



**ARCHDIOCESE OF
VANCOUVER**
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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet you!



FR. RON THOMPSON

Please Note:

All Request of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during regular Office Hours not by Email. As the Parish Office receives dozens of emails daily, phoning is important in order that your request is received. Thank-You.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14 — MAY 20, 2023

Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

Weekdays: Monday 8:00AM; Tuesday 4:00PM; Wednesday – Friday 8:00AM

First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon– 6:45pm; Benediction 6:45pm; Second Mass 7:00pm

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am

Confessions: Wednesday—Friday; 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:00–4:30 pm

Office Schedule: Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

By Appointment; Marriage: Notify 8 Months in Advance.

UPCOMING

VICTORIA DAY MASS: Monday 22nd May Mass will be at 8:00 am instead of the usual holiday time (9 am) due to Father having another Mass later that day.

THIS SUNDAY'S READING, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14TH MAY

Jesus asks his Father for another Paraclete, who will remain with us and help keep the memory of Jesus alive. Paraclete is a term which comes from the Greek and signifies a legal advocate, one who speaks for us. It is only the loving acceptance of this Spirit of truth which allows us to love someone whom we know not by sight but through the testimony of others.

The Spirit of truth is the Church's creative memory. It enables us to enter into the mystery of Christ. Thus the Church takes part in the vital communion of Father and Son. This same Spirit inspires us to love Jesus, "in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it" (1 John 3:18).

The love of Christian for the Master is not satisfied with words. The scriptures attest to the indissoluble bond between knowledge and moral life. To say that we know Christ without keeping his commandments is a lie. On the contrary "whoever keeps his word, truly has the love of God been made perfect in him" (1 John 2:5). By living as Jesus lived, we already pass with him from death to life.

100th Anniversary Celebration
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish



OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY
THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 will mark the
100TH ANNIVERSARY
Of the founding of

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

MASS 5 PM & DINNER 6:30 PM WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Tickets on Sale After Church in the Vestibule or during Office Hours

\$100 EA, Table of 8 for \$800

We are looking for more photos, films, videos of any parish events, within the last 99 years, and would love to include them in our 100th Anniversary celebration Souvenir Program Book and our Video History.

Please drop off your memorabilia in person at the Parish Office.

For details or to share your photos, please contact the Parish Office, **604-261-3535** or email parish.sspp@rcav.org

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>May 14th, Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 15th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. R. McLeod †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>May 16th, Eastertide</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Raymond Sawada †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 17th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Jane Mackay Dunn †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>May 18th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention—Healing</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>May 19th, Eastertide</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. John Horgan †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>May 20th, Eastertide The Ascension of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>George Reifel—Healing Bryan Wei-Hao Huang—Bday</i>



A Truly Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!

May Mary our Mother pray for you in your vocation in her image.

Happy Mother's Day!

We remember at the Altar, all our Mothers who are no longer with us; may they enjoy the reward of their love.



CALLING ON MUSICIANS, (ORGANIST, VIOLINIST, FLUTISTS) PLAYERS

We are looking for volunteer musicians to play at our Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 4:00 pm Mass. If you are able to play 1 or 2 times

a month, please contact the parish Office. Thank you for lifting up our voices.



READERS FOR MASS

We are looking for more readers for our Masses. If you can help, simply phone the parish office. Thank-you for your assistance.

MONERIS (DIRECT DEPOSIT) DEDICATED GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PARISH

To make Sunday giving as easy and effective as possible, our parish is now providing a new option for the weekly collection: Dedicated Giving through electronic payments. Regular Sunday contribution will be taken on the 1st of each month and the Building Fund is taken on the 15th of each month.

If you are interested please fill out a form and place it in a sealed Moneris Envelope and drop it off at the Parish Office or the Rectory Mail Slot.

ADVANTAGES TO YOU

- *Regular and consistent support to the parish*
- *Continued support if you are away*
- *Eliminates "catch-up" periods*
- *Convenience of not having to write weekly cheques*

ADVANTAGES TO THE PARISH

- *Allows regular, dependable flow of contributions*
- *Enables effective planning of our parish resources.*
- *Reduces paperwork and bookkeeping*

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

"Christ said, "I am the Truth"" he did no say "I am the custom."

- St. Toribio

"There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers."

- St. Teresa of Avila

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

"Let us go forward in peace, over eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labours."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."

- St. Clare of Assisi

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

- St. Rose of Lima

VOLUNTEER SERVICE



Minor maintenance upkeep of the Church is desired.

If you would like to spend a couple of hours a week during the day, to help with this, kindly phone the parish office. It would be appreciated. Thank-you.

I WANT MORE PURPOSE IN THE EVERYDAY BY: CHRIS JOHN



Have you ever been in a place spiritually where you feel a little unsure about what you're doing with your life? Where you begin to wonder: Is this really what God's purpose is for my life?

I know I have.

In fact, I was recently feeling just that—a little bored and restless about the day-to-day of my life. There was nothing outright bad about it but I just felt kind of, well, meh. My interactions with people and work and even my time in prayer felt a little bland and uninspired. And I was feeling a bit unsure of God's purpose in all of it.

Thankfully, my spiritual director was able to remind me that much of the Christian life—and much of God's purpose for our lives—is walking humbly with the Lord through days that are simply okay. It's running errands with a spirit of quiet joy. It's completing our workday tasks with patience and discipline.

It's making space in our hearts to trust that God is always walking with us and helping us no matter how mundane it seems at times.

