

FORMED[®] New Formed Program

We are please to announce to aid in our Parishioner's want & need for Catholic Resource that we have set up with the Augustine Institute.

This resource is **Free** for Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, all yo 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:

- Go to "Sign up formed org
- Type "Saints Peter & Paul Vancouver" to find and click on our Parish'
- Saints Peter & Paul 1425 W 39th Ave Vancouver BC
- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email address and click "Sign Up"

SUNDAY DONATIONS

June 1st/2nd, 2024

Sat. 5pm \$1,177 from 32 envelopes = \$36.78 average
Sun. 9am \$761 from 33 = \$23.06
Sun. 11am \$485 from 16 = \$30.31
Sun. 4pm \$315 from 13 = \$24.23
Total: \$2,738 plus loose \$363.15 = Grand total: \$3,101.15

June 8th/9th, 2024

Sat. 5pm \$400 from 25 envelopes = \$16.00 average
Sun. 9am \$735 from 31 = \$23.71
Sun. 11am \$875 from 30 = \$29.17
Sun. 4pm \$830 from 25 = \$33.20
Total: \$2,840 plus loose \$455.60 = Grand total: \$3,295.60

CHURCH HOURS OF OPENING:

Sundays: 8:30am -12noon (Mass at 9am & 11am) & 3:30pm -5pm (Mass at 4pm)
Mondays: 7:45am - 9am (Mass at 8am)
Tuesdays: 3pm - 4:30pm (Mass at 4pm)
Wednesdays - Fridays: 7:45am - 9am (Mass at 8am) and 12-3pm
Saturdays: 8:30am - 10am (Mass at 9am) and 4-6pm (Mass at 5pm)

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.

Mass Attendance:

Here at Sts. Peter & Paul, Holy Mass generally is less than an hour long - If you find that you cannot stay for the whole Mass; please consider to attend a time that you are able to do so.

Rule: the Priest is the last in and the first out.
[At the Last Supper, Judas as the only one who left early???

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction at 3:30pm pm Sundays

Complimentary Water - available int
the fridge by St. Anne's statue.

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 .



Archdiocese of Vancouver
Archbishop: Most Rev.J.
Michael Miller, CSB



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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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The 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 16th - 22nd 2024

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

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading

French children learn a legend of a saintly man exiled by the emperor to Perigord in France. Later repentant., this ruler sent the holy man sixty-six camels laden with provisions. When a child heard this story in religion class she was surprised that there were no more camels in Perigord. The teacher replied: "My child, we no longer deserve them..." This answer illustrated the frustration of those who have not lost a taste for the triumphant Church. Disturbed by declining Church attendance and by the growing secularism of society, they reject the contemporary world. With its dismissal of the past the glories & miracles of the centuries of Christendom. That is why there is no longer any camels in France.

The parables of the seeds that grows by itself and the mustard seed should calm their society. God is not neglecting his work. His reign of salvation continues to expand far beyond its tiny beginnings. The death of Jesus, the grain of wheat cast into the earth to bear much fruit, is the condition for its growth. This the Church must never forget. So we must keep trust & remain open to the changes which affect Christian life. In the diaspora condition, the Church returns to its sources. We remember the first Christians living out the gospel in a hostile society. They had no powerful organization to support them. They had only the power of Spirit-filled witness to win humanity to Christ.

June 16, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On this Father's Day, we express our gratitude to all fathers who love and protect their families. It is fitting that this is also Pro-life Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Cardus, a Canadian think tank, recently released a research paper titled, **Still Christian, What Canadian Christians Actually Believe**. When respondents were asked whether they agreed with the statement that abortion is the killing of an unborn human being, just 39% of Catholics said yes. It is very disturbing that over 60% of surveyed Catholics did not agree.

The Declaration On Human Dignity, published by the Holy See this April, quotes Pope Francis as saying, "the dignity of every human being has an intrinsic character and is valid from the moment of conception until natural death" (n. 47). The Declaration continues, "The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour, and even in law itself is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake." (n.47)

On "Medical Assistance in Dying" the Declaration has this to say: "There is a widespread notion that euthanasia or assisted suicide is somehow consistent with respect for the dignity of the human person. However, in response to this, it must be strongly reiterated that suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity, which is intrinsically and inalienably their own" (n. 51).

