

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

*In the Care of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate since 1860*

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**FEBRUARY 14, 2021  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Father Jack Herklotz, OMI**

**2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** (Parish includes Archdiocesan online donations, St. Vincent de Paul and Project Advance) can be picked up from the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, otherwise, tax receipts will be mailed out on Thursday, February 18.

Parish receipts are issued to donors who have contributed \$ 20 or over for the year.

**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.

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.

**Confessions by appointment, 604-522-4611x 2.**

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

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.**

**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, Julie Beaupre, 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.

## **THE SEASON OF LENT**

Two sacraments, Baptism and Reconciliation are especially important during Lent.

During Lent, the Church prepares to celebrate the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. It is the time for preparation for Baptism: for those who will be baptized at Easter and for all who will renew their baptismal promises at the Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Holy Thursday afternoon when we begin the Three Great Days: **Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. (THE EASTER TRIDUUM).**

The Triduum begins with the Vigil on Holy Thursday evening when we commemorate the Last Supper. The 40 days of Lent (not including Sundays) are days of prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving. They remind us of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

Part of our Christian life is the call to do penance which is hatred for sin as an offence against God. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but we may substitute acts of charity or piety on that day.

During Lent we focus more on penance in our lives. This includes prayer, charity and self-denial as well as fasting and abstinence from meat.

Fasting has a deeper meaning for us when we deprive ourselves from food to be more open to pray, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline to open ourselves more to God and others and a means of purification and liberation from our addictions. The law of fasting in the Church is applied to people from 18 to 59 years old. the law of abstinence is for those 14 years and older.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.**

Our Lenten practices of prayers, fasting and almsgiving help us to improve our relationship with God and others, and to grow in our spiritual lives. We are invited to celebrate Reconciliation in Confession.

**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17, live stream Mass at 7 PM.**

**Distribution of ashes will follow the Mass. Parishioners are invited to receive blessed ashes on their foreheads from 7:45 PM until 8:15 PM. Please enter the Church through the main doors, proceed to the front and exit via the Hall doors. As we are advised not to touch anyone, ashes will be sprinkled on the forehead in silence.**

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN - February 17 to March 28:**

40 Days for Life is an international focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, & peaceful vigil to end abortion.

**NO** on-site prayer vigil (outside BC Women's Hospital) this campaign - BC Covid19 Public Health Order restrictions  
Please observe prayer & fasting if you can, during these days.

Personal prayer can be said at Church; Home; and virtual prayer groups!

Registration for Zoom Rosary evenings at 8:00 pm - (RCAV website)

Local contact: [vancouver40days@gmail.com](mailto:vancouver40days@gmail.com) Website: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver-bc>

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## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"