

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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**DECEMBER 20, 2020
FOURTH 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 till December 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.

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.

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.

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/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 59th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL is on-line instead of paper tickets and you can win ALL CASH prizes totalling \$177,000. Funds raised go to local charities including St. Vincent DePaul Society, Bursaries for St. Peter's students, St. Peter's Social Justice Committee, St. Peter's Youth Group, Ukrainian Youth Group, STM Dry Grad, NWSS Dry Grad, and Education of Seminarians. Tickets are only \$3 and you can buy in groups of 1, 5 or 10 tickets. Please go to this link to purchase tickets: [KofCDraw.net/C1283](https://kofcdraw.net/C1283) and click on the poster. Or, if you do not have a computer please call Rod Giddens 604-525-3030 to buy tickets. **THEY MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!**

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 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:

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.