

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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**JANUARY 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Father Jack Herklotz, OMI

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 2:30 pm.

If a person would like to spend some quiet prayer time in church, they can do so, **Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.**

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: Robert Adams, Alvin Agsalud, Leon Alzate, JM Baquiran, Julie Beaupre, 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 Malabanan, Tess Marier, Bonnie McKinley, Maggie Misfeldt, Roland Proulx, Ron Ross, Rosa Santos, Mimi Wunderlich.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS. DRAW FOR \$177,000 IN CASH PRIZES, January 30 at 8pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 59th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL is on-line and you can win ALL CASH prizes totalling \$177,000. 1st prize \$100,000, 2nd \$50,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$5,000, 5th \$2,000 and 6th to 15th \$1,000 each. Funds raised go to local charities including food for the needy, student bursaries, youth groups and student dry grads. Tickets are only \$3 each and you can buy in groups of 1, 5 or 10 tickets. Please go to this link to purchase tickets: KofCDraw.net/C1283 and click on the poster. Or, if you would like tickets bought on your behalf please call Rod Giddens 604-525-3030 to buy tickets.

An Invitation to join the St. Peter's Catholic Women's League (CWL) - Membership Drive - February 6/7:

St. Peter's CWL began in 1923 and has the distinction of being the oldest league in Metro Vancouver. During the past 97 years, the CWL has been instrumental in community building and supporting the spiritual life of our members, as well as serving St. Peter's Parish in a variety of ways. We are part of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations representing Catholic women and the church around the globe. Each year, the National CWL presents resolutions to various levels of the government on issues that impact families and communities at home and abroad. Our Council assists families with funeral luncheons and host a Moms' Circle for our busy moms to meet informally for spiritual and social interaction. We host spiritual retreats in our parish and invite informative speakers to enhance our knowledge of important issues and world beliefs and religions. We hold an annual fundraising bazaar. CWL's outreach services also support many initiatives in developing countries. Even though the worldwide pandemic had stopped the fundraising bazaar in November 2020, our St. Peter's CWL continued to get involved in different programs and projects including:

St. Peter's Parish:

Donations to St. Peter's Parish for special projects and/or events | Gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation children | CWL Scholarship Bursaries (two given annually of \$500 each) | Flowers for the Church.

Outreach and Charities:

ANCOP Canada | Archdiocesan Seminarian—Christmas gift | Aunt Leah's Place | BC Hospice & Palliative Care Association | Burnaby Pro Life Society | Canadian Legion—Poppy Fund & Remembrance Day Cross | Catholic Charities—“The Door is Open” | Century House Peer Counseling | CHABC Membership | Chalice – A Catholic Sponsorship Program | Covenant House, Vancouver | Domestic Abuse Services—OLGC | ESK-OMI Missions | Holy Trinity Cathedral Meals Program | KENYA-OMI Missions | L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver | Luke 15 House, Surrey | Missionaries of Charity | PERU-OMI Missions | Poor Clare's—St. Clare's Monastery | Pregnancy Concerns Program | Sancta Maria House/AGAPE, Vancouver | Save a Family Plan (sponsor a family in India) | Society for the Propagation of the Faith | St. Barnabas Church Meal Program | St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Peter's Parish

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to have an in-person membership drive this year. Nevertheless - Your membership adds power to the CWL's voice and helps us make a positive difference in our world! For questions or membership application, contact Cathy Miehm (604-523-5625 or cathy.miehm@shaw.ca).

INTO THE DEEP: READING "FRATELLI TUTTI": POPE FRANCIS' VISION OF FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP:

Pope Francis' latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti diagnoses the shortcomings of society that have been laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspired by the Gospel and the example of St. Francis of Assisi, Francis invites all to embrace fraternity and social friendship in order to build a more just world. Fr. Nick Meisl and Nick Olkovich will introduce and contextualize the encyclical, highlight important themes and invite participants to reflect on its implications for their Christian living. Join us for this free event on **Friday, January 29 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom**. Register now at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Deus Caritas Est - God is Love Women's Faith Study:

In his first encyclical, God Is Love, promulgated on Christmas Day, 2005, Benedict XVI expounds on the reality of love. He knows that the word “love” has been distorted and its meaning tarnished – and this letter calls us back to the foundational truths about love. This 8-week faith study is an opportunity to come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be loved by God, and how God's love is present in the concrete reality of our daily lives. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to meet other Catholic women, grow in fellowship and friendship, and go deeper in your relationship with God. There are two separate offerings for this study: **Thursday mornings beginning Feb. 4 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm OR Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Both sessions will take place online over Zoom**. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.