

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CANADA DAY	2 Queen's Park 10:15 am	3	4 Kiwanis 10:30	5 RC Manor 10am Adoration 1-2	6 Young Adult Adoration 6-10pm
7 14 Sun Parish Picnic 1-4 Queen's Park Shelter # 1 Spanish Mass 6:30pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 Baptism Prep 10am
14 15 Sun Coffee 10/Noon Knights Exemplification 2 pm	15	16 Queen's Park 10:15 am	17	18 Kiwanis 10:30	19	20 Eritrean Mass 10am
21 16 Sun Coffee 10/Noon	22	23	24	25	26	27
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ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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13 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 30, 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

Spotlight on Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a faith journey by which an adult becomes a Catholic Christian. The program is open to adults not fully initiated into the Church (i.e. has not received all the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation). Catholics who would like to deepen their faith are also invited to participate. Starting in September, RCIA meets every Tuesday at 7 pm. One of the RCIA participants, Theodor, shares his experience below:

Why did you decide to enter the RCIA program?: Catholicism screams truth, and I love truth. God had been calling me for years, but I was too ensnared in my own sins and shortcomings to listen. I finally did, thanks be to God.

Did you have any hesitations or fears in entering the RCIA program?: Not really, other than general anxiety about involving myself with a group I was unfamiliar with. I wasn't exactly sure what to expect, but my agitation was quickly stilled upon meeting everyone. Very kind group leaders and everyone was there united in the goal of drawing closer to God and the Faith. Do not think that you are too wretched a sinner for God to love and save you. The number of people more wretched than my former self from a short while ago is few. If you seek God with an open heart and mind He will work miracles in you.

What have been your favourite parts of the RCIA program?: The discussions arising from our review of Scripture and the assessments of different events and scenarios that go on in daily life from a Catholic perspective.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about participating in the RCIA program?: Absolutely do it, even if it makes you uncomfortable and even if you are unsure. You are not making any commitments merely by participating, it is a good way to learn about the Faith whether you are sure of your intentions to join the Church or if you'd just like to learn more.

Do you have any favourite memories from your time in the RCIA program that you would like to share?: My confirmation at the Easter Vigil was the most important day of my adult life thus far. RCIA night was often the highlight of my week, a refreshing reprieve from the madness of this world. Many laughs and thoughtful discussions, very good experience.

If you are interested in learning more about RCIA or know someone who might be interested in participating, you can find more information here: stpetersnewwest.ca/ministries/rite-of-christian-initiation-for-adults-rcia

Let us pray for the sick: Gabby Alba, Celestina Amparo, Remedios Barro, Remedios Bartko, Jim Bilesky, Yvette Boivin, Gail Bonner, Harry Demchuck, Tessie Evangelista, Lorrie Fee, Marlene Giddens, Terry Keenan, Ruby Lagmay, Bill Lawrence, Maggie Misfeldt, Margaret Ng, Venancio Pegarum, Marie Pham, Catherine Radley, Mary Ann Maningas, Mary Villegas de Ballesteros, Romel Romey, Barbara Rosmer, Melissa Santos, Teresita Tolentino, Maria Valenzuela, Fidel Villanueva, Linda Villarosa, and Mimi Wunderlich.

Annual Parish Picnic July 7, 1-4 pm, at Queen's Park

Our annual parish picnic is happening next Sunday July 7, 1–4pm at Queen's Park Shelter #1. Please bring your own picnic and a chair. Water, pop, and some desserts will be provided. This year we are planning new games and activities. Join us for a fun time to socialize and get to know your parish community!

Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our community: Francisco, son of John and Rochelle; Axel, son of Cory and Maria, and Sawyer, son of Peter and Celeste!

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

Interested in a Church marriage? Contact Fr. Nick: stpetersnewwest.ca/about/contact

"HOT FOOD TO GO": St. Peter's CWL will be holding two fundraisers this summer with proceeds going towards offsetting the parish loan. We will be offering a delicious home-style Chicken Chow Mein (Pansit) & 2 Vegetarian Egg Roll Meal good for two prepared in our parish kitchen for only \$15. Eco friendly takeout containers are provided. We will be accepting pre-orders and payment after ALL the Masses this weekend and next. The meal will be ready for pick up on Sunday, July 14th after the 9 and 11 am Masses. Baked goods will also be available for sale after both masses. For questions or to order, please contact Lita at 604-522-5428 or email litaфуoss@gmail.com.

Young Adult Gathering June 30, 6-9 pm: Young Adults (~18-35) are invited to join us for our annual summer potluck in Tipperary Park.

St. Peter's Cemetery Open House: You are invited to an Open House at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery (50 Richmond Street, New Westminster) **on July 10 from 10am – 3pm** to learn about what pre-need burial arrangement options are available to you. This event is free, and no registration is required. Although all traditional plots are sold out, cremation in-ground plots and spaces in St. Peter's columbarium are available. Open house attendees who are archdiocesan parishioners can save 20% off burial space. Please inquire with an on-site advisor. Learn more by visiting rccav.org/events.

Arise Youth Retreat. All youth born in 2009 and 2010 (going into Grades 9 and 10 this September) are invited to the annual Arise Youth Retreat at Camp Jubilee in North Van on August 26-30! By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants will learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities, presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. Learn more beholdvancouver.org/events.