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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.

THIRTEENTH—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2 — JULY 29, 2023

Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am 4:00pm

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

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.

SUNDAY'S READING, FOURTEENTH ORDINARY TIME 9TH JULY

Jesus' mission has suffered a setback in the cities of Galilee. Despite the miracles he performed there, Jesus was not welcome. He turns once more to prayer to discover his Father's plan, to revel in his goodness, and to reiterate in a vibrant Magnificat the happiness of the poor.

Drawing from the treasures of scriptures, Jesus sings a hymn of praise to his Father. His renewed vision unveils the paradox of a salvation hidden from the learned and the clever but revealed to the humble ones who follow him. Jesus plays an unparalleled role in his revelation because his privileged relationship with God is sustained and tested within his calm centre of prayer. He is the Son by nature. Only he can know the essence of God as Father, and only he can inform his disciples of this mystery of love.

The union of the Son with the Father finds expression in the prayer of Jesus. Each Christian is called upon to join in the prayer. To pray with Jesus is to allow the Spirit to pray within us by opening us to God's presence. This makes us children ready to do the will of God and ready to stand in awe of the Son before the marvels of grace.

SUNDAY'S READING, FIFTEENTH ORDINARY TIME 16TH JULY

In making use of parables, Jesus did not inaugurate a form of preaching new to the people of his day. The Old Testament and later rabbinic literature offer many examples of this style of communication. It was the content rather than the form of Jesus' preaching which came as a surprise. He proclaimed with authority the proximity of kingdom of heaven and therefore the need to be converted to the Lord.

Jesus does not use parables simply for the sake of adapting common parlance. Yet the images he employs do enable us to hear the message seize its meaning, and become involved in it. Each evangelist explains in his own way the reason for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, ready to translate the word into action despite opposition and apparent defeat.

At certain times everything seems to conspire to prevent us from hearing the gospel and believing in its future. For two thousand years the sower has gone out to sow and we are sometimes tempted to ask what this sowing has accomplished. Our proper response to the prodigal lavishness of God should consist in seizing the word heard and allowing it to seize us that it may bear fruit.

SUNDAY'S READING, SIXTEENTH ORDINARY TIME 23RD JULY

The temptation to restrict the Church to the perfect has always haunted the Christian community animated as it is by a high ideal of holiness. To conquer evil has sometimes been interpreted as meaning to destroy sinners. Many a "holy war" has been fought in the name of Christian righteousness. Even James and John wanted to command fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his parables of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient followers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination of the weeds. The time for separation and for burning will come, but it is not now.

Today's reading calls the servants of God's kingdom to share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord. Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster the growth of what is good is in itself to overcome evil.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 2nd, (External) Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 3rd, St. Thomas, †72</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Berta de la Peña †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>July 4th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Yun-Hsien Huang He †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 5th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hector Quagliotti Romano †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>July 6th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Chung Tak Chow †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 7th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Jane Mackey-Dunn †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 8th, Ferial Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Archbishop Michael Robert Dunn †</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 9th, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 10th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>The Unborn in my Family</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>July 11th, St. Benedict †547</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Douglas Mackay-Dunn Sr†</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 12th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Ella Quagliotti Romano †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>July 13th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>C. Thompson †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 14th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>George Reifel</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 15th, St. Bonaventure †1274 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Ashley Irene Brass † Private Intention</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 16th, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 17th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention—Healing</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>July 18th, Ferial</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Rose Sung-Ching Lee †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 19th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. John Horgan †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>July 20th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>J & K Caviezel</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 21st, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Charles Henry Wills †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 22nd, St. Mary Magdalene Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Patrick Leung † Margaret Dunn †</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 23th, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 24th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>R. Heffernan</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>July 25th, St. James † 44</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Int. St. Walgurga Abbey</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>July 26th, St. Anne & St. Joachim</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>M.J. Mackay-Dunn †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>July 27th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention—Healing</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 28th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Sr. M. Bethany OP</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 29th, St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Sr. M. Martha OP Private Intention</i>

SUNDAY JULY 2:



The 13th in Ordinary Time will be replaced by the (External) Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul as liturgical law Exhorts that our patronal feast be celebrated also on the closest Sunday to the



OFFICE NEWS

Office now has returned to the meeting rooms in the basement.

