

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



Father Jack Herklotz, OMI

If a parishioner would like to give a donation, they can do so by clicking the link below

<https://rcav.org/sunday-offering/?BBFund=505&BBHideOtherFunds=1>

Also, parishioners can mail a cheque to St. Peter's Parish, by adding the envelope amounts and mailing only one Sunday envelope with the cheque. Cheques put in St. Vincent de Paul envelopes should be made out to St. Vincent de Paul, not St. Peter's. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, M-F; 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Sunday Mass is live streamed on Saturday, 5 pm.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvWDCCr3ATXbn23t83E6gfA>

Prayers for the sick: Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain: Alfredo Acedillo, Leon Alzate, Paola Balugay, Gail Bonner, Debbie Borger, Lillian Carlos, Desiree Changfoot, Lucia Christensen, Maggie Cottons, Baby Lily Katherine Cregan, Danica Delivuk, Anthony Donovan, Chito Garcia, Eileen Heath, Marie Hocking, Gloria Jacquiard, Leonida Lampong, Mimi & Bill Lawrence, Renato Malabanan, Tess Marier, Hugh Methot, Bonnie McKinley, Maggie Misfeldt, Roland Proulx, Ron Ross, Rosa Santos, Mimi Wunderlich.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA: Two bursaries of \$500.00 each, will be awarded to a daughter or son of parents/guardians registered in St. Peter's Parish. Due to these uncertain times, and for this year only, applications will be accepted from May through September 30th, 2020. Criteria and application forms can be requested, via email or pick up, from the parish office. Monday-Friday; 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For information contact Christine Gangnon at 604-521-4182.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY: Two bursaries of \$ 500 each to be awarded to a registered member of St. Peter's Parish who will attend 1st year of post-secondary education. Application forms can be requested via email: st.peters@telus.net or pick up from the Parish Office, Monday-Friday; 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Deadline, May 31.

THANK YOU KNIGHTS for your donation of \$ 300.00 to help St. Peter's Parish during this difficult time.

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure that many of you are aware that Archbishop Miller announced that Parishes in the Archdiocese could reopen in a limited fashion. I'm certain that this news for some brought excitement that they could again participate in the Eucharist while many others, in fact, the vast majority, expressed serious concern about the reopening. On the diocesan website (<https://rcav.org/>) you can find the documents pertaining to the directives and conditions to a resumption of Sunday Eucharist. Please be aware that dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect and that the decision to reopen for a limited number of participants was left to the discretion of the pastor of the parish with input from his parish council as well as many other leaders of the various parish groups.

After prayer and reflection and consultation with the above mentioned, we have come to a decision not to reopen for the time being. Participation would be limited to fifty in total, reservations would need to take place, attendance would be recorded with contact information, and heavy sanitizing would need to take place after each service. The limitation of our space, the recruitment of the numerous volunteers needed to make this possible, the limited supply of cleaning supplies, and especially the risks posed to our seniors (including our priests) who are most vulnerable rule out this possibility for now. If you read the directives coming from the Archbishop's Office, you might well appreciate why we arrived at this difficult decision. Thank you for your understanding.

I want to thank the volunteers who make our live streaming possible; many people have expressed their gratitude for being able to be connected to their parish through this. The Covid-19 pandemic remains a fluid situation and we will revisit this question when we can worship in relative safety.

Fr. Jack Herklotz, OMI

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020:

Project Advance has some key changes this year. Archdiocesan funding priorities from this year's Appeal will be directed to a newly established Crisis Response Fund, to help vulnerable individuals and families during this time of pandemic, alongside other ministries of evangelization and outreach. The Archdiocesan goal has been reduced to \$1.625 million and St. Peter's target has been reduced from **\$36,500 to \$18,250**.

The Appeal will officially launch during the week of June 8th when past supporters of Project Advance can expect to receive a letter from Archbishop Miller. More details of the Appeal will be published in the BC Catholic and will be available at www.projectadvance.ca.

With your support during this very unusual time, Project Advance will again meet the needs of both our parish community and the Archdiocese.

THE GOOD CHEER FB PAGE is a closed group to make it a "safe place" for seniors who have had more than enough bad/sad news. No politics...just fun. Members need to be on FB to join, then find the group page and ask to join. Contact Century House at 604-519-1066 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love, and mercy.