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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.*

## SEVENTEENTH-TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 31 — AUGUST 26, 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, SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY TIME 30TH JULY

The success of casinos and state lotteries is a witness to our hope that somehow we might strike it rich without effort. The chance of a lifetime, the un hoped for occasion, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. In order to attain that reassurance we must take the risk of a speculator and sell all that we have in order to buy that which holds the promise of greater wealth. Woe to those who label as foolishness that which is profound wisdom, the ability to appreciate the search for real wealth. "Ask yourself", says Newman, "if the Kingdom would disappear, would you change anything in your life? If you see nothing that you would change, it is because you have risked nothing for Christ and the Kingdom."

A life risked for Christ and the kingdom is the demand made by baptism. Social, professional, and even family life, are lived within parameters. Only the Christian life is an absolute. The passion for Christ must submerge all other controlling factors in our lives. For the one who wishes to follow Christ must sell all, refusing to tolerate the least measure of hypocrisy or compromise.

Selling all for Christ does no denigrate freedom. Sacrifice and detachment are the necessary consequences of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. More than any great cause, Jesus excites within us great joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering the meaning of life, the joy of finding ourselves engaged in the adventure of holiness.

## SUNDAY'S READING, TRANSFIGURATION TIME 6TH AUGUST

The transfiguration is not simply an encouragement on our journey, but the very revelation of him who precedes us in glory. The disciples of Jesus cannot put up a tent. The disciples must follow the suffering servant along the way to cross.

**Alleluia**

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom mis all my delight: listen to him.

Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before their eyes. His face became as dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them conversing with him. Upon this, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is for us to be here! With your permission I will erect three booths here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son on whom my favour rests. Listen to him. "When they heard this the disciples fell forward on the ground, said, "Get up! Do not be afraid." When they looked up they did not see anyone but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountainside Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone of the vision until the Son of Man rises from the dead."

## STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP

Next meeting will be this **Wednesday 4th October**

**1st November & 6 December**



Presentation: The Presence of the Mystery of the Eucharist  
"Biblical Foundations"

Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Come and join us!

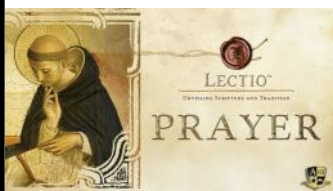
## PLEASE NOTE:

**Sat, Aug 5, @ 9 am**  
**Pro-Life Mass**  
Light Refreshment to follow after Mass

**Wed, Sept 6, @ 7 pm**  
20th Anniversary Memorial Mass for:  
**Msgr. D. Neumann Memorial Mass**  
Light Refreshment to follow at V.C.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 30th, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 31st, St. Ignatius of Loyola † 1556</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>W.Y.D. Participants</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 1st, St. Alphonsus Liguori † 1787</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>George Daley †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 2nd, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Hector Quagliotti Romano †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 3rd, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Dunn †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 4th, St. Jean-Marie Vianney † 1859</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Colin Scully</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 5th, Ferial The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Pro-Life Mass Pansy Yeung †</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 7th, Ferial (BC Day)</i>	<i>* 9:00 am *</i>	<i>Janet Wong †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 8th, St. Dominic † 1221</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>George Daley †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 9th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>J. Lee</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 10th, St. Lawrence † 258</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Ella Quagliotti-Romano †</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 11th, St. Clare † 1253</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Margaret Jane Mackay-Dunn †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 12th, Ferial Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Antonio Mena † George Reifel</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 13th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 14th, St. Maximilian Kolbe † 1941</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>The Unborn in my Family</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 16th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Jane Mackay-Dunn †</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 17th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 18th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Vincent Lee +</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 19th, Ferial Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Fr. John Horgan † Special Intention</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>August 20th, Twentieth Transfiguration</i>	<i>9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm</i>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 21st, St. Pius X † 1914</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Douglas Mackay-Dunn Sr. †</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Father Edward Thylstrup †</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>August 23rd, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Fr. W. Menezes, CPM</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>August 24th, St. Bartholomew † 69</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Private Intention—Healing</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>August 25th, Ferial</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Robert Dunn †</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 26th, Ferial Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>9:00 am 5:00 pm</i>	<i>R. Gabriel Colin Scully</i>



### FAITH STUDIES SERIES

First Fridays of every month: 10:30 - 11:45 am  
 Coffee : 10:15 am  
 Dates of Faith Studies: **Friday, 6 October**  
 Friday, 3rd November & 1st December

All Individuals are invited to participate in video presentations & discussions. See you there!

### STS. PETER & PAUL—TALKS OF THE FAITH RCIA

On Tuesday: 7 pm in the Church  
 19th September—7th November

## POPE BENEDICT XVI QUOTES ABOUT THE EUCHARIST

“Dear young people, the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist. Only he gives the fullness of life to humanity! With Mary, say your own "yes" to God, for he wishes to give himself to you.”