We must take every opportunity to proclaim the sacred value of human life, by prayerful intercession, by witnessing to others, and by supporting organizations whose goal it is to help those facing times of crisis. Ours is the voice of truth about life to our family, friends and the wider community. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Life, to guide us in our efforts to increase reverence for life and a culture of life in our world.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 16th- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM; 11:00AM; 4:00PM -Parishioners

MONDAY, June 17th- Ferial

8:00AM - *Ryder Lefungy*+

TUESDAY, June 18th - Ferial

4:00PM - *Robert Noble*+

WEDNESDAY - June 19th- Ferial

8:00AM - *Fr. John Horgan*+

THURSDAY, June 20th - Ferial

8:00 AM - *Joseph Lee & Family*

FRIDAY, June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzaga+1591

8:00am - *Sandra Young*

Saturday, June 22nd- Ferial

9:00am - *Robert Noble*+

5:00pm - *Fr. Raffaele Savino*

(The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

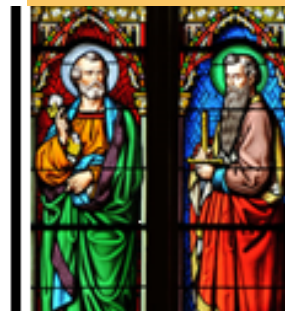
The Conference of Bishops gives directives to how to physically receive Holy Communion.

The recent Feast of Corpus Christi warrants a refresher for us all.

Unless one is infirmed, these norms are to be followed. In this way, the priest knows that you are practicing & attentive, for he is the guardian of ensuring reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

When receiving on the hand, either kneeling or standing, the following are the Church's directives:

- Make a cross with hands, left on the right, slightly cupped (Father should not touch your hand, not too cupped)
- Take the host with your underneath right hand & place in your mouth (& perhaps then make a sign of the cross)
- If kneeling, then stand & return down the side aisle to your seat, only after you have received.
Not to Do:
 - Stand & walk away before receiving
 - Put the host in your mouth with the hand of receiving (scooping).



SUNDAY JUNE 30

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 date.

Lemonade & cookies will be served after Mass in the West Garden (weather permitting).

Please come & join us to celebrate our Feast Day!

THIS WEEK



Fr. Ron wishes all Fathers a Happy Father's Day! May God our Father grace us in our vocation in His likeness.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community



Project Advance 2024 May 2024

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish,

We are excited to share with you the progress of our new parish centre project, which will serve the needs of our congregation for years to come.

This project has been a long-term vision of our parish, started of course by Father John Horgan. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our building committee, our architects, our contractors and our parish staff who have brought us this far.

We are now in the final stages of securing the approval of the archdiocese and the city. With your help of a pledge to Project Advance, we hope to break ground in but a couple of years. The immediate plan is to sell Cartier Hall at the optimum price, in order to substantial pay for the new Centre.

We thank you, our parishioners, for you generous donations and your prayers for this project. We look forward to new families also making a pledge this year.

Together, we are building a parish centre that will be a place of prayer, fellowship, education and service for our community.

Thank you again for considering a pledge to our Project Advance 2024 campaign!

These pledges may be mailed or dropped in the collection basket anytime before Dec. 31st.

Blessings and Peace!

Fr. Ron Thompson

Pastor

Respect for Every Human Person: Benedict XVI's Pro-Life Legacy

Pope Benedict XVI grounded his writings on abortion and other life issues in the fundamental truth that every human person, from conception until natural death, is loved by God and bears his image and likeness.

Throughout his nearly eight-year papacy and during his time as prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Pope St. John Paul II, he wrote with clarity and depth on threats to human life and the family.

Virginia Coda Nunziante, organizer of the Italian March for Life, told the Register that Pope Benedict XVI has left a rich "intellectual and cultural" legacy for the pro-life movement because "he insisted very much on the non-negotiable values" key to the defense of life and saw the right to life as a foundational issue. She said that he would emphasize that "life depends on God. So only God is the author of life, and only he can give life, and only he can take life away."

In addition to his emphasis on the right to life as a foundational, God-given right, Nunziante praised the "beautiful talks" that Pope Benedict XVI gave to the pro-life movement in Italy, in which he discussed the importance of defending life "today in a relativistic society."

