



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

Nov. 23 - 24, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$665 from 23 envelopes = \$28.91 average
 Sun. 9 am \$756 from 34 envelopes = \$22.74
 Sun. 11 am \$550 from 21 envelopes = \$26.19
 Sun. 4 pm \$1990 from 25 envelopes = \$79.60
 Grand Total: \$3961 plus loose \$447.15= \$4408.51

Sunday Donations

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$1507 from 21 envelopes = \$71.76 average
 Sun. 9 am \$1876 from 43 envelopes = \$43.63
 Sun. 11 am \$985 from 23 envelopes = \$42.83
 Sun. 4 pm \$450 from 18 envelopes = \$25.00
 Grand Total: \$4818 plus 442.55 loose = \$5260.55



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 website and vestibule.

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.

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.**

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

3:30 pm; Mass at 4:00 pm
Come and pray with us.

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%.



"That quote came from Santa Claus. Right, Mommy?"



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

e-mail: parish.sspp@rcav.org

Admin. Assist. : Elizabeth Wong

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 8TH 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

SUNDAY READINGS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's gospel deals with the Baptist, that herald of an extraordinary event.

The evangelist reports John's cry raised in the desert. He describes His mission to us: to prepare the way, to make straight the road. After a long silence during which there have been no more signs or prophets, God speaks anew. The echo of His voice rumbles across the solitudes announcing a decisive turning point in the history of the world. In an ultimate intervention which fulfills and overflows the ancient hopes, God will come.

But how? Will He show His presence like a meteor leaving a fiery trail across the lower reaches of the atmosphere before pursuing its course of lightning, then fall once again into the darkness which covers the world? No, for this Word which erupts into time changes all human history: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." But to see Him we must first die to ourselves in conversion. That is John's message.

It is in the midst of the discordant voices of history that God makes Himself heard. By its life of justice, the community of believers ceaselessly sounds forth the invitation to humanity's new exodus.



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 ~~ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER~~ **ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER** by ~~St. Michael's Archangel~~ **St. Michael's Archangel** ~~defend us from the devil~~ **defend us from the devil**. **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.**



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. 22th - Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am and 4:00 pm

Christmas:

- Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

- Dec. 25th – Christmas Day:

9:00 am and 11:00 am (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

Mother of God New Year:

Dec. 31st – Eve – *4:00 pm [Holy Hr. 11:00 pm]

January 1st - New Year's – Wednesday – 9am and 11am (No 4:00pm)

2025 Church Calendars

The 2025 Church Calendars are available for you to take.

(FREE)

They are next to the collection boxes

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.

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.)

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.**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 8TH - Second Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY, Dec. 9th - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am - *Hua Hsiang Yang+*

TUESDAY, Dec. 10th - Advent Ferial

4:00 pm - *Luigi Chies+*

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11th - Advent Ferial

8:00 am - *M. Eugenia Elisabeth Ravasio+*

THURSDAY, Dec. 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am - *Ken Huang+*

FRIDAY, Dec. 13th - St. Lucy+ 304 AD

8:00 am - *Lucy de Leon Jucaban*

SATURDAY, Dec. 14th - St. John of the Cross+ 1591

9:00 am - *Genoveffa Chies+*

5:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*

(Third Sunday of Advent)

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

Prepare a way for the Lord

The Church encourages us to participate in this Holy Season by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Name of Parish - Date and Time of Services

St. Mark's

Sunday, December 8th at 2:30 pm – 4:00pm

****Sts. Peter & Paul Parish****

Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm

Our confessors:

Fr. Pablo S.M. Watson

Fr. John Tritschler

Fr. David Hughes

Fr. Ron Thompson

St. Augustine

Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 PM

Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

St. John the Apostle

Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 pm

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.

Door Is Open

Dec. 14 - 15 2024

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

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

Organized by Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

Thank you to all of you for making this year's Saints Peter and Paul Parish 2024 Advent Potluck Celebration a success,



and to all volunteers for your time and efforts! To those who donated door and main prizes, thank you! Blessings!

St. John Paul II pointed to the Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist and Isaiah as "guides" for us during Advent.

Virgin Mary

Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the Woman of the "yes" who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

St. John the Baptist

Then there is John the Baptist, the precursor of the Messiah, who is presented as a "voice crying in the wilderness," preaching "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (cf. Mk 1,4). It is the only condition for recognizing the Messiah already present in the world.

Isaiah

Isaiah, the prophet of consolation and hope. He proclaims a true and proper Gospel for the people of Israel, enslaved in Babylon, and urges them to remain vigilant in prayer, to recognize "the signs" of the coming of the Messiah.