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J. Michael Miller, CSB

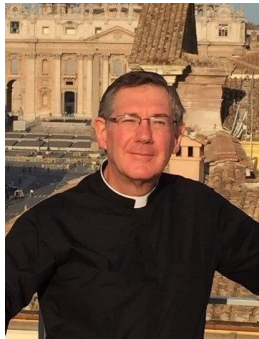
SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN. 28TH—FEB. 3RD 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.

THEOLOGICAL INSIGHTS

Cardinal Müller: According to the divine authority of Christ, the revelation of God Himself is the basis and limit of the Church's teaching and pastoral ministry: "Go to all nations...and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). The approach to a Catholic ecclesiology is important. In *Lumen Gentium*, Vatican II did not begin with the Pope because, contrary to what traditional Protestant polemics believed, the Catholic Church is not the Pope's Church and Catholics are therefore not papists but Christians. Christ is the head of the Church and from Him all divine grace and truth passes to the members of His body, which is the Church. But He has also constituted it sacramentally as a visible community of confession, of the means of grace and of unity in episcopal leadership. That is why the bishops and priests teach, guide, and sanctify the faithful in the name of Christ (and not at all in the name of the Pope). But Catholics are not the subjects of ecclesiastical superiors, to whom they owe blind caducal obedience as in a totalitarian political system. As persons in their conscience and prayer, they go directly to God in Christ and in the Holy Spirit. The act of faith is directed directly to God, while the magisterium of the bishops has only the task of faithfully and completely preserving the content of revelation (given in Sacred Scripture and Apostolic Tradition) and presenting it to the Church as revealed by God.

The magisterium is not above the word of God, but serves it by teaching nothing but what has been handed down, because it hears the word of God by divine mandate and, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, listens to it with reverence and preserves it sacredly and interprets it faithfully... (Dei verbum 10)

In a culture alienated from Christianity, it is important not to interpret ecclesial authority in terms of political power and media manipulation of opinion, but in the light of God's revelation in Christ as the light that enlightens every human being and leads to eternal life (John 1:1-18). Even the cardinals of the Roman Church cannot promise absolute obedience to the Pope and sacrifice their conscience and expertise to a questionable agenda, as the British Vatican expert Christopher Lamb would like to argue against the so-called "inner-church opposition" in his book *The Outsider*. Those who fall short of the faith and the discipline of the Church must be put back on the right path with spiritual means and ecclesiastical punishments. The absolute rulers who eliminated their unruly colleagues in a communist politburo or in the English royal Privy Council with banishment, deprivation of property, and show trials are no example to us. Papal history also offers us some unworthy spectacles of power triumphing over law.

MASS INTENTIONS			
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 29th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Therese Tran The Mau+</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 30th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Augustus Ledesma+</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 31st, St. John Bosco +1888</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Nally Lao-Tocol+</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>February 1st, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Mei Yu Kwan</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord (Blessing of the Candles) First Friday</i>	<i>8:00 am 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Jane Bautista Connie Wong+</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 3rd: St. Blaise +316(Blessing of the throats) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Maribel M. Chua Jane Mackay Dunn+</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)



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

FATHER EMMERICH RETURNS TO SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Role of Mary in Salvation History Reflections in View of the Message of Fatima

Tuesday through Friday
19 - 22 March 2024

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Following Mass: Coffee and Crumpets
Conference Follows



Father Emmerich returns to Saints Peter and Paul to reflect on the Role of Mary in Salvation History. In that context he will explore what the message of our Lady of Fatima means for us Catholics today.

He will consider what it means for the individual Catholic to belong to a Church which on earth is called "The Church Militant." Practically speaking how does a Catholic fight against demonic evil?

Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently assigned to Saint Dominic Priory, San Francisco.

For the past forty-two years he has been involved in giving retreats and seminars to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Russian, Lithuania, Guatemala, Uruguay, India, Madagascar, Russia, and Portugal.

He is assigned to Western Dominican Preaching, giving retreats and parish missions.

The weapon against evil stressed at every apparition of our Lady to the children of Fatima is the Rosary. How is it that the Rosary is such a powerful force against the demonic evil we see daily in the News, evil that seems to be overtaking our formerly Christian cultures?

The Church, like a nation, must defend herself and her faith. She must fight for the truth and for the salvation of souls. But each member of the Church must possess a fighting spirit that is never severed from the greatest commandment: Love. For God Himself is love, and love never wishes evil upon its enemies.

READINGS: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus spends the Sabbath at Capernaum with his disciples. There he manifests his extraordinary authority as much as his teaching as by healing the possessed & sick. Thus, from the very beginning of his ministry, his fame spreads through Galilee. After Easter this region will become the point of origin for the Church's universal mission.

