

ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD

Pedro (Peter) Calungsod was a 17th century Filipino lay Catholic who preached Christianity in the United States territory of Guam, where he was martyred at the age of 17.

He was born on July 21, 1654, at Ginatilan in Cebu province of the Philippines. Little is known about his family, early life and how he went on to become a lay missionary.

Calungsod was a skilled sacristan and catechism teacher who became a companion of Spanish Jesuit missionary Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores. In Guam, he had primary education in a Jesuit-run boarding school and learned Spanish. He also developed skills for drawing, painting, singing, acting, and carpentry, to embolden his missionary activities.

Together with Father Vitores, Calungsod preached Christianity to the Chamorro people through catechism. They baptized infants, children and adults, defying the risk of persecution and murder. Their efforts saw many Chamorro convert to Catholicism.

On April 2, 1672, shortly after Calungsod and the priest baptized an infant, a mob enraged by anti-Christian propaganda attacked them. Choco, an influential Chinese man, hatched a plot to eliminate the missionaries. He instigated the islanders by saying that the missionaries had mixed poison with the baptismal water and wine used in the Holy Mass.

A spear thrown by a native pierced the layman's chest, and he collapsed on the ground. Father Vitores was also killed shortly. The bodies of the martyrs were dragged to the sea and were disposed of the water after stones were tied to their feet.

Pope John Paul II beatified Calungsod March 5, 2000, in the Vatican. Pope Benedict XVI canonized him on Oct. 21, 2012, making him one of the youngest saints of the Church.

The shrine of Saint Pedro Calungsod at Cebu City is a major Catholic pilgrimage site in the Philippines.

St. Pedro Calungsod is the patron of Filipino youth, catechists, catechumens and altar servers.

During his beatification, Pope John Paul II hailed the teenage martyr for his great example of faith.

"From his childhood, Pedro Calungsod declared himself unwaveringly for Christ and responded generously to his call. Young people today can draw encouragement and strength from the example of Pedro, whose love of Jesus inspired him to devote his teenage years to teaching the faith as a lay catechist," the pope said.

[When April 2 falls within Holy Week or the Octave of Easter, his feast is transferred to the Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent, the day after the Friday of Sorrows and before Palm Sunday.]



ST. MONICA PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
SATURDAYS: **9:00 am & 5:00 pm**
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am, 11:00 am**
& 4:00 pm (YVR)

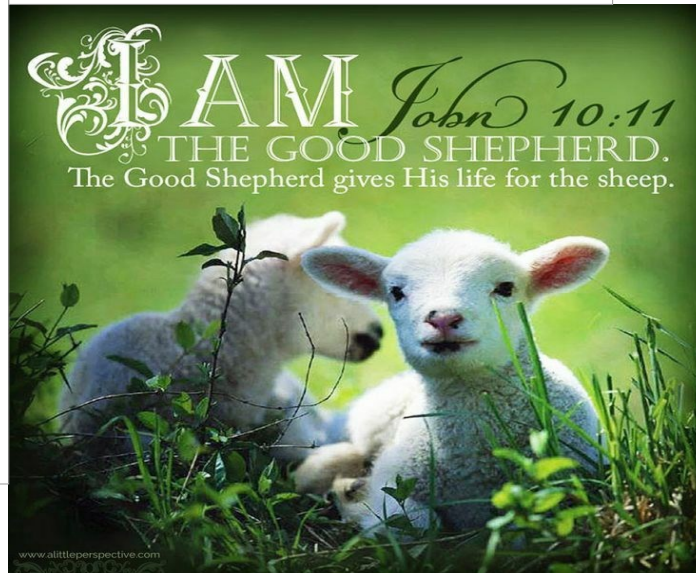
CONFESSION SCHEDULES
SATURDAYS: **9:45 am—10:30 am**
20 minutes before Daily Mass

BAPTISM every Saturday @ 11am
WEDDING – Please call the Parish Office
at least 6 months in advance.
FUNERAL, HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL
Please call the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY:
Perpetual Help Novena after 9am Mass
FRIDAY:
Holy Hour after 9am Mass
1st SATURDAY:
Rosary for Vocation after 9am Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Weekend of April 20/21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?



