

Christmas Donations

Dec. 24th - 25th, 2024

Sat. 4 pm \$1755 from 39 envelopes = \$45.00 average
Sat. 6pm \$595 from 18 envelopes = \$33.06
Sun. 9 am \$1293 from 27 envelopes = \$47.89
Sun. 11 am \$2440 from 27 envelopes = \$90.37
Grand Total: \$6083 plus loose \$1415.60 = \$7498.60

Sunday Donations

Dec. 28 -29, 2024

Sat. 5 pm \$3290 from 37 envelopes = \$88.92 average
Sun. 9 am \$985 from 26 envelopes = \$37.89
Sun. 11 am \$440 from 17 envelopes = \$25.88
Sun. 4 pm \$675 from 21 envelopes = \$32.14
Grand Total: \$5390 plus \$653.30 loose = \$6043.30

New Year's

Dec. 31, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025

Sat. 4 pm \$740 from 26 envelopes = \$36.15 average
Sun. 9 am \$770 from 20 envelopes = \$38.50
Sun. 11 am \$700 from 22 envelopes = \$31.82
Grand Total: \$2210

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Group

No meeting in January 2025
Meeting will be in February 2025

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

Come and pray with us.
No Vespers on Jan. 5th
Resumes on Jan. 12th

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.



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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.

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.

Jan. 14th - The Bible" God's love letter to us

-The Story of Salvation

Jan. 21st - Who is Jesus?

-The Pascal Mystery

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"



Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev J.
Michael Miller, CSB



**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.*

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JAN. 5TH 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: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The parents of Jesus used to go every year to
Jerusalem to 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.

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 20th 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!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Jan. 5th - The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, Jan. 6th - Epiphanytide
8:00 am - *Ning Tabangcura*

TUESDAY, Jan. 7th - St. Andre Bessette+ 1937
4:00 pm - *Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O. P.*

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8th - Epiphanytide
8:00 am - *Chow Chung Tak*

THURSDAY, Jan. 9th - Epiphanytide
8:00 am - *Edna Rivera*

FRIDAY, Jan. 10th - Epiphanytide
8:00 am - *Angela Mimello+*

SATURDAY, Jan. 11th - Epiphanytide
9:00 am - *Dr. Julia Levy*
5:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
(The Baptism of the Lord)

Bethlehem
is a Hebrew word that means
House of Bread

Mary placed Jesus in a manger,
a feeding trough for sheep to come and eat.
Jesus the Good Shepherd calls His sheep
to eat His Body. **Matthew 26:26**

Prefiguration
of the
Eucharist



Epiphany Blessed Chalk & Yellow Prayer Sheets are available for you to take home **Epiphany Proclamation 2025**

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, the many important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon."

"Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, 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 **5th day of March** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the feast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **20th day of April**, we will celebrate with joy, Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

On the **1st of June** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **8th day of June**, Feast of Pentecost.

On the **22nd day of June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
On the **30th of November**, the first Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom is honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen."