

Building our Parish Community



Project Advance 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 substantially 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

New Formed Program **FORMED**

We are pleased to announce to aid in our parishioners' want and 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 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:

- 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
- Type first and last name as well as your email address and click "Sign



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 reaches 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.

<u>Complimentary Water</u> - available in the fridge by St. Anne's statue in the west vestibule.



The life of the liturgy does not come from what dawns upon the minds of individuals and planning groups. On the contrary, it is God's descent upon our world, the source of real liberation. He alone can open the door to freedom. The more priests and faithful humbly surrender themselves to this descent of God, the more 'new' the liturgy will constantly be and the more true and personal it becomes.



"Did God write the Bible Himself? Or did He have some Holy

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

Welcome visitors!/New

Parishioners'!: We are

beautiful church.

parishioners;

pleased to have you pray with

us at Saints Peter & Paul. We

hope you enjoy your visit to our

Please introduce yourself after

Mass to Father Ron and our

we would like to meet vou!

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The 14th - 17th SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME JUL. 7th - AUG. 3rd 2024

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

(NoVespers and Benediction during the Summer season; resumes on Sep 2024

Weekdays: Mon. 8:00 am; Tue. 4:00 pm; Wed. - Fri. 8:00 am

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am

Confessions: Wed.- Fri.: 8:30 am **Sat:** 9:30 am and 4:00-4:30 pm Office schedule: Tue. - Fri.: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Marriage: By appointment: Notify 8 Months in Advance

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading

At the conclusion of the Galilean ministry, Jesus encounters failure. He is rejected by His townspeople. Everything had started well. The astonishment of the people of Nazareth at the wisdom and miracles of the one they thought they knew had led them to ask themselves the right question, the one that could lead them to faith: "Where did He get all this;" It sufficed to recall what Moses had foretold: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen: to Him you shall listen" (Deut 18:15). To speak to people, God usually chooses those who are close to them. But the faith of the people of Nazareth stumbles over the oridinary, familiar nature of Jesus' presence among them. Jesus, in his turn is surprised. He seems disarmed, incapable of performing any miracles.

We too paralyze others and reduce them to impotence by withdrawing our confidence, imprisoning them in ready-made categories. How much energy has been suppressed or discouraged, how many joys stifled by our definitive judgements on those whom we think we know? Do we allow any room for growth in our consideration of others?

Yet God often calls us through very ordinary beings in whom we must recognize His unforeseeable presence. The guest, the sick person, the stranger, the neighbour are so many roads to grace. We must keep in our hearts that attitude of waiting that calls for and unveils miracles. To reveal himself, God needs people.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading

Through the sending out of His disciples, Jesus, who remains behind, sees his message spread. They who share in His company and His destiny are committed to the prophetic proclamation of the kingdom. As He spoke in former times through the prophets, God still speaks through human word. Certainly, these Galilean fishermen had no more preparation than Amos, the simple herdsman, for such a mission. But what matters is not the brilliance of their intellect, the seductive power of their word, the nobility of their origins. Ridding themselves of useless baggage and resources, they must let Christ speak through their mouths, act through their hands. Of course, because the kingdom of God does not meet superficial human expectations, the success of the mission is not guaranteed. The "crowd's" welcome may be lukewarm or ephemeral, if not hostile. That should not stop them. Seized by God, chosen by his Son, the disciples must go ahead and proclaim the imminence of the kingdom.

Thus, far from being the time when the prophetic word has ceased to make itself heard, the time of the Church is the eleventh hour when, with the greatest urgency, the gospel must be preached and spread. Faithful to the Spirit, we by our stammered words and hesitant actions, must awaken our times to the mystery of Jesus and His kingdom.



Fr Ron Thompson Please Note:

All requests of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during dffice 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.

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THIS WEEK

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 7th-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, July 8th - Ferial

8:00 am - Berta dela Pena+

TUESDAY, July 9th - Ferial

4:00 pm - Archbishop Michael Miller

WEDNESDAY - July 10th - Ferial

8:00 am - Fr. Leo Barker OSB

THURSDAY, July 11th-Ferial

8:00 am - Waldemar Rimland+

FRIDAY, July 12th - Ferial

8:00 am - Nena Chua

SATURDAY, July 13th - Ferial

9:00 am - *C. Thompson*+

5:00 pm - Ryder Lefurgy+

(The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SUNDAY, July 14th-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm -Parishioners

MONDAY, July 15th - St. Bonaventure + 1274

8:00 am - Robert Noble+

TUESDAY, July 16th - Ferial

4:00 pm - Sandra Young

WEDNESDAY - July 17th - Ferial

8:00 am - Margaret Ligot+

THURSDAY, July 18th - Ferial

8:00 am - Ryder Lefurgy+

FRIDAY, July 19th - Ferial

8:00 am - Fr. D. Hughes

SATURDAY, July 20th - Ferial

9:00 am - J. & C. Caviezel

5:00 pm - Chow Chung Tar

(The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SUNDAY, July 21st - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, July 22nd - St. Mary Magdalene + **8:00AM** - Mary Grace Cheng Rosagas

TUESDAY, July 23rd - Ferial **4:00PM** - *R. Hefferman*

WEDNESDAY - July 24th - Ferial 8:00AM - Guiseppe Joe Rubino+

THURSDAY, July 25th - St. James+ 44 AD 8:00 AM - Ryder Lefurgy+

FRIDAY, July 26th - St. Ann & St. Joachim 8:00am - Sandra Young

SATURDAY, July 27th -

9:00am - Robert Novle+

5:00pm - Joyce Noralyn Lee+

(The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SUNDAY, July 28th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, July 29th - St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus+ 390 8:00 am - Benjamin Go

TUESDAY, July 30th - Ferial 4:00 pm - Carmencita Dy

WEDNESDAY - July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola+ 1556

8:00 am - Fr. A Patalano OP

THURSDAY, August 1st - St. Alphonsus Ligouri+ 1787 8:00 am- *Luci Wang*+

FRIDAY, August 2nd - First Friday - Ferial 8:00 am - Sandra Young

SATURDAY, August 3rd - Ferial

9:00 am - Luka Erceg & family

5:00 pm - Erceg grandkids Safe Travels

(The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading

Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and a rest a little. "Having returned from their mission throughout the Galilee and reported to Jesus on the great missionary adventure they have initiated, the Twelve at last have vacation time. They are hardly back when the crowds come running. There is not a moment of peace! So they flee across the lake to withdraw with Jesus into a desert place. But it is futile, for the people are faster and are already there when they arrive. So Jesus, seized with pity for these sheep without a shepherd, begins to instruct them at length.

Their "vacation" was spoiled. On their return from their missionary travels, the disciples were no doubt looking forward to the rest they would find with their Master. He alone could give meaning to their lives, a depth to their words, a new dimension to their most routine action. But in refusing to send away the crowds even during this necessary respite, Jesus reveals to His followers what they seek from Him. He offers no escape from the world. He offers only apprenticeships in God's tenderness for His people. His love urges the apostles. Like their master, they agree to be at the mercy of all.

Does this mean there is no vacation for Christians? Not at all! We need rest, but there is no vacation from loving.

17th Sunday im Ordinary Sunday Reading

Everyone is running after Jesus. Do they seek Him for His own sake or for the sake of signs and wonders? Jesus is not above using people's attraction for the marvelous as a point of departure. But when people seek Him as a bread and circus Messiah,

He takes flight. Those who attempt to manipulate Jesus for their own ends soon find He has fled from their midst. Jesus is not a magician pulling props out of the air. The multiplication of loaves did not start with nothing, but with the first simple sharing of a child's lunch box. Those who would be a blessing for others must bring what they possess to Jesus. The Master does not ask for what we do not have. He takes what we give him. By his blessing and breaking the multitude is

Quotes from Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

- 1) "The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ."
- 2) "I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharist Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."
 - 3) "Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."
- 4) "By drawing closer to the poor, little by little we become their confidents and counselors in the worst moments of this earthly pilgrimage. We can give them the comforting words of faith and often we succeed, not by our own merit, in putting on the right road people who have straved without meaning to."
- 5) "To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'; we must never just 'get along.'"
- 6) "Modern society is drowning in the sorrows of human passions and it is distancing itself from every ideal of love and peace. Catholics, we and you, must bring the breath of goodness that can only spring from faith in Christ."

More to read: What is a Dominican tertiary?

- 7) "You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be, so long as my trust in God gives me strength. We must always be cheerful. Sadness should be banished from all Christian souls. For suffering is a far different thing from sadness, which is the worst disease of all. It is almost always caused by lack of Faith. But the purpose for which we have been created shows us the path along which we should go, perhaps strewn with many thorns, but not a sad path. Even in the midst of intense suffering it is one of joy."
 - 8) "God gives us health so that we may serve the sick."
- 9) "Suffering that is nourished by the flame of faith becomes something beautiful, because it tempers the soul to deal with
- 10) "Foolish is he who follows the pleasures of this world, because these are always fleeting and bring much pain. The only true pleasure is that which comes to us through faith."

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