



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 your 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

Sunday Donations

Aug. 17 - 18, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$935 from 33 envelopes = \$28.33 average
 Sun. 9 am \$1096 from 33 envelopes = \$33.21
 Sun. 11 am \$775 from 25 envelopes = \$31.00
 Sun. 4 pm \$545 from 17 envelopes = \$32.06
 Grand Total: \$3351 plus loose \$359.25 = \$3710.25

Sunday Donations

Aug. 24 - 25, 2024

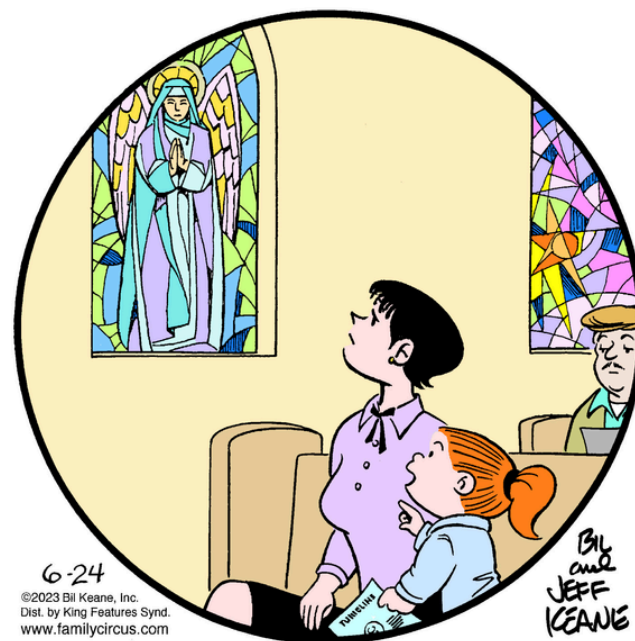
Sat. 5 pm \$555 from 28 envelopes = \$19.82 average
 Sun. 9 am \$890 from 39 envelopes = \$22.82
 Sun. 11 am \$825 from 19 envelopes = \$43.42
 Sun. 4 pm \$670 from 17 envelopes = \$39.41
 Grand Total: \$2940 plus loose \$378.40 = \$3318.40

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 the

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATION BROCHURE.



“Churches are smart. They have pretty windows, but you hafta come inside to see them.”

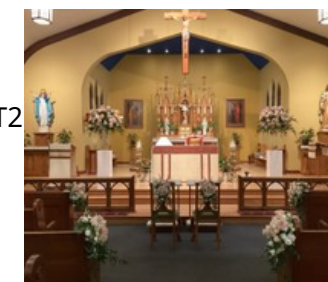
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME SEPT. 1ST 2024



Welcome 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 requests 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.

Holy Mass : Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30 pm; Beginning Sept. 8), Mass 4:00 pm
Weekdays: Monday 8:00 am; **Tuesday** 4:00 pm; **Wednesday- Friday** 8:00 am
First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon - 4pm; Benediction 3:30 pm; Mass 4:00 pm
Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00am
Confessions: Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 am **Saturday:** 9:30 am and 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Office Schedule: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Marriage: By appointment -- Notify 8 Months in Advance

Sunday Reading, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of our ancestor, but instead take food without purifying their hand?” Though the primitive Church resolved the difficulty of table fellowship among Jewish and Gentile Christians, this problem is not foreign to our concerns. The scribes and Pharisees appealed to the body of prescriptions and customs which clarified and interpreted the Law of Moses. This process of interpretation was the attempt to apply the law in every situation of daily life. Jesus does not reject this praiseworthy intention. The practices of the law, however, must never mask what is essential: the state of our hearts, the loyal commitment of our freedom before God. Is the heart not the source of the worship we render Him by our entire lives? Our religious behavior must express this center of ourselves.

The gospel takes a stand between legalism and license. Law without the heart is hypocritical legalism which seeks the assurance of external observances without the commitment of faith. But the heart without law is license which fails to recognize the need to govern the difficult coexistence of the old and the new humanity within us.

