



## 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

#### Jan. 1st 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$875 from 24 envelopes = \$36.46 average  
 Sun. 9 am \$1589 from 42 envelopes = \$37.83  
 Sun. 11 am \$570 from 21 envelopes = \$27.14  
 Sun. 4 pm \$375 from 15 envelopes = \$27.14  
 Grand Total: \$3409 plus \$366.50 loose = \$3775.50

### Sunday Donations

#### Jan. 4 - 5, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$578 from 25 envelopes = \$23.12 average  
 Sun. 9 am \$977 from 30 envelopes = \$32.57  
 Sun. 11 am \$415 from 15 envelopes = \$27.67  
 Sun. 4 pm \$389 from 22 envelopes = \$17.68  
 Grand Total: \$2359 plus \$516.95 loose = \$2875.95



### 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 in the vestibule.

### 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%.**



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Archdiocese of Vancouver  
Archbishop: Most Rev J.  
Michael Miller, CSB

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Church location: 1430 West 38th Avenue

PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 604-261-3535

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JAN. 12TH 2025

**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: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The annual season of light draws to a close. January may be quite bleak in northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores, and communities regularly package their Christmas decor and store it away for eleven months. For the Church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all the loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery. It remembers one more aspect of

Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding of the mystery of Jesus through the recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of His public life because the varied detail of their accounts unveil His identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. He is the Beloved Son.

These proclamations about Jesus summon us to a fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history.



**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.*

A blessed Jubilee New Year of 2025 to us all.

The Liturgical Year, as it begins on December 1, is a month ahead of the Calendar Year. In this way we experience the unfolding of Advent and Christmas to ready us with new insight; in order then to enter into the New Year of 2025. The number marks out all these many years of graces that Our Lord has shared over all this amount of time. How providential it is that the Christmas Season arches over the past year of 2024 and leads us, into the New Year, experiencing, we pray, an increase of gratitude this Christmas, for the Father's gift to us of his Son.

The 12 days of Christmas continue with the glorious Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. The shepherds of Judaism have the revelation to them of an Angel to proclaim Christ's birth. The wise men of the Orient, the Gentiles, have the revelation to them by a Star to proclaim Christ's birth. These Magi were men of science, astronomy, and history. We note that the revelation to them both was from their own lived experience.

A special (optional) liturgical act after the Gospel of the Epiphany is the chanting of 'The Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts': "Know that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour... on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day."

Indeed, as 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' tells us: "Born that we no more might die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth." and 'We Three Kings' with their gifts of Gold for the King, Frankincense for God and Myrrh for the Sacrifice: "Sorrowing sighing, Bleeding dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb."

As people of Faith: born to die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth, leads us fittingly to his Passion, Death & Resurrection. This is why Easter is the Most Important Feast of the Year! Christmas/Epiphany point to this.

In the Christmas Season St. Luke accounts the way in which Jesus grows and matures: "the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him." (Lk. 2:40) and further: "Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them... and Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in favour with God and men." (Lk 2:51-52)

The Jubilee Years have special graces: 1975 was declared a Year of Reconciliation & Renewal; 2000 was declared as a Year of the Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness; and this our Jubilee New Year of 2025 is declared as a Year of Fraternity & Hope. May St. Luke's accounting of the way in which our Lord's growth occurred, be that example for us all, in this Special Jubilee New Year, of how we should live it out; "to live in favour with God and men"

Also, St. Luke at these references adds "But Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart." (Lk 2:19 & Lk. 2:51). May, then Mary, Mother of God and the Church, help us too to treasure why and how all these great things continue to come about and fully shared with us.

Blessings and Peace!

### Door Is Open

Jan. 18 -19 2025

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

Please help us out by dropping off items only on the weekend of **Jan. 18 -19, 2025** as we have no storage space.

**Organized by  
Sts. Peter & Paul  
Men's Group**

**THERE'S A REASON  
JESUS WAS A  
CARPENTER.  
HE TAKES WHAT'S  
BROKEN AND  
REBUILDS IT.  
REPAIRS IT.  
RESTORES IT. WE  
GO INTO HIS  
WORKSHOP  
FALLING APART  
AND WE EMERGE  
COMPLETELY  
BRAND NEW;  
UNRECOGNIZABLE.  
THERE ISN'T  
ANYTHING JESUS  
CAN'T FIX.**

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, Jan. 12th - The Baptism of the Lord**  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

**MONDAY, Jan. 13th - Ferial**  
8:00 am - *Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB*

**TUESDAY, Jan. 14th - Ferial**  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15th - Ferial**  
8:00 am - *Kanta Chopra*

**THURSDAY, Jan. 16th - Ferial**  
8:00 am - *Gillian Robillard*

**FRIDAY, Jan. 17th - St. Anthony+ 356**  
8:00 am - *Barry Janyk+*

**SATURDAY, Jan. 18th - Ferial**  
9:00 am - *Dr. Julia Levy*  
5:00 pm - *Fr. John Horgan+*  
**(The Second Sunday in the Ordinary Time)**

### Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

**No meeting in January 2025  
Meeting will be in February 2025.**  
Come and join us.

### Sts. Peter & Paul Faith Studies

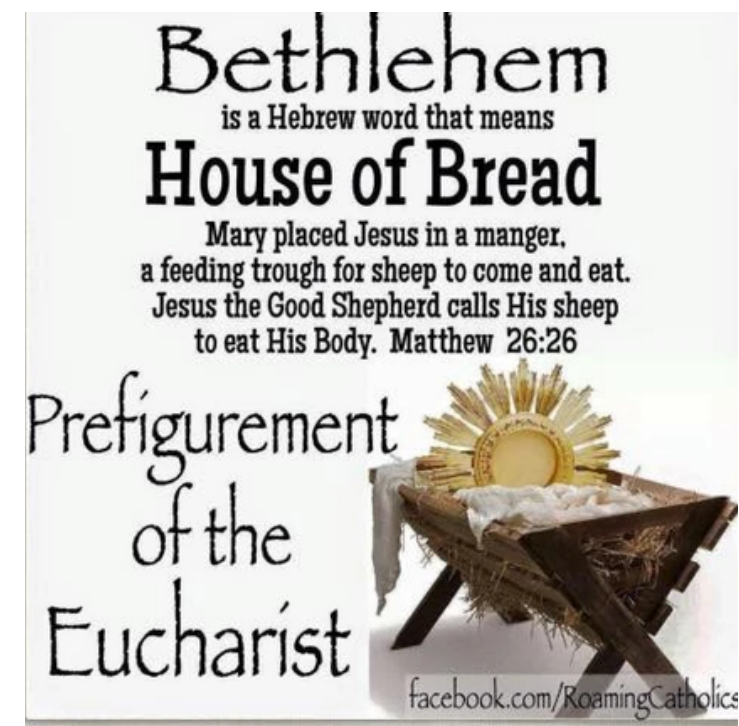
Meeting will be in February 2025.  
Our parish "Talks on the Faith" continue on **Tuesdays 7-8 pm** in the Church. These presentations are open to anyone to know more about our Catholic faith. As they are also online at our Formed.org, it is not necessary to attend all sessions. This program includes preparation for those who want to become Catholic (RCIA) as well. May these sessions assist us in learning more about the Catholic faith. Again, all are welcome! The night's topics will be printed in the bulletin each week.

### 2025 Sunday Missals

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

### Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

Vespers at 3:30 pm; Mass at 4: 00 pm  
Jan. 12th 2025  
Please come and pray with us.



### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.)