In a 2008 address, he told members of Italy's pro-life movement that "defending human life today has become more difficult because a mindset has developed, entrusted to the opinion of the individual, which has gradually debased its value." In response to society's devaluing of human life, he said that "the Church never tires of reaffirming that the sacred value of every human being's life originates in the Creator's plan" and also "encourages the promotion of every initiative in support of women and families in order to create the favorable conditions in which to welcome life and the protection of the family institution founded on the marriage between a man and a woman."

Nunziante also praised the late pope's insistence that countries cannot impose laws against the right to life as it applies to "every human being."

During a 2005 meeting on family and life issues in Latin America, Benedict said regarding abortion that "in attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love."

As prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Ratzinger was very clear in a 2004 letter to the U.S. bishops that unrepentant pro-abortion politicians should not present themselves to receive Communion. He wrote that an individual's pastor "should meet with him, instructing him about the Church's teaching, informing him that he is not to present himself for Holy Communion until he brings to an end the objective situation of sin, and warning him that he will otherwise be denied the Eucharist," and "when 'these precautionary measures have not had their effect ..., and the person in question, with obstinate persistence, still presents himself to receive the Holy Eucharist, 'the minister of Holy Communion must refuse to distribute it.'"

Addressing Emerging Technologies

Robert George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University and former chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, told the Register that he believes Pope Benedict XVI's most important pro-life witness came during his time as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before he became Pope Benedict, George said he faced not only the issue of abortion but also threats to life from emerging reproductive technologies.

The emergence of cloning and in vitro fertilization occurred during his 1981 to 2005 tenure over the Vatican's body for promulgating and defending Church doctrine. George praised Pope Benedict's application of "the Church's historic principles for the protection of innocent human life to the new challenges." He said Cardinal Ratzinger understood the faithful's need for clarity on these issues, and "wherever he could say clearly, 'Here's what our principles require or forbid,' he would say so."

In 1987, Benedict wrote in *Donum Vitae* that in vitro fertilization is illicit and "in opposition to the dignity of procreation and of the conjugal union, even when everything is done to avoid the death of the human embryo." He wrote that such a procedure "establishes the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person" in a way that is contrary "to the dignity and equality that must be common to parents and children."

He also warned that in vitro fertilization "can open the way to other forms of biological and genetic manipulation of human embryos," including "fertilization between human and animal gametes" and "the hypothesis or project of constructing artificial uterus for the human embryo." He called such procedures "contrary to the human dignity proper to the embryo" and "contrary to the right of every person to be conceived and to be born within marriage and from marriage." He also wrote that cloning was "contrary to the moral law," as it is in opposition "to the dignity both of human procreation and of the conjugal union.

An Emphasis on Love

George said that Pope Benedict XVI would not only declare something illicit, but also "would explain why something is morally required or something is morally forbidden, and often his explanations really would be quite beautiful."

In a 2006 address on embryonic stem-cell research, Pope Benedict XVI explained the Church's rejection of research involving human embryos, saying that "the human being is not a disposable object, but every single individual represents God's presence in the world."

shley McGuire, senior fellow with The Catholic Association, told the Register via email that Pope Benedict "boldly carried the Catholic Church's comprehensive pro-life ethic forward in the 21st century," as his "theological acumen bolstered the Church's teaching against the nihilism and culture of death" that were rampant at the time he assumed the papacy. She also pointed out that his "emphasis on Christian love throughout his teachings and writings emphasized a culture of life that is loving and merciful, characteristics that have come to define the modern pro-life movement." During his inauguration Mass in 2005, Pope Benedict reminded the faithful that "we are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed; each of us is loved; each of us is necessary."

Freddy Gray, deputy editor of *The Spectator*, wrote shortly after the pope emeritus' passing that these words gave him courage when he learned of the prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis of his late daughter Celeste.

He wrote, "Benedict's phrasing helped me realize that, even if I found it hard, and I did, we had an obligation towards this new life we had made. That obligation — complicated by an extra chromosome — was bigger than us." Celeste passed away shortly before birth, but, Gray wrote, "thanks in part to Pope Benedict, however, I dare to believe that she was not some casual or meaningless product of evolution. She was willed; she was loved; she was necessary."