



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. 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 = \$39.52
Grand Total: \$2940 plus loose \$378.40 = \$3318.40

Sunday Donations

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$1067 from 35 envelopes = \$30.49 average
Sun. 9 am \$781 from 35 envelopes = \$22.31
Sun. 11 am \$915 from 30 envelopes = \$30.50
Sun. 4 pm \$675 from 16 envelopes = \$42.19
Grand Total: \$3438 plus loose \$411.85 = \$3849.85

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

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 an 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%.



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**.



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME SEPT. 8TH, 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 3:30pm)

4:00PM

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

First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon-4:00 pm; Benediction 3:45 pm; 4:00 pm Mass

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00am

Church is Open: Wed.-Fri. 12 noon - 3:00 pm

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, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have all heard of tragic cases of Children walled in solitude because they are blind, deaf and dumb from birth. The devotion and skill of language specialists sometimes succeed in opening these sufferers to the world of signs and speech. But what is to be done when the eyes, ears and tongue of the heart are blocked? How many people, how many couples there are who "don't understand each other", who "no longer speak to each other!" How many "dialogues of the deaf" there are between persons, groups, institutions or nations where there is no longer any mutual trust, acceptance of the others in fragility and respect for they what they bring.

Such situations can help us to grasp the symbolic significance of the healing of the deaf-mute. Faced with people who have grown deaf to His preaching and who do not listen to this appeals for conversion, Jesus has moved on into pagan territory. He has come to open ears and loosen tongues. He wants us to be capable of listening and of entering into the dialogue of salvation which baptism establishes between God and his people. To those of us who are closed - the rich, the powerful, the proud, the self-sufficient - Jesus commands: "Be opened!"

Be opened, Christian, to listen and receive the teachings of the gospel! Be opened to speak up your faith with your whole life! Be opened to allow your "Our Father" to pass into all your works! Then how eloquently our lives would speak, how they would refer to Jesus Christ! The entire world could not help but say: "He has done everything well! He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Sept. 8th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Sept. 9th - Ferial
8:00 am - Margaret Fung

TUESDAY, Sept. 10th - Ferial
4:00 pm - Rose Sung Ching Lee+

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11th - Ferial
8:00 am - Fr. Alan Boisclair

THURSDAY, Sept. 12th - Ferial
8:00 am - Ken Huang+

FRIDAY, Sept. 13th - St. John Chrysostom 407 AD
8:00 am - Fr. J. McLeod+

SATURDAY, Sept. 14th - The Exultation of the Holy Cross (Feast Day)
9:00 am - Fr. Francis Chang+
5:00 pm - Ken Huang+
(The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

SIGN UP

If you would like to receive a box of 2024 contribution envelopes please sign the blue binder provided on the right of the Baptismal font.

Also, please note if you would like the weekly bulletin to be emailed to you, please sign the red binder next to the blue binder.

(N.B. Your email address will not be shared with anyone.)

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.

Quiet Contemplation Time

We are pleased to invite parishioners back to the Church for private prayer & adoration. Saints Peter & Paul Parish will open the doors from Wednesdays to Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm.

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

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

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 RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith

Tuesdays in the Church.

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

See you there!

THE MEN'S RETREAT

September 20-22, 2024
Rockledge Canyon, Princeton, BC

JOIN US IN A NOVENA TO ST. THÉRÈSE

As we prepare for our upcoming Men's Retreat on Sept. 20th, we are keenly aware of the power of prayer and invite you to join us in interceding for the men who will be attending.

Intercessory prayer is a powerful weapon and a way for us to step up and stand in the gap for these men as they prepare to encounter the Lord in a profound way.

We invite you to join us in a special novena to St. Therese of Lisieux, beginning on Sept. 11th and ending on Sept. 19th.

How you can help:

Sign Up: Click to sign up for the novena. Beginning Sept. 11th, you'll receive the daily novena prayer and reflection.

Invite others: Please share this invitation with anyone who might support these men in prayer.

This novena is simple but powerful, and your participation makes a difference. Let's come together and ask St. Therese to intercede for all the men who will be attending the retreat, that they may experience deep conversion and encounter with Christ.

These men need your prayers. Can we count on you?

Peace & Blessings,
Jake

Prep Classes

For Public School Students in Grade 1—7,
Beginning Sept. 24th, Tuesday at 4:30 pm—5:30 pm, in the Church.

See you in Church, PREP (Parish Religion Education Program).

Coordinator: Mr. Tom Do
parish.sspp.prep@gmail.com

Green registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church.

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"

11 inspiring Quotes from the Magnificent St. Augustine, Doctor of Church

1. Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.
2. Patience is the companion of wisdom.
3. To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him is the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement.
4. God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.
5. Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.
6. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.
7. There is something in humility which strangely exalts the heart.
8. Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.
9. God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.
10. If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.
11. For you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.