

St. Matthew's Parish, 16079 88 Ave., Surrey, BC
SATURDAY-JUNE 7TH | 8:30AM-3:45PM

Man Up

Unlocking the Mysteries of St. Joseph

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2025 Man's Destiny
 MEN'S CONFERENCE

with Conference Leader
Devin Schadt

Man's Destiny 2025 - Step Into Your Calling

Come join men from across the region who will gather for the 2025 Man's Destiny Men's Conference, an inspiring one-day event focused on unlocking your God-given potential as a father and leader. This is more than a conference—it's a call to action.

"Now more than ever before, Canada needs strong men of faith who courageously seek to live pure and holy lives that witness to God's love and mercy." ~ Archbishop Michael Miller

Opposing Euthanasia in Canada — Looking to the Future with Hope

Keynote Speaker: **Alex Schadenberg**
 Executive, Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



Government sanctioned killing, institutionalized from the highest levels...
 What dystopian future awaits our children?

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Monday, May 26, 6:30-9 pm
 SHERATON VANCOUVER WALL CENTRE
 1000 Burrard St., Vancouver, Junior Ballroom

To Register, scan QR Code
 Tickets: No Cost



Refreshments, First 50 registrants receive
 Inquiries, email: euthanasiaresistancebc@gmail.com



Register Early, Space is limited!

Sunday Donations May 3 - 4, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$1835 from 32 envelopes = \$57.34 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$635 from 15 envelopes = \$42.33 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$815 from 29 envelopes = \$28.10 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$720.25 from 34 envelopes = \$21.18 avg.
 Grand Total: \$4005.25 + \$523 loose = \$4528.25

May 10 - 11, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$970 from 46 envelopes = \$21.09 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$962 from 44 envelopes = \$21.86 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$660 from 24 envelopes = \$27.5 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$417 from 20 envelopes = \$20.85 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3009 + \$498.50 loose = \$3507.50

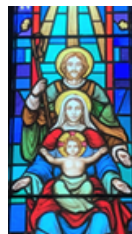
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LEAVE A LEGACY

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.

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.

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
- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email address and click "Sign Up"



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"If you blow out all the candles, do you get your prayers answered?"

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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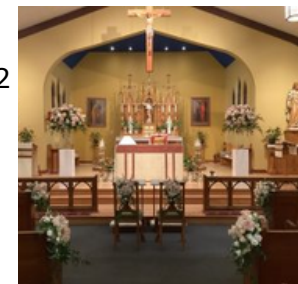
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18TH 2025

Sunday Mass: Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

(Sunday Vespers and Benediction 3:30 pm)

Weekday Mass: Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 4:00 pm, and

Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am

Also First Fridays: Adoration: 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm, with Benediction 3:45 pm; 2nd Mass 4:00 pm

Church is Open: Wednesday - Friday 12 noon - 3:00 pm

Confessions: Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 am, and

Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Marriage: By Appointment -- Notify 8 Months in Advance

SUNDAY READINGS: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Urgency marks the beginning of Jesus' farewell discourse: "now... soon... not much longer...." Soon Jesus will no longer be with His disciples. They must pass from the experience of His bodily presence to faith in His invisible presence. To experience in faith a presence in absence is the whole of Christian life until the parousia.

Through the mutual love between the disciples the permanent presence of the Risen One is assured and manifested in the world. This mutual love characterizes our history during the time between Jesus' departure and his final return.



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.



ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

Good morning and thank you for this wonderful reception! They say when they clap at the beginning it does not matter much, if you are still awake at the end and you still want to applaud... thank you very much!

Brothers and sisters,
I welcome you, representatives of the media from around the world. Thank you for the work you have done and continue to do in these days, which is truly a time of grace for the Church.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaimed: “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Mt 5:9). This is a Beatitude that challenges all of us, but it is particularly relevant to you, calling each one of you to strive for a different kind of communication, one that does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it. Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others. In this sense, the way we communicate is of fundamental importance: we must say “no” to the war of words and images, we must reject the paradigm of war.

Let me, therefore, reiterate today the Church’s solidarity with journalists who are imprisoned for seeking to report the truth, and with these words I also ask for the release of these imprisoned journalists. The Church recognises in these witnesses – I am thinking of those who report on war even at the cost of their lives – the courage of those who defend dignity, justice and the right of people to be informed, because only informed individuals can make free choices. The suffering of these imprisoned journalists challenges the conscience of nations and the international community, calling on all of us to safeguard the precious gift of free speech and of the press.

Thank you, dear friends, for your service to the truth. You have been in Rome these past few weeks to report on the Church, its diversity and, at the same time, its unity. You were present during the liturgies of Holy Week and then reported on the sorrow felt over the death of Pope Francis, which nevertheless took place in the light of Easter. That same Easter faith drew us into the spirit of the Conclave, during which you worked long and tiring days. Yet, even on this occasion, you managed to recount the beauty of Christ’s love that unites and makes us one people, guided by the Good Shepherd.

