

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.

Peace of mind isn't only attainable; it's in your hands.

'Amen' is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God.

Project Advance & Parish Tax Receipts are now available for pick up at the vestibule.



Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community Feb.14 - Mar. 24.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.



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We learned the fourth commandment
'Honor thy father and thy mother.'



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 the Parish Goal.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

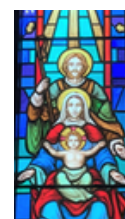
An update on our New Parish Centre Project to be built on the west side of the Church: (1450 W 38th and 1449 W 39th and the lane in between these): Virtually, the city has given necessary approval to move ahead. Our challenge now is to finance this. The total construction cost is estimated at 14.5 Million. We have an offer to purchase Cartier Hall for 8.5 Million. This means that we still need to raise 6.5 Million to pay for this project. Our present parish cash flow only covers operating expenses. Extra donations are required; including by contributions to the Parish Building Fund & Project Advance. An overview of the entire New Centre Building (one long one going from 38th to 39th): the 38th side (2 stories) would be the Great Parish Hall (named after Sts. Peter & Paul) with a connecting kitchen (named after St. Andrew the hospitality apostle). Nearby (on the Church side) would be the Conference Hall (named after St. James the Great) towards 39th would be the Adoration Chapel (named after St. John the Beloved). West of these (towards the neighbour: 1459 W 39th) would be the Office Wing (named after St. Matthew the tax collector). Upstairs on the 39th side would be more meeting rooms (named after all the other Apostles). Below all this would be underground parking and elevators throughout. These 12 rooms would be dedicated by the donor as they so pleased. If you might be interested in doing this, please let me know. I can't help but to remember that this Centre was Fr. John Horgan's dream; thus the Chapel of Adoration will be named after his patron. In the meantime, also, our Project Advance campaign for 2023 continues to assist this project, pledge forms for this are next to the bulletin. Our gratitude for your kind consideration in these matters that can bring about the needed growth to our parish life.

Blessings to you and yours!
Fr. Ron Thompson, Pastor

2024 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit or Credit Card

Thank you for your interest in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish's Sunday Offering Plan. This plan allows you to give your Sunday Offering on a monthly basis by direct deposit or credit card.

It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reach us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation. For more information, take this brochure.



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MAR. 10th - MAR. 16th, 2024 | YEAR B | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy Mass :Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

Weekdays: Monday 8:00am; Tuesday 4:00pm; Wednesday- Friday 8:00am

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

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00am

Confessions: Wednesday- Friday, 8:30am Saturday: 9:30am and 4:00-4:30pm

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

By Appointment; Marriage: Notify 8 Months in Advance

Readings: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

It is a paradox of human living that signs of death are no so frequently signs of healing. To this day the ancient caduceus, one or two snakes wrapped around a pole, stands as a sign of a pharmacist or physician. We know that the venom of vipers is used to make the antidote which heals those bitten by the same snakes. Despite the commonness of this paradox we still find it difficult to say "amen" to Jesus' preaching of death as the way to life.

All of us wants to be lifted up - but not upon the cross. All of us want to have eternal life - but none of us wants to die. When it comes to matters of sin & alienation the cure seems worse than the disease.

The prophet Jeremiah attempted to point out the same sort of paradox to his people. Was it truly possible that God could restore the nation at the hand of Cyrus, the King of Persia? We do not look to the enemy for healing & integrity.

But God is always breaking through human expectations. Paul knew that whenever we begin to think in very restricted categories. If healing & wholeness are God's work then the possibilities are as limitless as they are undeserved. Lent is an invitation to think the impossible & to live in impossible ways. Whoever rejects the impossible chooses condemnation. Whoever believes, whoever dares to live lifted up with Christ on the cross, is drawn with Christ to God.

Five Essential Insights of St. John Paul II

5. In his suffering, he pointed us to the mercy of God.

Near the beginning of his pontificate, John Paul II wrote an encyclical on God the Father titled Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy). In a sense, this title could be placed over his entire life and pontificate, especially his years-long struggle with Parkinson's disease and his death in 2005. This pope, who had been so great a speaker, finally taught us best with his silence. In the Church that lives from the sacrifice of her Lord, John Paul II became a suffering and, finally, a mute witness of Christ's love "to the end" (cf. Jn 13:1).



Welcome visitors! New Parishioner! 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 Office Hours not by Email. 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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 10th / (4th Sunday of Lent)
9:00am / 11:00am / 4:00pm- Parishioners

MONDAY, March 11th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Erina Rimland+

TUESDAY, March 12th/ Lenten Ferial

4:00pm - Peter Erceg

WEDNESDAY, March 13th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Annette Oliva

THURSDAY, March 14th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Lian O'Loughlin+

FRIDAY, March 15th / Lenten Ferial

8:00am - Leah Michaud

SATURDAY, March 16th / Lenten Ferial

9:00am - Oliva Family

5:00pm - Esther Morisse+

(5th Sunday of Lent)

THIS WEEK

2024 Penitential Services

To celebrate Jesus's Death and Resurrection we need to open our hearts to His merciful goodness.

