

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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DECEMBER 13, 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Father Jack Herklotz, OMI**

Christmas Eve - live stream Mass at 7:00 pm. Christmas Day - live stream Mass at 11:00 am.

New Year's Eve - live stream mass at 5:00 pm. Confessions by appointment, 604-522-4611x 2.

Saturday, 5 pm Mass is live-streamed. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvWDCCr3ATXbn23t83E6gfA>

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

<https://support.rcav.org/donate-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. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office, M-F; 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

If a person would like to spend some quiet prayer time in church, they can do so, **Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: December 15-30. Monday -Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

December 24 and 31 the office is open till 12 Noon and closed on December 25, December 28 and January 1.

## **2021 ENVELOPE BOXES:**

Parishioners who would like to pick up their envelope boxes for 2021 can do so from the parish office, Monday-Friday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long:** Please join us for an afternoon of carolling and readings **on Sunday, December 20th at 2 pm via the parish's YouTube stream.** Lyrics will be posted so you can sing along with your favourite Christmas Season hymns in the comfort of your own home. We would encourage everyone, if you can, to make a donation of gift cards for Walmart and Save-On Foods. These gift cards will be used by St. Vincent de Paul.

**A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.** The Knights of Columbus is offering free membership for the 1<sup>st</sup> year in honour of the beatification of our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney. For more information contact our membership director, Elvis Atienza at 604-723-7266 or to join click <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

### **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FOR OBLATE MISSIONS:**

We thank you for partnering with the Oblates and the poor in our missions and we need your continued engagement.

Check out any of "Oblate Spirit" issues that share the stories of how Oblates of today continue a courageous collaboration with the poor: <https://omilacombe.ca/mami/oblate-spirit/>. If you are able, please consider donating now on-line through our secure website link: <https://omilacombe.ca/mami/donations/>

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain: Alvin Agsalud, Leon Alzate, JM Baquiran, Paddy Behan, Yvette Boivin, Gail Bonner, Debbie Borger, Desiree Changfoot, Lucia Christensen, John Clark, Maggie Cottons, Lily Cregan, Anthony Donovan, Sue-Anne Dunkin, Alfred Ehses, Ruby Lagmay Ghasemi, Eileen Heath, Marie Hocking, Gloria Jacquiard, Leonida Lampong, Jiangping Luo, Renato Malaban, Tess Marier, Bonnie McKinley, Maggie Misfeldt, Roland Proulx, Ron Ross, Rosa Santos, Mimi Wunderlich.

### **"A Gift of Hope" St. Matthew's Christmas Concert:**

The Annual St. Matthew's Christmas Concert, typically attended by 600-700 people, is our largest fundraiser for the Society of St Vincent de Paul which helps local families in need. This year's concert, however, will be presented online and available to everyone! Prepare a cup of hot chocolate, gather your friends, put on your favourite Christmas sweater and join us on **Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm.**

We have been blessed to bring together very talented performers from two of our Sunday choirs and from St. Matthew's Elementary School. To match that talent, we are blessed to have a professional Audio/Video team and producer onsite to ensure the maximal concert experience from home. Your evening's MC, Peter Luongo, will guide you through various performances by ensembles, instrumentalists, and solo vocalists, concluding the evening with a live carol sing-along. Let your hearts--and voices--stay warm!

Join us for 'a gift of hope': a concert open to all who wish to capture the spirit of a traditional Christmas filled with the peace and joy of the coming of Jesus, our living Hope.

**December Memorial Mass and Christmas Remembrance Tree Service:** We invite you to join us online on **Sunday, Dec. 20 from 2:30 - 3:30 pm as we celebrate Holy Mass at Gardens of Gethsemani Chapel** for all of our beloved departed of 2020. Following the Mass, we will have the Christmas Remembrance Tree Service. We invite you to register online at [rccav.org](http://rccav.org) and submit the name of your departed loved one. Staff at Gardens will write the name on an ornament and place it on the Christmas Remembrance Tree which will be blessed at the end of Mass. A participant from last year's Remembrance Tree Service shared that for her to put an ornament on that tree, was a way to tangibly love her lost ones and tell them: "I have not forgotten you. You are still in my heart."

**Blue Light Campaign Photo Contest:** To brighten up dark evenings, the archdiocese is launching a Blue Light campaign, inviting everyone to use blue lights when decorating their churches and homes as a sign of hope and solidarity with families who have lost loved ones and are experiencing a "blue Christmas" this year. Enter to win one of three gift baskets by participating in our Blue Light Campaign photo contest.

#### **How to Enter**

- Take a photo of your home, living space, church or office decorated with blue lights.
- Post your photo to Facebook or Instagram using the hashtags #bluelightchristmas #catholicvancouver @archvancouver before December 28.
- Make sure your post is public so we can see it and enter you

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day.

"Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.