



**ARCHDIOCESE OF
VANCOUVER**
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J. Michael Miller, CSB

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

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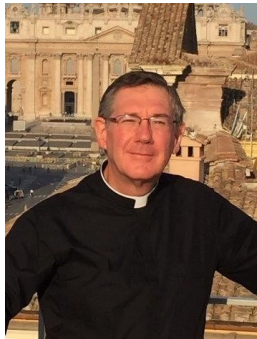
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: ELIZABETH WONG

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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 Office Hours not by Email. 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7— JANUARY 13, 2024

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.

READING: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7TH JANUARY 2024

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In His very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, “epiphany,” of God to the whole world.

The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body.

Enjoying the memories & mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important than any technical debate about the translation of “magi” (Greek). They have been called kings, wise men, or astrologer. In any event they signal a day to celebrate God’s manifestation in Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ’s identity and our response in faith. Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as “outsiders” as if we were not co-heirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?

SPECIAL CEREMONIES FOR THE EPIPHANY...

1. Proclamation (after the Gospel) of the Date of Easter:

Know, dear Brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 31st of March we will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ

On the 12th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 19th day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 2nd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st day of December the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2. Epiphany Blessing of the Home: the gold sheet next to the bulletin provides the text for the Blessing of your home.

The Blessing occurs with the use of Pre-Blessed Chalk that Father provides for you to take to use and write as instructed.

“May this blessing remain on this home and all who dwell herein. Amen.”

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| MASS INTENTIONS | | | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | <i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i> | <i>Parishioners</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>January 8th, The Baptism of the Lord</i> | <i>8:00 am</i> | <i>Lily Chow</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>January 9th, Ferial (First Week)</i> | <i>4:00 pm</i> | <i>Dian Tan Uy</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>January 10th, Ferial</i> | <i>8:00 am</i> | <i>Armando Robillo</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>January 11th Ferial</i> | <i>8:00 am</i> | <i>Robert Andres+</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>January 12th . Marguerite Bourgeoys, ✠ 1700</i> | <i>8:00 am</i> | <i>Madeline Miller+</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>January 13th, Ferial Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | <i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i> | <i>Julie Sebold+ Robert Cheng+</i> |

"SAVE THE DATES" PARISH MISSION

MISSION SCHEDULE:

Mission Talks: 7-8PM

Confessions:
Monday-Thursday
5:30-6:30PM & 8:15PM
(except Thursday
8:15 PM Social)



**THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST:
GIFT AND SACRAMENT**

Monday, Feb. 19 - Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024
STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH



Mission Preacher
Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM

is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religious Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. Fr. Wade has served as Assistant General and as Director of Vocations and Director of Seminarians for the Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Wade has also served as the Chaplain-in-Residence at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. Both the shrine and Monastery are affiliated with EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. As an itinerant preacher for Fathers of Mercy, Fr. Wade has preached throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. He has produced and hosted numerous televised series for EWTN; he is author of three books and host of EWTN Global Radio's "Open Line" Tuesday.

Please Note: At the Parish Mission, Fr. Wade will conduct a book signing and his books and catechetical CD's and DVD's will be available for purchase. Cash only, please

Mission Topics

- The Eucharist as Foreshadowed in both the Old and New Testaments
- The Church Fathers on Eucharistic Doctrine
- Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement: The Saints and the Eucharist
- The 'Most Blessed' of the Seven Sacraments



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!

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



2024 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit or Credit Card

Thank you for your interest in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish's Sunday Offering Plan. This plan allows you to give your Sunday Offering on a monthly basis by direct deposit or credit card.

It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reach us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation.

For more information, take this brochure .

Talks on the Faith (RCIA) resume Tues. Jan. 16th at 7pm in the Church with the series "Symbolon". These nights are shared with anyone who would like to know more about the Faith; Catholic and Non-Catholic alike. Father shares an overview with each nightly presentation. As each night stands on their own (they are also found on our Formed.org platform if you are not there in person) you are invited to attend the evenings that you able. Looking forward to you joining us these nights.



STS. PETER & PAUL FAITH STUDY GROUP MEETING

Scheduled for:
Friday, Feb. 2nd
@ 10:30 AM (Coffee at 10:15)
Location: Church Vestibule

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP

Next meeting 1st Wednesday of the month will be next Wednesday, Feb. 7th 7 pm, in the Church.

See you there!



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%.

FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

Church is open for prayers

Wednesdays —Fridays

12 noon 3pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Father cannot always grant the date of the Mass requested but the office will arrange as close to the date requested as possible.

Please note that all Mass Intentions are published on the Website and Parish Bulletin.

NEW FORMED PROGRAM

FORMED

We are please to announce to aid in our Parishioner's want and need for Catholic Resource that we have set-up a FORMED account with the Augustine Institute.

This resource is **free** 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"

CATECHISM CLASSES STARTS

TUESDAY JAN 16TH 2024

For Public School Students in Grade 1—7, Tuesday @ 4:30 pm—5:30 pm, in the Church.

See you in Church, PREP (Parish Religion Education Program).

Co-ordinator: Mrs. Dina Chies
parish.sspp.prep@gmail.com
Our



FORTHCOMING 2024 DATES

February 9th (Fri): Lunar New Year's Eve (Dragon)

February 14th : Ash Wednesday

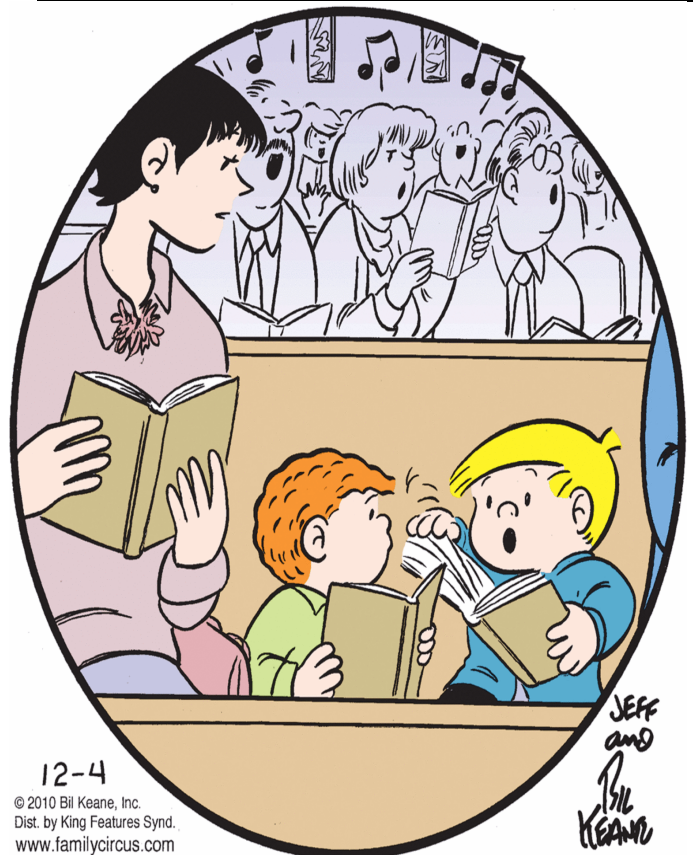
February 17th-22nd (Sat-Thurs.): Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Wade

March 10th 2am (Sun): Daylight Savings Begins

March 18th-21st (Mon-Thurs.): 9am-10am Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt OP

March 29th Good Friday

March 31st Easter Sunday



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