

**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. 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

**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

**In gratitude for your regular financial support!**

**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%.**

**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.



**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>**



**GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 15TH 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: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

When Luke writes his gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history, but what interests him most is the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning.

They are a challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency: we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in the circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity. We join those innumerable people who open their lives to the unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting". Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the One Whom we await: Jesus Christ, Who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.



**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!

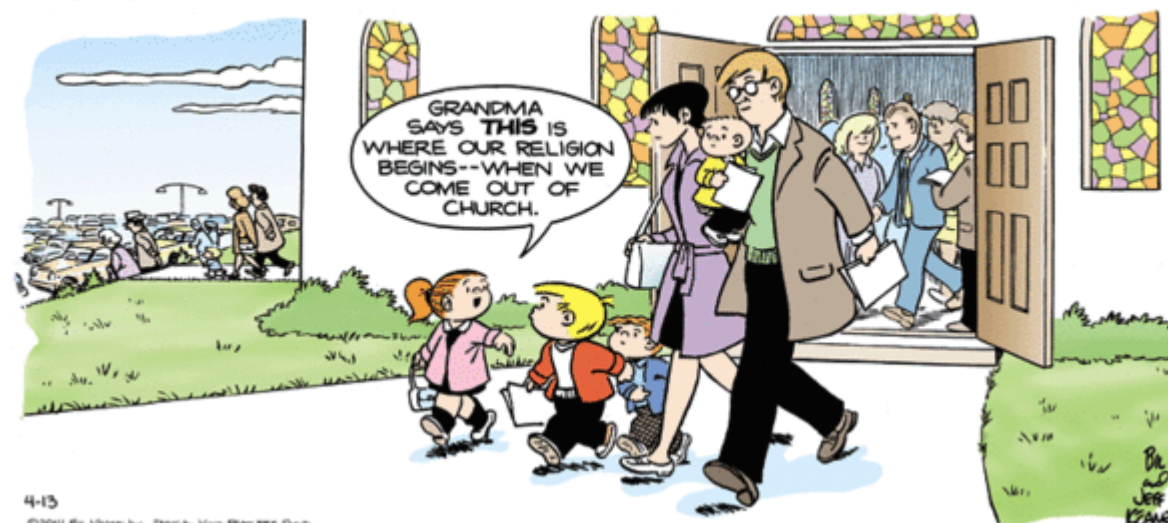


**Fr. Ron Thompson**  
**Please Note**

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.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**





**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 - 5pm**

**Dec. 22nd - 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:**

**Saturday, Dec. 28th - 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)**

**Church Christmas Decorating Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for:

**Thursday, Dec. 19th:**

Sturdily place 2 large Sanctuary trees and put on lights.

**Friday, Dec. 20th:**

Arrange other Sanctuary trees and decorations throughout the Church.

**Saturday, Dec. 21st:**

Place Statues in the crib.

**Monday, Dec. 23rd:**

Arrange flowers.

**Volunteer Times:**

**9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**12:00 noon - 3:00 pm**

Sign up sheets are available at the vestibule.

**N. B. The 2025 Box of Envelopes** are now available at 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.

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.)

**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith Resumes on Tuesday January 14th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, Dec. 15th - Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm -

**MONDAY, Dec. 16th - Advent Ferial**  
8:00 am - *Lydia Chua*

**TUESDAY, Dec. 17th - O Wisdom**  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18th - O Sacred Lord**  
8:00 am - *Jose Chua+*  
10:00 am - *Vancouver College Mass*

**THURSDAY, Dec. 19th - O Root of Jesse**  
8:00 am - *Fr. John Horgan+*

**FRIDAY, Dec. 20th - O Key of David**  
8:00 am - *Nena Chua+*

**SATURDAY, Dec. 21st - O Dayspring**  
9:00 am - *Paul Fook-Bo Cheung*  
5:00 pm - *Elena Salvacion*

**(Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

**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; Dec. 15th, 22nd and 29th  
Come and pray with us.

**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**

**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.

**Praying The "O" Antiphons  
From December 17 to 23, the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the seven "O" Antiphons, so called because each one addresses the God who comes in Christ with a different biblical title,**

**beginning with the innovation "O." In Latin, the first letters of the titles, read in reverse order, form the acrostic "Ero cras" which translates as "I will be with you tomorrow." These texts traced back seventh century Europe, are drenched in biblical illusions offering a rich source for personal prayer and reflection during these final days of preparation of Christmas.**

**Dec 17: O -Sapientia (Wisdom)**

**Dec 18: O Adonai (Lord)**

**Dec 19: O Radix Jesse ( Root of Jesse)**

**Dec 20: O Clavis Davidica (Key of David)**

**Dec 21: O Oriens (O Dayspring)**

**Dec 22: O Rex Gentium (King of Nations)**

**Dec - 23: O Emmanuel (God -With Us)**