



Easter Retreat
 April 26 - 28, 2024
 (Friday 7:30Pm to Sunday 1:30Pm)

@ Westminster Abbey



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

TRUTH
 AS THE WAY
 TO LOVE



Rev. Fr. David Bellusci, OP
 Retreat Master

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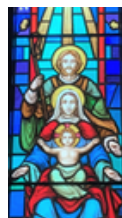


Building Fund
 We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards the Parish Goal.
 A big Thank You to all parishioners for 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 2024 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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APR. 20TH - APR. 27TH 2024



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 requests of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during Office Hours not by Email. Thank-You

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

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

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

Sunday Reading, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus' claim to be the true shepherd, the only pastor, has nothing idyllic about it. It completes his break with mercenary religious leaders in whose eyes the sheep matter little. "I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly."(Ezek 34:15-16) This is God's way of acting, and the way of Christ, who gave his life for those the Father entrusted to him.

Many do not appreciate being compared to a flock of sheep. Nevertheless, the image of the sheep suggests clearly what we are: defenseless before the ravaging wolf. Of all creatures, sheep possess the weakest sense of direction. So they entrust themselves by instinct to their shepherd to defend and guide them.

Second Collection: Work of Vocations
 Pulpit Announcement for April 20-21, 2024

In the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we have an urgent need for priests who are willing to devote their lives to the service of God and his people. However, the formation of our seminarians entails a significant investment of time and resources, which are essential if we are to have well-formed and highly capable priests serving our parish communities.

Today on Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for an increase in vocations and if you can, make a tax-deductible donation to the Work of Vocations Second Collection. Your gift will contribute to having more priests and religious in our Archdiocese and help fulfil the Church's evangelizing mission. Donations can be made online at rcav.org/vocations.



We are very excited for the upcoming annual March4Life this year. It will be a full day, beginning with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta (3900 Arthur Drive, Delta) with Mass at 9:15 - Archbishop Miller presiding. From there, we will catch the 11:00 am ferry to Victoria, where we will participate in the March and return on the 5:00 pm ferry. We have an exciting lineup of speakers at this years event.

Schedule of Events

12:00PM - Mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral

740 View Street, Victoria, BC

1:45pm - March leaves from Centennial Square down Government Street to the BC Legislature

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 21st - 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00AM; 11:00AM; 4:00PM - Parishioners

MONDAY, April 22nd - Easter Ferial

8:00AM - Sally Wong+

TUESDAY, April 23rd - Easter Ferial

4:00PM - Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY - April 24th - Easter Ferial

8:00AM - Loretto Hurtado+

THURSDAY, April 25th - St. Mark+68 AD

8:00AM - Rey and Jeannette Laxa

FRIDAY, April 26th - Easter Ferial

8:00am - Ryan and Jo Laxa

Saturday, April 27th - Easter Ferial

9:00am - Dr. Alphonus Hiui+

5:00pm - Sally Wong+

(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

THIS WEEK

Confirmation
@ Sts. Peter & Paul
Parish
April 23rd Tuesday
@ 4pm - Mass

Please pray for our
Confirmants.

For Retreat @ Abbey:
We still have
occupancies
available.
To register, please
email the parish
office for more
details.
parish.sspp@rcav.org

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2024 Building our
Parish Community

PARISH ONGOING

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group
Next meeting: First Wednesday May 1st at 7pm at
the Church.

Sts. Peter & Paul Faith Study Group Meeting:
First Friday @ 10:30am (Coffee at 10:15am)
Location: Church Vestibule. Next Meeting May 3rd..

FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME
Church is open for prayers Wed.—Fri.
12 noon 3pm.

Solemn Sung Vesper & Benediction at
3:30pm on Sundays.

Project Advance & Parish Tax Receipts are
now available for pick up at the vestibule.



Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Celebration of Fr. Ron's 45th Anniversary of Sharing in Our Lord's Priesthood

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Golden Ocean Seafood Restaurant
2046 W. 41st Ave.

Tickets: \$75

Menu:

1. 金海閣大拼盤 Golden Ocean Appetizer Platter
2. 百花釀蟹鉗 Stuffed Crab Claws (one per guest)
3. 翡翠蝦球帶子 Prawn and Scallop
4. 花膠瑤柱雞絲羹 Fish Maw Chicken Soup
5. 上湯焗雙龍蝦 Twin Lobsters
6. 鴻運脆皮雞 Crispy Chicken
7. 原隻五頭鮑魚扒菜膽 Abalone (one per guest)
8. 炸龍利球 Deep Fried Sole
9. 干燒伊麵 E-fu Noodles
10. 焗西米布甸 Baked Tapioca Pudding
11. 紅豆沙 Red Bean Soup
12. 煎堆仔 Mini Sesame Balls

Fr. Ron's 45th tickets on sale now.
Please contact the Parish Office
during office hours.
Tickets on sale after April weekend
Masses
Tickets selling: after Masses
April 27/28

The Gospel is from St. John 10:11-18. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature.

One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.

Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian.

It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If he truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold.

After good example, prayer will be his most potent weapon.

Day in, day out the devout Christian must pray for the conversion of his fellowmen who are wandering aimlessly in the barren desert of this life far from God. He must also learn all he can about the truths of his faith in order to be able to help honest enquirers. He must also cooperate with any parochial or diocesan societies for the propagation of the faith, insofar as his family and financial state allow him.

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.



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