

## I Pledge – 1 Peter Campaign

*In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1 Peter 1:6-7)*

The First Letter of Peter (1 Peter) was written almost 2000 years ago to encourage followers of Jesus. 1 Peter continues to inspire us, the community of St. Peter's. The recent purchase of 402 Royal Avenue is a milestone for us, as the property will serve the mission of our community now and for future generations. With this purchase comes the challenge of paying off our loan of approximately \$1,000,000.

Inspired by the message of 1 Peter, the Fundraising Committee is launching the “**I Pledge – 1 Peter Campaign**” as a way for us to meet this challenge together by getting a head start on paying off our loan. Parishioners are encouraged to consider making a special donation of \$1K, \$5K, \$10K, or other amount. Donors in various categories (\$1K and above, \$5K and above, and \$10K and above) will be recognized in a special thank you page in our new Parish Photo directory, to be released in 2025. Donors may choose to remain anonymous or to make the donation in memory of an individual. Donations can be made at one-time, or in installments to be paid by December 31, 2024. Thank you for being a part of this campaign and for your generosity! – Fr. Nick

**I Pledge:**     \$1000     \$5000     \$10 000     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Paying in (check on):**     one-time donation     installments by Dec 31, 2024

**Paying with (check one):**

Cash or cheque (made to “St. Peter’s Parish”) for the *Building Enhancement Fund*

Credit card via [projectadvance.ca](https://projectadvance.ca) (select “St. Peter” from the dropdown menu)

**How can we recognize and thank you? (check one and add details if necessary)**

Donation made by \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Donation made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

I wish to remain anonymous

**Donor’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email/Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(please return completed form to St. Peter’s Parish Office, 330 Royal Ave., New Westminster)

# ST. PETER’S CHURCH

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4 SUNDAY EASTER, APRIL 21, 2024



**PASTOR**

Fr. Nick Meisl

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

Fr. Martin Moser, OMI

**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday: 5 pm (also livestreamed)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS**

Tuesday – Friday: 12 Noon

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Tuesday – Friday: 11:40 – 11:50 am

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact Fr. Nick: (604) 522 4611, ext. 2

*For marriages, please contact the Parish at least six months in advance.*

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Help line: 604 520 0663)

Catholic Women’s League

Knights of Columbus

Couples for Christ

Young at Heart Seniors’ Group

Indigenous Relations

Legion of Mary

Community of the Risen Lord

Eritrean Community

Young Adults Ministry

Development and Peace

Choir

Youth Ministry

## Welcome to St. Peter's!

**Young Adult Gathering Apr.28 , 6-9 pm:** Young Adults (~18-35) are invited to an evening of board games and pizza in the hall.

**Are you interested in having your child baptized?** Please speak to Fr. Nick or fill out the information form here: [stpetersnewwest.ca/sacraments/baptism](http://stpetersnewwest.ca/sacraments/baptism).

Congratulations to those who were baptized recently: Alexander, son of Michela and Gordon, Ella, daughter of Chris and Grace, and Alexandra, daughter of Laura and Steven!

**Interested in a Church marriage?** Contact Fr. Nick: [stpetersnewwest.ca/about/contact](http://stpetersnewwest.ca/about/contact)

**Couples for Christ:** Join us for a Christian Life Program every Saturday at 7pm until June 8, 2024 in the parish hall. For details contact Dan/Nhomie 778-986-3757.

**Lay Ministry Scholarship Program:** St. Mark's College, with support from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, offers the Formation for Lay Ministry Scholarship program, supporting the integral and important work of local lay ministry leaders. Multiple scholarships are available. Deadline to apply: April 30, 2024. More info: [tinyurl.com/ysectz6h](http://tinyurl.com/ysectz6h)

**Special Collection:** The special collection on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, will support the next generation of priests in our Archdiocese. It funds the formation and education of our seminarians. If using envelopes, please place special envelope in with collection. Or, parishioners can make their tax-deductible donation online at [rcav.org/vocations](http://rcav.org/vocations).

**Attention Students - Bursaries Available:** St. Peter's CWL is committed to supporting our youth pursuing post-secondary education. Two bursaries of \$500 each, will be awarded to a daughter or son of parents/guardians registered in St. Peter's Parish. Application forms are posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church or can be requested via e-mail [st.peters@telus.net](mailto:st.peters@telus.net) or pick up an application from the Parish office. Deadline: May 31.

**Living Laudato Si':** On Friday May 17 from 7-8:30 pm, St. Mark's College will be hosting a public lecture from Sr. Damien Marie. More information here: [tinyurl.com/3u4a8mep](http://tinyurl.com/3u4a8mep).

**Let us pray for those who are sick:** Gabby Alba, Celestina Amparo, Remedios Barro, Remedios Bartko, Jim Bilesky, Yvette Boivin, Gail Bonner, Lorrie Fee, Marlene Giddens, Marie Hocking, Terry Keenan, Ruby Lagmay, Bill Lawrence, Maggie Misfeldt, Raymond Mandursiak, Margaret Ng, Marie Pham, Catherine Radley, Mary Ann Maningas, Mary Villegas de Ballesteros, Romel Romey, Tim Salvacion, Melissa Santos, Teresita Tolentino, Maria Luisa Valenzuela, Fidel Villanueva, and Mimi Wunderlich.

## Fundraising Committee Updates

The recent purchase of 402 Royal Avenue (the property with the white building across from the Church) is a milestone for our Parish, as the property will serve the mission of our community now and for future generations. With this purchase comes the challenge of paying off our loan of approximately \$1,000,000. In order to reduce the interest, getting a head start on paying off this loan is an important priority for our Parish.

We understand that everyone's situation is different. We are very grateful for those who support our Parish, whether it be by volunteering their time and talents, with their prayers, or through their financial support. With the goal of making a significant repayment of our debt in the coming months, the Fundraising Committee has planned several initiatives noted below. While fundraising, we also hope to strengthen community along the way.

**Pentecost Potluck, Saturday, May 18, 6:30 pm:** Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Tickets are \$20 each, with all proceeds going to pay off our Parish loan. Please bring a dish to share. Non-alcoholic beverages and lechon will be provided by the Parish. You will have a chance to see some interesting historical artifacts from our Parish which we will have on display. Due to limited capacity, tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you to the Knight of Columbus for coordinating this event!

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**Project Advance:** Thanks to your generous support we were able to meet our goal last year and use funds to upgrade the choir loft. Our Archdiocesan assessment this year is **\$38 000**. This supports important works in our Archdiocese including the construction of new Catholic Schools and ministry to the vulnerable. Any funds raised above our Archdiocesan assessment will go entirely to paying off our loan. Knights of Columbus volunteers will assist in collecting donations after Mass. You can give online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) or by scanning the QR code. On the website, please select "St. Peter" from the drop-down menu.



**Thank you to the St. Peter's Catholic Women's League!** We are extremely grateful to the CWL for their generous donation of \$10,000, which will be used to help pay off the loan.