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PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 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 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 Sept. 21 - 22, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$630 from 34 envelopes = \$ 18.53 average
Sun. 9 am \$731 from 30 envelopes = \$24.37
Sun. 11 am \$800 from 24 envelopes = \$33.33
Sun. 4 pm \$445 from 17 envelopes = \$26.18
Grand Total: \$2606 plus loose \$518.35 = \$ 3124.35

Sunday Donations Sept. 28 - 29, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$530 from 23 envelopes - \$23.04 average
Sun. 9 am \$651 from 34 envelopes = \$19.18
Sun. 11 am \$915 from 18 envelopes = \$50.83
Sun. 4 pm \$640 from 22 envelopes = \$29.09
Grand Total: \$2736 plus loose \$392.55 = \$3128.35

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.

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 a MONERIS form and return it to the parish. For those already registered, please contact the parish office at 604-261-3535 for changes such as your address, tel. #, etc.,

NB: The Building Fund contributions are not taxed by the Diocese, whereas the regular Sunday contributions are taxed at 14%.



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



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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME OCT. 6TH, 2024

Holy Mass : Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

(Vespers and Benediction 3:30pm)

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; 2nd Mass 4:00 pm

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

Marriage: By appointment -- Notify 8 Months in Advance



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.

SUNDAY READINGS: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's gospel, the Pharisees again attempt to trap Jesus in the intricacies of the Law. Jesus response turns the question from legalism to the true nature of marriage. He cites two passages from Genesis concerning human creation. The first, "God created the human person in His image; male and female He created them, "establishes the union of man and woman in their likeness to God. The second, "This one, at last is bone of My bones and flesh of My flesh...that is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and the two of them become one flesh," presents woman as the suitable partner for a man and the gift of God to him. The description of woman's creation from man's flesh explains the longing and the union of mutual love between man and woman. The prophets portray the love of God for His people as the love of a husband to his wife. In covenant, fidelity God continues to care for Israel. Even when she betrays Him to follow other gods, He remains faithful to her. He calls her back and renews His espousal to her (cf. Hos 2:21-22).

This bond of marriage also symbolizes the love of Christ to his Church (Eph 5:25-32). He loves her as his own body. She, on her part, prepares for him and awaits the day when he will return to take her as a bride into the wedding banquet of the kingdom (Rev 21:1-2)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Oct. 6th - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, Oct. 7th - Feast of the Holy Rosary

8:00 am - Bonifacio Gregorio+

TUESDAY, Oct. 8th - Ferial

4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9th - Ferial

8:00 am - Merriam Chang+

THURSDAY, Oct. 10th - Ferial

8:00 am - Susan and Larry Hauck

FRIDAY, Oct. 11th - Ferial

8:00 am - Dr. Marcell Divorak

SATURDAY, Oct. 12th - Ferial

9:00 am - Editha Crisologo+

5:00 pm - Ken Huang+

(The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

THIS WEEK

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith

Oct. 8th, Tuesday in the Church.

7:00 pm

Come and join us.

FORTHCOMING

Do the lay faithful have a great dignity and role in the Church's mission? Yes! Come hear Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP, on "The Co-responsibility of the Lay Faithful in the Mission of the Church to the World". This annual lecture series will be held at the **Seminary of Christ the King** in Mission BC on **Saturday, October 19, from 10 AM to 3 PM**. Free admission. For more info, visit <https://sck.ca/news-media/sck-lectures/> or call 604-826-8975.

"DOOR IS OPEN"

Oct. 19 - 20 weekend.

We are grateful for CLOTHING ONLY donations to be dropped in the vestibule bins provided.

Please help us out by **only dropping off items the weekend of Oct. 19 - 20**, as we do not have no storage space.

Organized by Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

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 and adoration. Saints Peter & Paul Parish will open the doors from Wednesdays to Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm.

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.)

Complimentary Water

Available in the fridge by St. Anne's statue by the west vestibule.