August 31st - September 1st 2024
Weekend - (Labour Day)

Lemonade and cookies after each Mass at the West Gardens, weather permitting.
 Come and join us!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Sept. 1st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Sept. 2nd - Labour Day

9:00 am - T. Bara

TUESDAY, Sept. 3rd - St. Gregory the Great+ 604 AD

4:00 pm - Luigi Chies+

WEDNESDAY - Sept. 4th - Ferial

8:00 am - Ken Huang+

THURSDAY, Sept. 5th - Ferial

8:00 am - Fr. Alvin Matias

FRIDAY, Sept. 6th - Ferial

8:00 am - Msgr. D. Neumann+

4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

SATURDAY, Sept. 7th - Ferial

9:00 am - Clarence Rodrigues

5:00 pm - Ken Huang+

(The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LEAVE A LEGACY

By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your will, 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 and teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.

Triumph of the Holy Cross - Half Day Recollection

Hosted by the Equestrian Order of the Holy

Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Saturday, Sept. 14th ;

Open to others to attend.

Chaplain: Fr. Ron Thompson

- 9:00 am - Mass
- 9:30 am - Rosary
- 10:00 am - Coffee
- 10:15 am - 10:45 am - Meditation
- 10:45 am - Blessing of the Relic of the True Cross
- 11:00 am - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

New Formed Program

FORMED

To aid our parishioners' want and need for Catholic Resource, we are pleased to announce that we have set up, with the Augustine Institute, the new Formed program.

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 "www.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"

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Men's Group

Every First Wednesday of the month

Sept. 4th; 7:00 pm

at the Church Vestibule

All men are invited to join us.

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish First Friday

First Friday Devotions:

Sept. 6th

-12 - 4 pm Adoration

- 3:00 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

-3:45 pm Benediction; 4:00 pm Second Mass

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish RCIA Classes and

Talks on the Faith

Tuesdays in the Church.

First Talk, Tuesday, **Sept. 17th**; 7:00 pm

See you there!

Monthly Donations of Clothes items only

for

'The Door is Open'

Resumes Sept. 14th - 15th weekend. (The

3rd weekend of the month). We are

grateful for these donations to be dropped in the vestibule bins provided.

Please help us out by **only dropping off items the weekend of Sept. 14th - 15th**, as we have no storage space.

Thank you.

Organized by Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Faith Studies

First Fridays at 10:30 am

Coffee: 10:15 am

Sept. 6th

All individuals are invited to participate in video presentations and discussions.

See you there!

Complimentary Water - available in the fridge by

St. Anne's statue by the west vestibule.

August 31, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You all deserve my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation in past years. Your prayers, actions and donations have been instrumental in advancing meaningful relationships with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

As we enter September, I want to share some updates on the progress we have made. Three years ago, the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to support local initiatives focused on healing, education and cultural revitalization. This fund prioritizes projects determined locally in collaboration with our Indigenous partners.

Your support over the past year has made a significant impact, launching over 20 local and Indigenous-led projects. These include new cultural wellness practices at the Dr. Peter Centre in Vancouver, which provides care that honours Indigenous traditions for those living with HIV and other complex health needs. Additionally, "The Cost of Silence," a film addressing the trauma of sexual abuse, has been shown in 35 communities, empowering survivors to share their stories and seek healing.

One of the most significant milestones this past year has been the signing of a "Sacred Covenant" with the First Nations in Kamloops. This Covenant formalizes our ongoing relationship, ensuring that our journey together is grounded in truth, mutual respect and justice.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." Your participation in the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund embodies this ministry, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support. Together, we are making meaningful strides toward healing and reconciliation.

As we prepare for next weekend's second collection, I ask you to pray, to consider getting involved, and to give generously, knowing that every contribution makes a profound difference.

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

Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction start on Sunday, **Sept. 8th at 3:30 pm**