We are living in times that are both difficult to navigate and to recount. They present a challenge for all of us but it is one that we should not run away from. On the contrary, they demand that each one of us, in our different roles and services, never give in to mediocrity. The Church must face the challenges posed by the times. In the same way, communication and journalism do not exist outside of time and history. Saint Augustine reminds of this when he said, “Let us live well and the times will be good. We are the times” (Discourse 80.8).

Thank you, therefore, for what you have done to move beyond stereotypes and clichés through which we often interpret Christian life and the life of the Church itself. Thank you because you have captured the essence of who we are and conveyed it to the whole world through every form of media possible.

Today, one of the most important challenges is to promote communication that can bring us out of the “Tower of Babel” in which we sometimes find ourselves, out of the confusion of loveless languages that are often ideological or partisan. Therefore, your service, with the words you use and the style you adopt, is crucial. As you know, communication is not only the transmission of information, but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion. In looking at how technology is developing, this mission becomes ever more necessary. I am thinking in particular of artificial intelligence, with its immense potential, which nevertheless requires responsibility and discernment in order to ensure that it can be used for the good of all, so that it can benefit all of humanity. This responsibility concerns everyone in proportion to his or her age and role in society.

Dear friends, we will get to know each other better over time. We have experienced – we can say together – truly special days. We have shared them through every form of media: TV, radio, internet, and social media. I sincerely hope that each of us can say that these days unveiled a little bit of the mystery of our humanity and left us with a desire for love and peace. For this reason, I repeat to you today the invitation made by Pope Francis in his message for this year’s World Day of Social Communications: let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred; let us free it from aggression. We do not need loud, forceful communication, but rather communication that is capable of listening and of gathering the voices of the weak who have no voice. Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world. Disarmed and disarming communication allows us to share a different view of the world and to act in a manner consistent with our human dignity.

You are at the forefront of reporting on conflicts and aspirations for peace, on situations of injustice and poverty, and on the silent work of so many people striving to create a better world. For this reason, I ask you to choose consciously and courageously the path of communication in favour of peace.

Thank you all and may God bless you!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 18th - Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, May 19th - Easter Ferial (Victoria Day)
9:00 am - *Fr. John Horgan+*
TUESDAY, May 20th - Easter Ferial
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
WEDNESDAY, May 21st - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Bryan Wei-Hao Huang*
THURSDAY, May 22nd - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Sandra Young+*
FRIDAY, May 23rd - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Fr. J. Hughes*
SATURDAY, May 24th - Easter Ferial
9:00 am - *Mrs. Shu Ing Sun*
5:00 pm - *Adrienne Chan*
(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

3:30 pm Vespers; Mass at 4:00 pm
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.

Door is Open

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

Project Advance Volunteers

are available to assist with your pledges after these weekend Masses:
May 24/25, May 31/June 1, June 7/8
You may also drop your pledge in the collection basket or in the mail anytime throughout the year.
Thank you for your support.
It means a great deal.

Please Note:

Your previous pledge forms were already put in the mail for you to consider for this year’s campaign.
Otherwise there are blank forms available next to the bulletin.

Opposing Euthanasia in Canada

Keynote Speaker: Alex Schadenberg
Mon. May 26th at 6:30 - 9:00 pm

More information: euthanasiaresistancebc@gmail.com

Short Term Rental Available Starting in July

1450 West 38th Ave. Main And Upper Floor
3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths
If you are sincerely interested
Contact the office for more information.

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Project Advance 2025 Letter

My dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish,
Especially in this season of Easter, we remember Jesus’ words: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5). This newness is now historically so in the Catholic Church, with the gift of our new Pope, Leo XIV. His inaugural words to us emphasized the need for the Faith in order to give meaning to life itself. The Popes have often stated that 95% of the Church’s life & ministry is found on the parish level.

Here at Sts. Peter & Paul parish we provide the opportunity for the people of God to worship Him and be guided and strengthened to share Him with others. Our parish celebrates the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. Along with this, we provide prayerful, spiritual, educational and social activities in order for parishioners to live and deepen their faith; for themselves and for others.

As your pastor for these past four years, it gives me special joy to see an increase of membership, and ongoing inquiry to join us. The noticed increase of construction of new residences (including the New Oakridge Park) reveals that this trend will continue.

The building of our new Parish Centre is necessary in order to meet our present and future needs. It will provide so many opportunities for parishioners to gather and celebrate and deepen our faith.

We need a place to provide Funeral and Sacramental receptions, opportunities for retreats and recollections, regular gatherings after Sunday Mass, as well as other special annual events. Ongoing are the need to hold Catechism classes, as well as new Catholics, youth, young adults and seniors to gather.

Our Cartier Hall is up for sale for the optimum price. We still need more funds in order to move ahead with Construction. I would say, more than ever, your support is needed at this time. Without it, it would be difficult to secure a mortgage for the rest of the Construction cost.

I ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge to Project Advance 2025. This would be gratefully appreciated and assist our parish to also live out the proclamation to: “make all things new!” Blessings and Peace!
Fr. Ron Thompson, Pastor