

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.

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Or did He have some Holy
Ghost writers?"

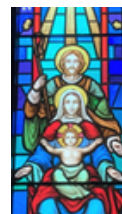
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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 .



Archdiocese of
Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev
J. Michael Miller, CSB



Welcome visitors! / New Parishioner! 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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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FEB. 18th - 24th 2024 | YEAR B | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass :Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

Weekdays: Monday 8:00am; Tuesday 4:00pm; Wednesday-Friday 8:00am

First Fridays: Adoration 12:00noon-6:45pm; Benediction 6:45pm; Second Mass 7:00pm

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00am

Confessions: Wednesday-Friday, 8:30am Saturday: 9:30am and 4:00-4:30pm

By Appointment; **Marriage:** Notify 8 Months in Advance

Office Schedule: Tuesday- Friday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Readings: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Sundays of Lent in this cycle rehearse the history of God's covenant-making with his people. On this first Sunday we hear of the covenant of God with Noah, the new creation begun after the great destruction of the flood. God will not be defeated by human weakness & failure. Although his children fall, he returns to establish his bond with them.

Jesus comes from the waters of the Jordan to seal once and for all in his blood the covenant of God with his people. In order to build the bridge between humanity & God, he became like us in all things except sin, tempted in every way as we are (Heb 4:15). Thus made one with us, he leads us back through the waters of death to new creation in his life. We then are witnesses to the new covenant, "the plan God was pleased to decree in Christ, to bring all things in the heavens & earth into one under Christ's headship" (Eph 1:10).

Five Essential Insights of St. John Paul II

1. He re-centered the Church on "Christ, the Redeemer of man," and so showed the way to an "adequate anthropology."

Like his life, all of John Paul II's key developments of the Church's thought were anchored in the simplest and oldest Christian confession of faith. A decidedly modern, resounding affirmation of this ancient faith begins his first encyclical: "Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of man, is the center of the universe and of history" (Redemptor Hominis, 1). The opening paragraph of Redemptor Hominis deliberately evokes the beginning of the Communist Manifesto, bluntly contradicting Marxism's man-made, self-destructive salvation through violent revolution. Society is healed neither through socialism nor through the "market," both of which subordinate the good of the person to the functions of the societal mechanism. It is healed through the only-begotten Son of God who was born of Mary two millennia ago to become our companion on life's path and to show us the love of the Father (cf. John Paul II, "Prayer for the Great Jubilee").

John Paul II had firsthand experience of destructive ideologies that did not understand the human person. He was unshakably convinced that "only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light.... Christ ... by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and his love, fully reveals man to himself and makes his supreme calling clear" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes 22).

2-5 Forthcoming.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 18th / (1st Sunday of Lent)

9:00am / 11:00am / 4:00pm- Parishioners

MONDAY, February 19th | Lenten Ferial

9:00am - Maricar Cuisin

TUESDAY, February 20th | Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Yang Hiseh Yuen Chiao

WEDNESDAY, February 21st | Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Robert Cheng+

THURSDAY, February 22nd | Chair of St. Peter

7:00pm - Antonio Mans+

FRIDAY, February 23rd | Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Johnny Yap+

SATURDAY, February 24th | Lenten Ferial

9:00am - Wai Wan Wong+

5:00pm - Elvira Bautista+

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

THIS WEEK

Please note Masses during the week of the Parish Mission

Mon., Feb.19th @ 9:00am (Family Day Holiday)

Tues., Feb.20th @ 8:00am (Not 4pm)

Wed., Feb. 21st @ 8:00am

Thurs., Feb. 22nd @ 7:00pm (Not 8:00am)



Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community Feb.14 - Mar. 24.

FORTHCOMING WEEK

2024 DATES

- **Mon.-Thurs, Feb., 19th-22nd :**
Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM
- **Thurs., Feb., 29th- Leap Year Day**
- **Sun., Mar. 10th - 2:00am:** Daylight Savings Begins
- **Tues.- Fri., March 19th- 22nd: 9am-10am**
Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP
- **Palm Sunday (Sat.) Mar., 23rd 5:00pm**
- **(Sun) Mar., 24th 9am; 11am; 4pm**
- **Thurs. Mar., 28th Holy Thursday: 7pm** (Adoration until 11pm)
- **Fri., March 29th - Good Friday: 12noon & 3pm**
- **Sat., Mar. 30th- Easter Vigil: 8pm**
- **Sun., 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

PARISH ONGOING

FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

Church is open for prayers Wed.,—Fri., 12 noon 3pm

Sts. Peter & Paul Faith

Study Group Meeting Scheduled for: Friday, Mar. 1st @

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, Mar. 6th 7 pm, in the Church.

See you there!

2023 Parish & Project Advance Tax Receipts will be available in the vestibule next weekend for pick up.

Thank you.

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"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

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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

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