

# FORTHCOMING



## Project Advance 2024

The parish office will mail out this year's Project Advance pledge forms on Wed. May 15th.

On weekend of May 18/19th we will show a short video before Mass about this year's campaign.

Volunteers will then be available after Mass that weekend and also the weekend of May 25/26th & June 1st/2nd to assist with your pledge. The Pastor's letter will accompany the mail out & will also be printed in the bulletin May 18/19th onward, to share our needs here at Sts. Peter & Paul.

It is our prayer that both past contributors & new ones will consider a pledge this year to support the Archdiocese & our Parish with these important needs. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter!



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 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

### 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.



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.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5TH - MAY 11TH 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

## Sunday Reading, Sixth Sunday of Easter

It often seems that the more schooling we have the less we are able to handle the ambiguity of Christian living. The logic of scientific thought encourages us to focus upon one concept at a time. The poetic language of the scriptures leads us to hold in a healthy tension concepts which, at first glance, seem mutually contradictory.

God calls us to way of life which makes demands, yet God's ways frequently seem to contravene the way we have taken. This was certainly Peter's experience. Peter thought that only those born in Israel could come to Christ, but the manifestation of the Spirit's gifts in the life of the Gentile Cornelius shattered all his comfortable notions.

Christ's resurrection shattered all notions of how God might work among us. It destroyed all barriers which might hedge in the possibilities of God's power working in human history. Christ's victory showed forth the power of love: God's love which could draw forth from death the servant we had gone to death in obedience to love.

For the makers of greeting cards love might be sentimental & soft. For Christians, love is as strong & as real as the demands made by friends who are willing to die that the other might live. That gives greater cause for the singing of alleluias than do fuzzy fantasies about some sort of love which can be reduced to pastel holy cards. Only living in that sort of love will enable us to know that death & life, obedience & freedom, vigilance & surprise are but different refractions of one true Light.



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.

# WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, May 5th- 6th Sunday of Easter**

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

**MONDAY, May 6th -St. Francois de Laval +1708**

8:00AM - Michelle Yam

**TUESDAY, May 7th Easter Ferial**

4:00PM - Fr. Ron Thompson

**WEDNESDAY - May 8th - Easter Ferial**

8:00AM - James Edward Bain+

**THURSDAY, May 9th - Easter Ferial**

8:00AM - Luca Mark Erceg

**FRIDAY, May 10th - Easter Ferial**

8:00am - Msgr. B Rossi

**Saturday, May 11th - Easter Ferial**

9:00am - Jose Chua

5:00pm - Elaine Dianko

*(Ascension of the Lord)*

# TODAY

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

Celebration of Fr. Ron's

45th Anniversary of

His Sharing in Our Lord's Priesthood

May 5th 2024

Date:

Saturday, May 4th: 5pm Mass

Sunday, May 5, 2024: 9am and 11am Masses

(no 4pm)

Please join and enjoy the celebratory cake and lemonade every after these Masses today with Father Ron at the vestibule.



# TODAY

ON MAY 5TH AT THE 4PM MASS:

A SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING OF FR. RON'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SHARING IN OUR LORD'S PRIESTHOOD.

THE HOMILY WILL BE GIVEN BY FR. EMMERICH VOGT, OP C.A.S A MISSION DIRECTOR, HE HAS LOTS OF TRAVEL POINTS!)

FR. EMMERICH VOGT ALSO PREACHED AT FR. RON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2004.

THE MUSIC WILL BE CONDUCTED BU CHRIS SUSANTO, FORMER ALTAR SERVER OF FR. RON AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH.

The Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done." We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance.

Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in the heaven which Christ has won for you.



**MARCH FOR LIFE VICTORIA**

**THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024**

**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**

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.



...and when Mommy's on the phone.'