Official Enshrinement of San Pedro Calungsod

The Cebuano Society of Canada, in collaboration with the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, invites devotees and all faithful to witness the official enshrinement of St. Pedro Calungsod, Filipino patron saint of migrants and youth. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will preside over the Holy Mass. On Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish in Richmond.

Second Collection: Work of Vocations

The second collection on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, will support the next generation of priests in our Archdiocese. It funds the discernment, formation and education of our seminarians, ensuring that they receive the preparation necessary for them to be good shepherds who are effective in their priestly ministry. You can make a tax-deductible donation in-person or online at rcav.org/vocations.

Sacrament of Confirmation at St Monica Parish

Join us in praying for our sixteen PREP Grade 7 students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30pm. Let us also pray for their parents and catechists who guided them in their faith journey.

March for Life - Victoria, BC

Join thousands from across Canada who are passionate about promoting life from conception to its natural end. Participants will gather in prayer and listen to a number of speakers who actively advance life issues at the BC Legislature in Victoria, in an effort to lobby the pro-life movement across the province. On Thursday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register by Wednesday, April 24. Transportation Cost: Senior (\$35), Adult (\$70) Ages 12-64, Child (\$50) Ages 5-11. Pickup @ St. Paul's Church. Please register at the link below to reserve your seat. <https://rcav.regfox.com/march-for-life-mainland-transportation-2024>

Project Advance 2024: Building our Parish Community

Your support of Project Advance will help grow our parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most. Parish Projects for 2024: (1) Installation of acoustic panels in the church, (2) Installation of laser projectors in the parish hall, (3) repair of the hall roof.

Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online.

St Monica Parish goal is \$75,000.00. Learn more and donate at projectadvance.ca.

Do you want our Lord to give you many graces? Visit him often. Do you want him to give you few graces? Visit him seldom. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are powerful and indispensable means of overcoming the attacks of the devil. **Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.**

—St John Bosco

ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

Legion of Mary every Tuesday @ 9:30am in the Crying Room

Legion of Mary Junior every Sunday @ 10am in the East Room

Cenacle Prayer Group every Thursday @ 9:30am in the Crying Room

Couples for Christ Ministries (CFC) every 1st & 3rd Saturday @ 12pm in the Upper Room

Catholic Women's League (CWL) every 2nd Saturday @ 10am in the South Room

El Shaddai Ministries every 2nd & 4th Saturday @ 6pm in the Upper Room

Knights of Columbus (KoC) every 3rd & 4th Saturday @ 10am in the Upper Room

Bukas Loob sa Diyos Community (BLD) every 3rd Sunday @ 2pm in the Upper Room

Families for Christ Community (FFCC) once a month @ 2pm in the Hall

(Please contact FFCC @ 778 872 4100 for exact dates)

Zumba & Line Dancing work-out every Monday @ 7pm in the Hall.

Fees: \$30/month or \$10 drop-in.

ST. MONICA PARISH Kitchen Items For Sale

The Parish is selling kitchen items on Sunday, April 21 after the 9am & 11am Mass. For more details please call Marilyn Suba @ 778 522 1404 or email: marilyn_suba@yahoo.com.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	CONDITION
1	DINNER PLATES (big)	322	looks new
2	BREAKFAST PLATES (medium)	302	looks new
3	SOUP BOWLS	202	looks new
4	COFFEE CUPS	37	looks new
5	SAUCERS	39	looks new
6	MUGS	546	looks new
10	FORK	289	looks new
11	SPOON	222	looks new
12	TEASPOON	173	looks new
13	KNIFE	300	looks new
14	GLASS	359	looks new
15	WINE GLASS	372	looks new
16	TEA POT	23	very good
17	PITCHER (clear, plastic)	40	very good
18	STAINLESS PLATTER	6	looks new
19	BAKING TRAY (jumbo size)	18	looks new
20	SALT SHAKER	100	new
22	CHAFING DISH (set)	3	old, marks of burn
28	CLEAR GLASS BOWL (small)	11	good