

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Celebration of Fr. Ron's
45th Anniversary of
His 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
April 6/7; April 13/14 and April 20/21



**MARCH FOR LIFE
VICTORIA**

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

We invite you to attend the
March for Life in Victoria, BC on
May 9, 2024! Join with the
thousands across Canada that
are participating in events to
make the pro-life movement
visible!

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.



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

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

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CHURCH LOCATION: 1430 WEST 38TH AVENUE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) APR. 7TH - 13TH 2024

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

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well known, discussed, and appreciated—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text. Likewise, it is has proven the inspiration to the numerous artists who have physically represented the events of this Gospel in order to give us a clear idea of what happened, 'eight days after' the first apparition of the Risen One, to the disciples congregated in the cenacle.

Jesus' response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as 'My Lord and my God', has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples—those who 'have seen'—but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. 'You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' (Jn 20:29)

The attention that these words evoke seems yet more paradoxical if we remember that the Lord had proposed, to the same author of the Gospel, what can be justly referred to as the Christian method, 'come and see' (Jn 1:39). How can we possibly reconcile these two phrases by Jesus that form the ideal setting for the whole of the fourth Gospel? Perhaps, in the end, the Lord decided to change His method? What do the words 'have not seen' really mean?

The timely recollection of the 'eight days after,' which is the Sunday after the Resurrection, permits us to tie our reflection to one of the most significant Eucharistic hymns composed by another Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas. In the Adore Te Devote, which refers to the Eucharist, we read: 'Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgement of you. But hearing suffices firmly to believe'. Combining these words with today's Gospel we can justly affirm that the experience 'to see' was not denied to us, but it is in contrast with the Apostle Thomas' physical experience, who was able to put his own finger into the holes in Christ's hands and side, whilst we can only comprehend it in the faith which is guarded and transmitted by the Church, our Mother and Teacher.

That which we 'have not seen' is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One. However, today we have the ability to 'listen' to the Word of God and the Magisterium of the Church and so we can 'see' the real Body of Christ which is the Eucharist. We can 'see' His Mystical Body which is the Church. We can 'see' Him in our lives and in the lives of our many brothers who, after meeting the Lord in a real but mysterious way, are united to Him in His Spirit!

Like Thomas, Christ calls us to fill the holes left by the instruments of the passion in His Body with our own hands so that our lives and the verbal witness that we give proclaim His Resurrection. Our senses could betray us, but we know that we have met the Risen One and we have recognized Him!

The certain hope that Peter, who betrayed the Lord three times for fear of death, proclaims to us with the words, 'rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy' (1 Peter 1:8), become fully comprehensible because blessed are they that 'have not seen' the Risen Lord, but seeing the joy of His disciples 'have believed' in Him!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 7TH- Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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

MONDAY, April 8th - Annunciation of the Lord

8:00AM - Ernesto Dy Pua

TUESDAY, April 9th - Easter Ferial

4:00PM - Eduardo Dychauco

WEDNESDAY - April 10th - Easter Ferial

8:00AM - Sally Wong+

10:00AM - V.C Mass

THURSDAY, April 11th - St. Stanislaus+1568

8:00AM - Katrina Oliva

FRIDAY, April 12th - Easter Ferial

8:00am -Simon & Suzanne Scully (25th Anniversary)

Saturday, April 13th - Easter Ferial

9:00am -Alba Masutti

5:00pm - Francine Fregean

(Third Sunday of Easter)

THIS WEEK

FIRST READING. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Faith in the resurrection bears many fruits. One of the first, and most enduring, is our common life. This scene in Acts, although somewhat idealized, already shows three essential elements of Christian community: unity of heart & mind, the possession of all things in common, and missionary witness.

The Community of believers were of one heart & one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather everything was held in common. With power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great respect was paid to them all; nor was there anyone needy among them, for all who owned property or houses sold them and donated the proceeds. They used to lay them at the feet of the apostles to be distributed to everyone according to his need.

Please pray for the Repose Soul of our Parishioner,
Sally Wong+ and her Family
Funeral Mass on Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00 am
at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

PARISH ONGOING

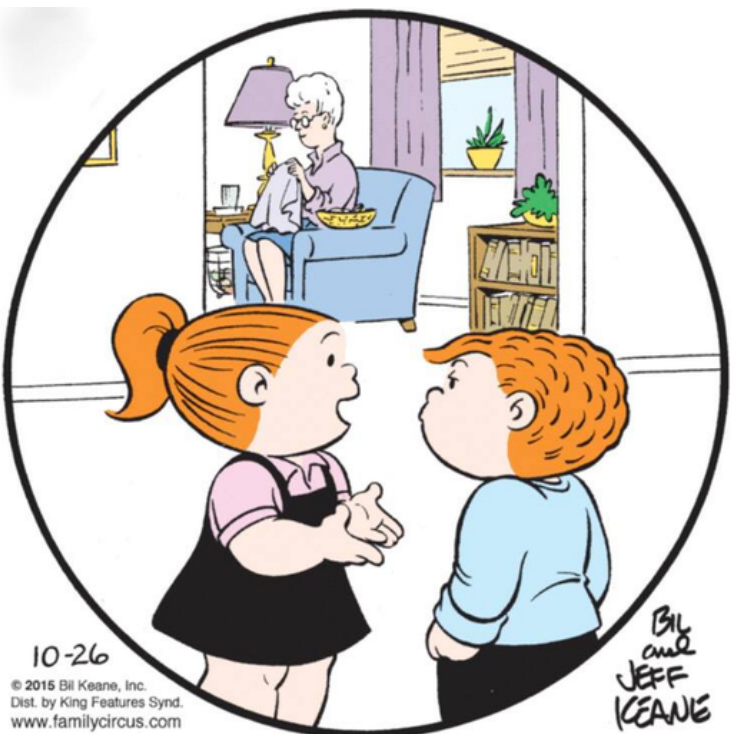
Sts. Peter & Paul Faith Study Group Meeting:
First Friday, @ 10:30am (Coffee at 10:15am)
Location: Church Vestibule; Next meeting May 3rd.

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group
Next meeting: Wed. May 1st at 7pm at the Church
(not April 3rd)

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

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction: 3:30pm
Sundays Also, Chaplet at 3:00pm

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



“The two places we know we’re
always welcome are church
and Grandma’s house.”

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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