still need to raise 6.5 Million to pay for this project. Our present parish cash flow only covers operating expenses. Extra donations are required; including by contributions to the Parish Building Fund & Project Advance. An overview of the entire New Centre Building (one long one going from 38th to 39th): the 38th side (2 stories) would be the Great Parish Hall (named after Sts. Peter & Paul) with a connecting kitchen (named after St. Andrew the hospitality apostle). Nearby (on the Church side) would be the Conference Hall (named after St. James the Great) towards 39th would be the Adoration Chapel (named after St. John the Beloved). West of these (towards the neighbour: 1459 W 39th) would be the Office Wing (named after St. Matthew the tax collector). Upstairs on the 39th side would be more meeting rooms (named after all the other Apostles). Below all this would be underground parking and elevators throughout. These 12 rooms would be dedicated by the donor as they so pleased. If you might be interested in doing this, please let me know. I can't help but to remember that this Centre was Fr. John Horgan's dream; thus the Chapel of Adoration will be named after his patron. In the meantime, also, our Project Advance campaign for 2023 continues to assist this project, pledge forms for this are next to the bulletin. Our gratitude for your kind consideration in these matters that can bring about the needed growth to our parish life.

Blessings to you and yours!
Fr. Ron Thompson, Pastor



Sunday Offering:

Our gratitude for parishioners' contributions for the upkeep & advancement of the parish.

Some give online (by Debit or Credit) regularly: see blue/white folder next to the bulletin.

Otherwise, the collection is taken up at each Mass. From this we received:

Sat/Sun Nov 18/19 from envelopes:

Sat. 5pm: \$710 from 25 = \$28.40 average

Sun. 9am: 1102 from 29 = \$38.00

11am: \$578 from 22 = \$26.27

4pm: \$235 from 10 = \$23.50

- Grand total: \$2622 from envelopes and loose \$441
= \$3063.00

Sat/Sun Nov 25/26 from envelopes:

Sat. 5pm: \$565 from 24 = \$23.54 average

Sun. 9am: \$1132 from 32 = \$35.38

11am: \$565 from 24 = \$23.54

4pm: \$250 from 12 = \$20.83

- Grand total: \$2512 from envelopes and loose \$259.00
= \$2771.00

If you would like envelopes, please sign the blue binder by the font and they will put out next week.

**“Advent Penance Service here at St. Peter & Paul: Tuesday, Dec 12th at 7pm”
“Let every heart prepare Him room.”**



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.



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!

**Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction
every Sunday at 3:30pm**

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.

For quiet contemplation time

**Church is open for prayers
Wednesdays—Fridays
12 noon—3:00pm**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