Entrance: West Side of the Church yard; 1/2 way down.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

“This day has been made holy by the passion of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. We are, therefore, not talking about some obscure martyrs. ‘For their voice has gone forth to all the world, and to the ends of the earth their message.’ These martyrs realized what they taught: they pursued justice, they confessed the truth, they died for it.

“Saint Peter, the first of the apostles and a fervent lover of Christ, merited to hear these words.... ‘I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church...

“Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching and their confession of faith.”

(From a sermon by Saint Augustine, from the Second Reading, Office of Readings, Liturgy of the Hours)

THE OPENING & CLOSING OF WINDOWS:



These are adjusted for an overall benefit: “the whole is greater than the part”. Do not adjust these on your own, instead take another seat if you find it drafty.

Thank-you for your understanding & cooperation.

THE MISSION OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BY CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI

The liturgical celebration of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, is of great significance to Catholics throughout the world as well as to those of us here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where our Cathedral bears their names. These two followers of Jesus are often spoken of together, just as their liturgical celebration takes place jointly. Concerning this joint celebration, Saint Augustine said: "One day is assigned for the celebration of the martyrdom of the two Apostles. But those two were one. Although their martyrdom occurred on different days, they were one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We celebrate this feast day which is made sacred for us by the blood of these Apostles" (Sermon 295, 7, 8).

Peter and Paul and those who come after them are "sent forth"

The very word "mission," which we have used in this week's title in connection with these men, helps to explain their function in the divine plan. "Mission" comes from a Latin word which means "to send" or "sent." Since Jesus wanted His work on earth to continue until the end of time, He founded a Church, which He would continue to guide through the presence of the Holy Spirit. He also chose individuals, who along with their successors would cooperate in His saving mission and share in His authority. These individuals were sent forth to preach and teach in the name of Jesus. Although they, as human beings, would die, their mission would not die. This is why it is very important that we do not merely see the Church as an institution or a bureaucracy but as a living instrument in the world, called to transmit the message of Jesus. As an organized society, there will always be a need for leaders, according to God's plan, and there will always be a certain structure in order to organize the works of the Church. However, her primary mission is to teach in the name of Jesus, transmit the grace of the sacraments and carry on works of charity in His name.

Beginning with the Apostles, we see the Church living out her mission in the present. Many Religious Congregations, especially those that do missionary work, have ceremonies of commissioning, in which they send forth their members to bring the message of Jesus, following the command of Jesus, who commissioned and sent the first missionaries. When I have the privilege of ordaining new priests, I know that I am continuing the work of the Apostles as I send forth the latest in a long line of those who will preach and teach the faith and transmit the graces of the sacraments.

Special role of Peter and Paul

There is another ceremony which takes place on this day which reminds us of the living mission of the Church, which will be fulfilled until the end of time. Several years ago, I wrote about the pallium in this column. The pallium is a wide band made from the wool of lambs blessed on the feast of Saint Agnes. These pallia are placed under the main Altar of Saint Peter's, at the place believed to be the actual burial site of Saint Peter. On or near June 29, the Pope bestows them upon all those who have been named archbishops in the previous year because the pallium is the sign of the jurisdiction of an archbishop. I have had the privilege of receiving the pallium twice: once after becoming the Archbishop of St. Louis and then again when I became the Archbishop of Philadelphia. This ceremony is a wonderful sign of the continuity of the mission of the apostles, as the archbishops go throughout the world to preach, teach and sanctify in the name of Jesus.

Our Cathedral Basilica

Saints Peter and Paul also have a special significance for us here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia because our cathedral bears their names. It is wonderful to note that here in what was referred to as the "New World," the Gospel was planted in union with Peter and Paul. Eighteen-hundred years after their martyrdom, the principal church of what would become the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, was given the names of those who first went forth to preach the Gospel in obedience to Jesus' command. You may know that the word cathedral comes from the Latin word "cathedra," meaning chair. This is because the principal Church of a diocese contains the Chair of the Bishop of that diocese. It reminds us that from the bishop, a successor of the Apostles appointed by the successor of Saint Peter, others are sent to aid him in the preaching of the Gospel. A reminder of this fact may be found in the Holy Oils that are used in the administration of certain sacraments. There are three different kinds and they are blessed by the bishop of a diocese, usually on Holy Thursday morning. Then they are distributed to all the parishes of the diocese to be used throughout the year. In this way, I can be spiritually present to all of you as the priests and deacons who assist me in my mission bring the sacraments to you.