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”

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“Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself.”

“With the Eucharist, therefore, heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity.”

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **2 Half-Day Recollection**

- Tentative Dates Sat Oct 7th & Dec 2nd
- Speaker TBA

### **1st Anniversary Father John Horgan's Memorial Mass**

- Thursday October 19th Mass @ 7 pm
- Light refreshments to follow to follow at VC

## **SUNDAY'S READING, NINETEENTH ORDINARY TIME 13TH AUGUST**

When a strong wind halts the passage of their boat, the disciples believe they see a ghost approaching them. They do not think it is Jesus whom they left in prayer on the mountain. But he is following them, moving like a shadow across the water in order to save them from the danger they face. Through the turbulence of the waves his voice reaches them. Peter, at first hesitant to recognize him, finally throws himself into the water at the call of his Master. Suddenly he is caught in the squall and is about to go under. Jesus reproaches him: “How little faith you have, why did you falter?” At the voice of him who sustains his enthusiasm, Peter comes up from the baptism of fear and death into which he had sunk. The waves subside, the wind abates, and those in the boat give their hearts over to faith.

On the hostile sea of this world, the ship of the Church breaks through the waves, rising above the assaults of evil. The master is not visibly present. His return is awaited at the end of the night. The Church must steer its course toward the harbour of salvation by the light of the powerful word of the risen Lord.

Soon after the resurrection, the faith of the disciples foundered. They experience doubt and fear in the face of him who they perceived as a spirit (Luke 24:37). In the person of a weak but enthusiastic Peter, the faith of disciples finds its expression. This is our faith. If we turn resolutely toward Christ in obedience to his call, our faith can never be overcome by fear and doubt.

## **SUNDAY'S READING, TRANSFIGURATION 20TH AUGUST**

Jesus withdraws to the Gentile districts of Tyre and Sidon to get away from the adversaries who taunt him for breaking the Jewish rituals of purification. Here he will redefine the limits of clean and unclean. Through the supplication of a Canaanite woman, he will deal with the question of salvation for the Gentiles.

Strangely enough, Jesus remains silent as if he shared the arrogant particularism of the Jews toward these “dogs of the Gentiles”. He seems to hesitate and when he decides to answer the woman, he does so in shocking terms. He wishes to do the will of God who desires that the lost sheep of Israel be gathered together. Only then, from the base of this renewed people, will he welcome the Gentiles, in accordance with their belief into the great family of Abraham. What is this woman's problem? She does not believe that she has any right to demand the bread of divine friendship reserved primarily for the Jews. Al she can ask for are crumbs. But she asks with such faith and humility that she will receive the fullness of salvation for which she hopes. In the welcome Jesus gives this foreigner, the Christians of the first century saw a prophetic model for their own attitude toward the Gentile believers. They had to go beyond the limits of an elitist religion, one based on race alone, in order to preach a universal salvation grounded in faith.

Can we transcend the frontiers of our prejudices? Many whom we consider alien in fact teach us the meaning of faith.



## 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

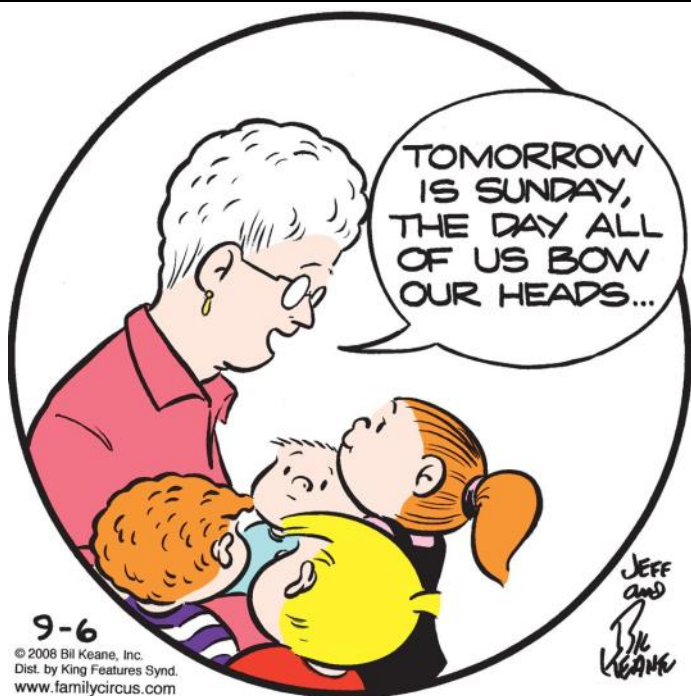
## LEAVE A LEGACY



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.



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**"... some are praying, and some are reading the comics."**