



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"

Sunday Donations

Dec. 7 - 8, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$700 from 39 envelopes = \$17.95 average
 Sun. 9 am \$1282 from 28 envelopes = \$45.79
 Sun. 11 am \$955 from 17 envelopes = \$56.18
 Sun. 4 pm \$710 from 19 envelopes = \$37.37
 Grand Total: \$3647 plus loose \$629.10= \$4276.10

Sunday Donations

Dec. 14 - 15, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$1725 from 32 envelopes = \$53.91 average
 Sun. 9 am \$2592 from 46 envelopes = \$56.35
 Sun. 11 am \$935 from 17 envelopes = \$55.00
 Sun. 4 pm \$450 from 21 envelopes = \$21.43
 Grand Total: \$5702 plus loose \$432= \$6134.00

In gratitude for your financial support!

Mass Intentions:

Father cannot always grant the date of the Mass requested but the office will arrange as close to the date requested as possible.

Please note that all Mass Intentions are published on the website and in the parish bulletin.

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.

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%.



Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev J.

Michael Miller, CSB

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON

RECTORY/MAILING: 1425 WEST 39TH AVENUE VANCOUVER. B. C. V6M 1T2

Church location: 1430 West 38th Avenue

PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 604-261-3535

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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Admin. Assist. : Elizabeth Wong

PARISH WEBSITE: <http://sspeterpaul.ca>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/HOLY FAMILY DEC. 22 & DEC. 29 2024

Sts. Peter & Paul parish office is closed from Tuesday, Dec. 24th to Wednesday, Jan. 1st 2025 (inclusive).

Sacramental Emergencies anytime: 604-261-3535 extension 104



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, 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 - 3:00pm

Confessions: Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 am **Saturday:** 9:30 am and 4:00 -4:30 pm

Marriage: By appointment -- Notify 8 Months in Advance

SUNDAY READINGS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Here is an event which is touching but ordinary: two pregnant women meet. Yet the children borne by these two women will play an extraordinary part in the unfolding of God's plan. In Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, life hastens to meet human hope. Mary's son, the One "whose origin is from old, from ancient times", incarnates in humanity invisible divinity.

Elizabeth's child will bring Israel's waiting to its highest intensity.

"Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled!" In Elizabeth's cry, we catch an allusion to the annunciation through which Mary, overshadowed by the Spirit, became the Mother of God. The visitation completes and confirms the Angel's message. It bears witness to the dynamism of the Spirit Who progressively permeates the protagonists of the infancy narrative. Mary undertakes with fervor the first apostolic journey in order to share her joy with her cousin. Elizabeth humbles herself before her visitor and blesses her among all women. John already leaps for joy, thus inaugurating his role as precursor.

These many humble signs reveal that, from the conception of Jesus, the river of life flows out to water the whole earth.

The same gospel event is relived whenever Christians proclaim to each other in simplicity of heart God's presence in their lives, and whenever they celebrate in thanksgiving the wonders that the Lord has done for them.

SUNDAY READINGS: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

The parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when He was twelve they went up for the celebration as was their custom.

As they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind unknown to His parents. Thinking he was in the party, they continued their journey for a day, looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

All who heard Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers. When His parents saw Him they were astonished, and His Mother said to Him: "Son, why have You done this to us? You see that your Father and I have been searching for You in sorrow." He said to them: "Why did you search for Me? Did you not know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not grasp what He said to them.

He went down with them then, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His Mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for His part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.



Watching church on a livestream is like watching a fireplace on a screen. You see it but you don't feel the warmth. Go to church.



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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION 2024

Along with the 52 Sundays of the Year in Canada, we have 2 other Holy Days of Obligation: Christmas and New Year (Mother of God). Consequently this year, there are 4 days of Obligation within a span of 11 days: **4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas, Holy Family Sunday and Mother of God (New Year).**

Here at Sts. Peter & Paul are these Masses:

4th Sunday of Advent:

- Dec. 21st - Saturday - 5:00 pm

- Dec. 22nd - Sunday - 9:00 am and 11:00 am and 4:00 pm

Masses of Christmas:

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm - (Trumpet, Organ and Choir)

- 6:00 pm - (Trumpet and Organ)

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day:

- 9:00 am (Violin and Choir)

- 11:00 am (Organ and Choir)

[No 4:00 pm Mass]

Holy Family:

- Dec. 28th, Saturday - 5:00 pm

- Dec. 29th, Sunday:

9:00 am and 11:00 am and 4:00 pm

Masses of New Year (Mother of God):

Dec. 31st - Eve - *4:00 pm [Holy Hour 11:00 pm]

January 1st - New Year's - Wednesday - 9am and 11am

[No 4:00 pm Mass]

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Advent 2024 Penitential Services**

Name of Parish - Date and Time of Services

St. Anthony of Padua

Sunday, December 22nd at 6:30 pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral will have confessions at the usual times:

Monday-Friday 7:45 am; 11:45 am; 4:45 pm.

Saturday 7:45 am; 11:45 am; 4-5 pm.

N.B. The **2025 Box of Envelopes** are in the back of Church, east side.

Please note that numbers change every year.

(Not the same as this year)

SIGN UP

If you would like to receive a box of

2025 contribution envelopes,

please sign the blue binder provided on the right of the

Baptismal font. If new, please fill up the

New Parishioner registration form.

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.)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent /King of Nations
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Dec. 23rd - O Emmanuel
8:00 am - Elizabeth and Michael Wong

TUESDAY, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve
4:00 pm - Parishioners
6:00 pm - Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
9:00 am - Parishioners
11:00 am - Parishioners
(No 4:00 pm Mass)

THURSDAY, Dec. 26th - St. Stephen+ 34 A. D. (Boxing Day)
*9:00 am - Argirios Tadoglou+

FRIDAY, Dec. 27th - St. John the Apostle
8:00 am - Waldemar Rimland+

SATURDAY, Dec. 28th - Holy Innocents+ 1 A. D.
9:00 am - Paul Fook Bok Cheung
5:00 pm - Anatolia Bote+

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 29th - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Dec. 30th - 6th day of Christmas
8:00 am - Myrna Cruz

TUESDAY, Dec. 31st - 7th day of Christmas
*4:00 pm - Fr. John Horgan+ - New Year's, Mother of God
[11:00 pm - Holy Hour]

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1st - New Year's; Mother of God
9:00 am - Parishioners
11:00 am - Parishioners
(No 4:00 pm Mass)

THURSDAY, Jan. 2nd - St. Basil+ 379 A. D. & St. G. Nazianzan+ 390 A. D.
8:00 am - Norbert Benz+

FIRST FRIDAY, Jan. 3rd - 10th day of Christmas
8:00 am - Josefina Argales
4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

SATURDAY, Jan. 4th - 11th day of Christmas
9:00 am - Fr. Juan Lucca
5:00 pm - Nena Chua+
(Epiphany of the Lord)

2025 Sunday Missals

Sunday Missals have been placed in the pews though out the Church. They are stamped and numbered, in order to be permanent, They are not for sale.

2024 Financial Contributions

In order to be included in this year's tax receipts, contributions must be received no later than Jan. 3rd, 2025 with cheques dated **Dec. 31st, 2024.**

Sts. Peter & Paul Faith Studies

No meeting in January, 2025
Meeting will be in February, 2025

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

No meeting in January, 2025
Meeting will be in February, 2025

Jan. 3rd, 2025 First Friday Devotion

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adoration
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Lay led
3:45 pm - Benediction
4:00 pm - Mass

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

3:30 pm; Dec. 22nd and 29th
Come and pray with us.

**2025 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.**

2025 PAD forms are now available from our website and the vestibule.