November: the month of Holy Souls

Special envelopes are provided for offering Holy Mass for the intentions of deceased family members and friends during the month. One Mass will be offered for each envelope received and all these will be placed at the Altar during this month.

All Souls' Day Mass

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

9:00 am and 11:00 am

PROJECT ADVANCE VOLUNTEERS

Nov. 2-3 - after the Masses

Nov. 9-10 - after the Masses

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/2 day Recollection

by Father Juan Lucca

"A step by step explanation of the 'Ordo Missae' "

Saturday Nov. 30th

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

(Lunch provided)

ANNUAL ADVENT POTLUCK CELEBRATION

@Vancouver College Alumni Room

Saturday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm

More information to follow.

FORMED

New Formed Program

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"

Things Guardian Angels Do for Us by Stephen Beale

- 1. Ward off demons** - Sometimes we visualize moral decision-making as a debate between a bad angel whispering in one ear and a good angel speaking wisely in the other. There is truth to this; according to St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the roles of the guardian angels is to fight off demons.
- 2. Protect us from harm** - Guardian angels generally protect us from both spiritual and physical harm, according to Aquinas. This belief is rooted in Scripture. For example, Psalm 91:11-12 declares, "For He commands His angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone."
- 3. Strengthen us against temptation** - Guardian angels do not just ward off evil, they also strengthen us so we can do it ourselves. As St. Bernard says in a sermon, "As often, therefore, as a most serious temptation is perceived to weigh upon you and an excessive trial is threatening, call to your guard, your leader, your helper in your needs, in your tribulation; cry to him and say: 'Lord, save us; we perish!'"
- 4. Embolden us** - St. Bernard also says that with angels such as these at our side we should have no fear. We should have the courage to live out our faith boldly and confront whatever life might throw our way. As he puts it, "Why should we fear under such guardians? Those who keep us in all our ways can neither be overcome nor be deceived, much less deceive. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; why do we tremble?"
- 5. Intervene miraculously to save us from trouble** - Guardian angels not only "guard," they also can save us when we are already in trouble. This is illustrated by the story of Peter in Acts 12, when an angel helps break the apostle out of prison. The story suggests that it is his own personal angel that has intervened (see verse 15). Of course, we cannot count on such miracles. But it's an added comfort to know that they are possible.
- 6. Guard us from birth** - Church Fathers once debated whether guardian angels were assigned at birth or at baptism. St. Jerome argued decisively for the former. His basis was Matthew 18:10, which is a crucially important Scriptural passage that supports the existence of guardian angels. In the verse, Jesus says, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." The reason that we get guardian angels at birth is that their aid is associated with our nature as rational beings, rather than belonging to the order of grace, according to Aquinas.
- 7. Guard all of us—including unbelievers** - This conclusion follows from the above. Aquinas also makes this clear in explaining that God never leaves any of us, including sinners. As the great dogmatic theologian Ludwig Ott explained, "According to the general teaching of the theologians, however, not only every baptized person, but every human being, including unbelievers, has his own special guardian angel from his birth." Pope Benedict XVI also taught that guardian angels are "ministers of the divine care for every human being." (Thanks to Jimmy Akin for highlighting these sources.)
- 8. Remind us of the dignity of persons** - This follows from all that has been said before. It is particularly evident from Matthew 18:10 where Jesus instructs us not to "despise the little ones" because they have angels watching over them. (I'm particularly indebted to Protestant preacher John Piper for pointing this out.) As St. Jerome puts it, "The worth of souls is so great that from birth each one has an angel assigned to him for protection." Piper emphasizes how the presence of guardian angels should lead us to a greater respect for our fellow Christians: "Therefore don't despise this simple, unimpressive disciple of Jesus! Let His angelic entourage remind you Whose Son He is."
- 9. Remind us of God's care for all** - Aquinas explains how the angels operate in accordance with God's providential plan for all men. It follows that these angels serve as a reminder of His care for us.
- 10. Bring our needs to God** - Akin says that guardian angels act as intercessors who bring our requests directly to God based on Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 about angels beholding the face of God.
(To be continued next week)