In today's gospel, Jesus goes to the synagogue & teaches there. After the scribe's catechesis on the law, Jesus no doubt reads a prophetic text & gives the homily as he did at Nazareth (Luke 4:16). He provokes wonder & astonishment in his hearers. Unlike the scribes, who were anxious to explain the letter of the Law on the basis of commentaries received from their masters, Jesus speaks from his own authority. He confirms that authority when he heals the man with an unclean spirit. That healing gives rise to the question, "Who is this man?"

Many are uneasy with such healing miracles. Medicine & depth psychology seem to reduce a purely natural pathology what antiquity attributed to the supernatural world. Yet many scientists recognize that there is more to the human that the eye can see. Thus we should not fall into the trap of a new reductionism by having recourse exclusively to the empirical sciences. Like the people in Capernaum, we who live in technological age must confront the same question, "Who is this man?"

Talks on the Faith (RCIA)

Tues. Jan 30 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.

The topics :

Who is Jesus

The Paschal Mystery

Father shares an overview with each nightly presentation. As each night stands on their own (they are also found on Formed.org: if you are not there in person) ;

Click On Formed for Parishes;
click on Watch now;
click on Programs;
choose Youth Programs;
then find the Symbolon

You are invited to attend the evenings that you able.

FORTHCOMING 2024 DATES:

Fri. Feb. 9th Lunar New Year 's Eve (Dragon)

Wed. Feb. 14th : Ash Wednesday: 8AM ; 4PM; 7PM

Sat.-Thurs. Feb. 17th-22nd :

Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Wade

Thurs. Feb. 29th—Leap Year Day

Sun. Mar. 10th 2am Daylight Savings Begins

Tues.-Fri. Mar. 19-22nd: 9am-10am

Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt OP

Palm Sunday (Sat.) Mar. 23rd 5pm;

(Sun.) Mar. 24th 9am; 11am and 4pm

Thurs. Mar.28th Holy Thursday :7pm (Adoration until 11pm)

Mar. 29th Good Friday: 12noon & 3pm

Sat. Mar. 30th—Easter Vigil :8pm

Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:9am; 11am and 1pm

Fri. Apr. 26th 7:30pm until Sun. Apr. 28th —retreat by Fr. David Bellusci, OP @Westminster Abbey :

**"St. Thomas Aquinas:
Truth as the way to Love"**
[More info to follow](#)

**STS. PETER & PAUL FAITH STUDY GROUP MEETING;
FRI. FEB. 2ND ; 10:30AM (COFFEE AT 10:15AM); CHURCH
VESTIBULE**

**STS. PETER & PAUL MENS GROUP
MEETING; WED. FEB. 7TH ; 7PM ; IN THE CHURCH—
SEE YOU THERE!**

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 Jan. 13/14 from envelopes:

Sat. 5pm: \$464 from 16 = \$29.00 average

Sun. 9am: \$1931 from 50 = \$38.62

11am: \$660 from 24 = \$27.50

4pm: \$255 from 10 = \$25.50

Grand total: \$ 3310 from envelopes and loose \$372.00
= \$3682.00

Sat/Sun Jan. 20/21 from envelopes:

Sat. 5pm: \$790 from 30 = \$27.24 average

Sun. 9am: \$667 from 30 = \$22.23

11am: \$977 from 22 = \$44.41

4pm: \$215 from 11 = \$19.55

Grand total: \$2649 from envelopes and loose \$452.45
= \$3101.45

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

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.

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 parish-

**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 A Catholic charity."

**Fri. Jan. 26th -
Sun. Jan. 28th**

If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes

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

<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca>

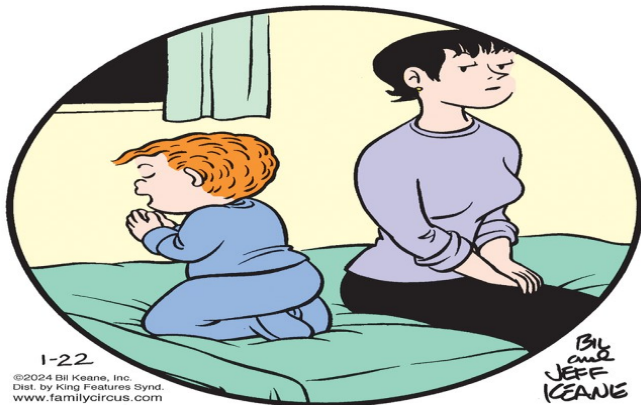
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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

**FEB. 14TH, ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
-8AM -4PM-7PM**



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"... and give us our trespasses as
we give it to those who trespass
against us ..."

BILL
AND
JEFF
KEANE

**Lenten Stations of the Cross
Wed. 6:30pm Beginning Feb. 21st**