The Church encourages us to participate in this Lenten Season by going to Confession and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

2024 Penitential Services

DATE OF SERVICE
NAME OF PARISH

March 12, Tuesday, 7:00pm St. Augustine
March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Immaculate Conception
**March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Saints Peter & Paul
March 15, Friday, 7:00pm St. John the Apostle
March 17, Sunday, 2:30pm - 4:00pm St. Mark
March 21, Thursday, 7:00pm Holy Name of Jesus
March 24, Sunday, 6:30pm St. Anthony of Padua



STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP
Next meeting 1st Wednesday of the month
will be Wednesday, Apr. 3rd. 7 pm, in the Church.
See you there!

Sunday Offerings:

Our gratitude for parishioners' contributions for the upkeep & advancement of the parish.
Some give online (by Debit or Credit) regularly: see blue /white folder next to the bulletin.
Otherwise the collection is taken up at each Mass. From this we received:

Sat/Sun Feb 23/24 from envelopes
Sat. 5pm \$402 from 13-\$30.92 average
Sun. 9am \$1280 from 27- \$47.41
Sun. 11am \$600 from 27- \$22.22
Sun. 4pm \$495 from 30- \$16.50
Grand total \$2777 from envelopes and loose \$329.40
= \$3106.40

Sat/Sun Mar. 2/3 from envelopes
Sat. 5pm \$912 from 31-\$29.42 average
Sun. 9am \$935.50 from 39- \$23.99
Sun. 11am \$830 from 27- \$30.74
Sun. 4pm \$375 from 30- \$23.44
Grand total \$3052.50 from envelopes and loose \$413.80
= \$3466.30

FORTHCOMING WEEKS

2024 Penitential Service

**March 13, Wednesday, 7:00pm Saints Peter & Paul
Extra Confession Times
Mar. 19 -22, Tues. - Fri. 10:00am
Mar. 28, Holy Thursday 8-9:00pm
Mar. 29, Good Friday 10-10:30am
Mar. 30 Holy Saturday No Confessions

2024 DATES

- Sun., Mar. 10th : 2:00am: Daylight Savings Begins
- Wed. Mar. 13th : 7:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul Lenten Penitential Service
- Tues.- Fri., March 19th- 22nd: 9am-10am
Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP
- Palm Sunday (Sat.) Mar., 23rd 5:00pm
- (Sun) Mar., 24th 9am; 11am; 4pm
- Thurs. Mar., 28th Holy Thursday: 7pm (Adoration until 11pm)
- Fri., March 29th - Good Friday: 12noon & 3pm
- Sat., Mar. 30th- Easter Vigil: 8pm
- Sun., Mar. 31st- Easter Sunday: 9am; 11am & 1pm

TUES. Mar. 19th - 8:00AM Mass
-no 4:00pm Mass

PARISH ONGOING

Lenten Stations of the Cross Wednesdays 6:30pm

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction: 3:30pm
Sundays

FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION TIME
Church is open for prayers Wed.—Fri. 12 noon 3pm

The Role of Mary in Salvation History
Reflections in View of the Message of Fatima

Tuesday through Friday
19 - 22 March 2024

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Following Mass: Coffee and Crumpets
Conference Follows



Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently assigned to Saint Dominic Priory, San Francisco..

For the past forty-two years he has been involved in giving retreats and seminars to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Russian, Lithuania, Guatemala, Uruguay, India, Madagascar, Russia, and Portugal.

He is assigned to Western Dominican Preaching, giving retreats and parish missions.

Father Emmerich returns to Saints Peter and Paul to reflect on the Role of Mary in Salvation History. In that context he will explore what the message of our Lady of Fatima means for us Catholics today.

He will consider what it means for the individual Catholic to belong to a Church which on earth is called "The Church Militant." Practically speaking how does a Catholic fight against demonic evil?

The weapon against evil stressed at every apparition of our Lady to the children of Fatima is the Rosary. How is it that the Rosary is such a powerful force against the demonic evil we see daily in the News, evil that seems to be overtaking our formerly Christian cultures?

The Church, like a nation, must defend herself and her faith. She must fight for the truth and for the salvation of souls. But each member of the Church must possess a fighting spirit that is never severed from the greatest commandment: Love. For God Himself is love, and love never wishes evil upon its enemies.

Easter Retreat
April 26 - 28, 2024
(Friday 7:30Pm to Sunday 1:30Pm)

@ Westminster Abbey



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:
TRUTH
AS THE WAY
TO LOVE



Rev. Fr. David Bellusci, OP
Retreat Master

For more info and to register, call (604) 261-3535
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Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE
March 10, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Next Sunday, March 17, Catholics across Canada will be marking the Fifth Sunday of Lent as "Solidarity Sunday." Throughout the world, and particularly in the Global South, countless millions of our brothers and sisters struggle to meet the most basic needs of life. Whether due to extreme poverty, war, oppressive regimes, predatory corporations, or a host of other ills, these children of our heavenly Father lack food, clean water and effective health care. Through our annual Share Lent Campaign, Solidarity Sunday provides an opportunity for us to share some of the abundance we enjoy as Canadians with those around the world who have so little.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is a member of Caritas International, the federation of national Catholic organizations that serve as a helping hand of the Church, reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized, regardless of their race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.

The theme for this year's Share Lent Campaign – "Reaping Our Rights" – focuses on the efforts of Development and Peace to support impoverished rural communities across the Global South. It works to defend their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.

In keeping with the Lenten practice of almsgiving, I urge you to respond to next Sunday's Share Lent Appeal as generously as you are able.

With gratitude to you for seeing in our brothers and sisters who are in desperate need the face of Jesus himself, and with the assurance of my prayers for you and your families as the Church prepares for the celebration of Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

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