God's purpose for our lives certainly has those mountain-top moments—those times when we feel His comfort and love and excitement about our callings. But there are a lot of days in between those when God's purpose for us is to live out our ordinary days with love, patience, and trust.

In fact, our unique purpose and meaning are often wrapped up in our 9-5 jobs, our friends, the city we live in, and our family. We all play a role in our communities to be the hands and feet of God. To love others, to hold them accountable, to pray for them... This is how God may be working in their lives: through us.

It was a reminder I certainly needed at the time, though I think there are things we can do to help keep this truth front and centre in our lives.

For one, I have found it helpful to develop a posture of interior silence so that I can hear God's voice regularly. What does that mean? It is a particular form of prayer that can help us make sense of our conflicting emotions, desires, yearnings, fears, and so on. It entails sitting quietly and focusing on God's love for us. Just sitting and allowing the Lord to be present to us and love us.

I sometimes will repeat the name Jesus in my mind as a way to draw my often roaming thoughts back to the Lord. It allows me to hear God's still, inner voice that reminds me I am infinitely loved and am called to respond to this truth with joy and love. From this place of quiet, I may realize a thought or desire keeps bubbling up, and that this might be the Lord. Or that, once my mind is calmed, I can better give my problems over to the Lord without fear or anxiety. With this type of prayer, we can learn to sense the Lord in our hearts and the peace that only He can bring.

St. Ignatius of Loyola developed a series of exercises for doing just this, which he called the discernment of spirits. And while these can be helpful in making bigger life decisions—they can also help us better see God's purpose for us in the little things in our lives. We can learn to offer up our desires and thoughts, our boredom and confusions, allowing God to help us make sense of them. The more we engage in this type of prayer, the more we can see God working in the "everyday" of our lives.

In other words, we can see that a warm exchange between a coworker was God offering His consoling presence to us. We can realize we might be called to grow in humility when it comes to being around certain people who frustrate us. We can see that we may be giving into technology to distract us from our fear as opposed to turning it over to Christ. And we can be aware of God's purposes in the numerous things and people that make up our ordinary days.

We can also make room to discover God's purpose for our daily lives by looking around us with love and compassion. God's purpose for all of us is fundamentally the same each day: to grow in love of Him and others.

This means our daily purpose always entails serving others. And we do this best by being immersed in the lives of others.

By being involved in the world, we can see where some people in our life are hungry for God, and how we might be called to bring them Christ to satisfy that hunger.

This has no doubt been true for me. It is my spiritual director who helped me see that God was asking me to grow in humility and faith during those days of feeling restless and uninspired. It is my faith community that helps me remember how each day is an opportunity to serve and love others—even in the smallest of ways—through their own example and witness. It is my relationship with my family that reminds me of how precious each moment is spent with the people who love us.

It is truly in the mundane or the ordinary, or whatever you may categorize it as, that God really unravels the deep, meaningful, purpose. St. Therese of Lisieux dreamed of being a missionary. But she realized that she was not being called to love those in distant lands—as great as that purpose seemed to her—but that her God-given purpose was to love, with small acts of kindness and humility, the sisters in her very own community daily. I think her example is a great reminder for us: God's purpose for our lives, more often than not, can be found in the smallest and simplest details that make up each day.

So what's your purpose? Why do you think God has you in the work, relationships, and city that you are in right now?

Original Post: <https://beholdvancouver.org/resources/i-want-more-purpose-in-the-everyday>

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out a Registration Form available in the vestibule and drop it in the Collection Basket.

If you would like Donation Envelopes and/or the BC Catholic please remember to check the boxes on the registration form.

If you would like to Donate via Direct Deposit please complete a MONERIES form and return it back to the parish.

For those already registered, any changes such as your address, tel. #, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 604-261-3535.

NB: The Building Fund contributions are not taxed by the Diocese, whereas the regular Sunday contributions are taxed at 14%.

THE ORDER OF MALTA

REQUEST FOR CLOTHING & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD



The Order of Malta is organizing Blue Drop Boxes in the back of the parish vestibule for the "Door is Open" Catholic charity.

If you have any reasonably worn clothing that can be reused and non-perishable food you can drop them in the blue boxes that should be available on:

27—28 May

17—18 June

To find out more about how your donations help our community:

<https://www.thedoorisopen.ca/>

Please ensure that any donations are placed in the Blue Box Provided and **ONLY on the days provided above, otherwise they will be removed.**

QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

The Church is open for prayer, Wednesday—Friday
12noon—3:00 pm

"Can you not watch with me?" - Matthew 26:40



Building Fund

We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.

A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!

MEDIA FOR CATHOLICS

FORMED

FORMED is a **FREE** website for Parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul Parish, all you have to do is sign-up online via your computer or smart devices with the app if you would like.

Steps for Parishioners to register for **FREE** on FORMED:

1. go to "signup.formed.org"
2. Type "Saints Peter & Paul Vancouver" to find and click on our Parish:
Saints Peter & Paul Parish 1425 W 39th Ave Vancouver BC
3. Click "Next"
4. Type first and last name as well as your personal email address and click "Sign Up"

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



How long does it take to become a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic is a life-long commitment. However, the Christian initiation process typically lasts for few months in order to prepare to take this step. Participants in the initiation process generally meet at least once a week. The initiation of individuals who are ready to make the commitment to become new members of the Catholic Church usually around Easter.

More questions? Contact the Parish Office

LEAVE A LEGACY



By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your Will; by this you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building

Fund.

This will enhance the Church's mandate to sanctify & teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.