Among the many beautiful works of art in our Cathedral are two fine mosaics placed on the wall behind the main Altar. One depicts an image of Saint Peter and the other of Saint Paul. Behind the image of Saint Peter, we see Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and behind the image of Saint Paul the image of the Roman Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls is found. What a marvelous reminder that we share in the faith preached by Peter and Paul! Not only has Rome been sanctified by their preaching and martyrdom, the faith they preached has also been preached to us.

I hope that we can all use our celebration of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul as a way to give thanks for the gift of the faith, entrusted to Peter and Paul and handed on to us.

We know that Jesus sent forth all twelve of His Apostles. In fact, the true Church of Christ is present only where there is an unbroken succession and identification with the spirit of the Apostles. However, among all the apostles, Peter and Paul have always occupied a special place in the life and liturgy of the Church. "Peter professed his faith in Christ first; Paul obtained as a gift the ability to deepen its riches. Peter founded the first community of Christians, who came from the Chosen People; Paul became the Apostle to the Gentiles. With different charisms they worked for one and the same cause: the building of Christ's Church" (Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Celebration of First Vespers of Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, 28 June 2007). Saint Leo the Great (440-461) speaks of the fact that they are always considered and honored as a unit. He wrote: "About their merits and virtues, which surpass all power of speech, we must not make distinctions, because they were equal in their election, alike in their toils, undivided in their death" (In natali apostolorum, 69).

Of all the places throughout the world where Peter and Paul are honored, they receive the greatest veneration in the City of Rome. An ancient Christian tradition claims that their last meeting before their martyrdom took place near the site of the present Saint Peter's Basilica. It is said that they greeted and blessed each other before going to their respective deaths for the faith and for preaching the Gospel according to the command of Jesus. When this Solemnity of Peter and Paul is celebrated in Rome, it does not have the characteristic of a historical recollection or mere celebration of the past but the celebration of a living reality. You may have seen photographs of the famous bronze statue of Saint Peter in the Basilica, which has a foot worn down by being kissed in veneration by the faithful. This statue is vested on June 29, complete with Papal cope and tiara, to indicate our belief that although Peter was put to death on this very spot two thousand years ago, the office of Peter lives in his successor.

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%.

QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME

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



A WORD FROM FATHER RON



For your convenience, especially throughout the summertime, Bottles of Water are available in our small fridge located on the west side of the vestibule. Do help yourself. Water does not break our eucharistic fast.



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

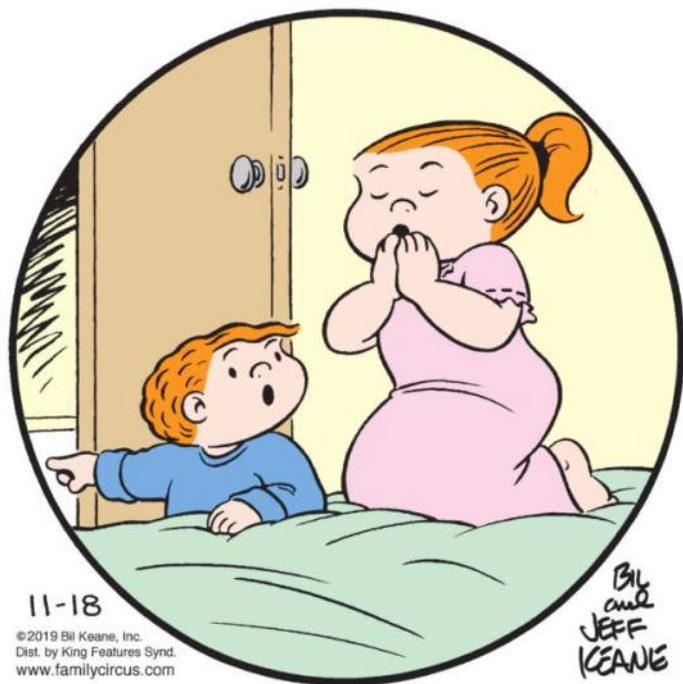


LEAVE A LEGACY

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.



"No, Dolly, our father art downstairs watching football."