

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.

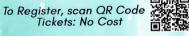
"Now more than ever before, Canada needs strong men of faith who courageously seek to live pure and holy lives that witness to God's love and mercy." ~ Archbishop Michael Miller

Opposing Euthanasia in Canada - Looking to the Future with Hope

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



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Refreshments, First 50 registrants receive Inquiries, email: euthanasiaresistancebcegmail.com

Register Early, Space is limited!

Sunday Donations 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

May 17 - 18, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$615 from 30 envelopes = \$20.50 avg. Sun. 9 am \$862 from 34 envelopes = \$25.35 avg. Sun. 11 am \$772 from 30 envelopes = \$25.73 avg. Sun. 4 pm \$575 from 20 envelopes = \$28.75 avg. Grand Total: \$2824 + \$323.30 loose = \$3147.30 In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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

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brochure.

2025 PAD forms are now available from website and vestibule.

New Formed Program FORMED

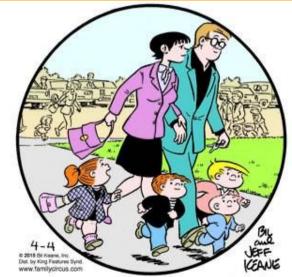
To aid our parishioners' want and need for Catholic Resource, we are pleased to announce that we have set up, with the Augustine Institute, the new Formed program. This resource is **free** for parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul

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, B.C.

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



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev

Richard W. Smith

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.: Thomas Nguyen PARISH WEBSITE: https://sspeterpaul.ca

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25TH 2025



Welcome visitors!

New Parishioners!

you pray with us at

We are pleased to have

Saints Peter and Paul, We

hope you enjoy your visit

Please introduce yourself

after Mass to Father Ron

and parishioners; we

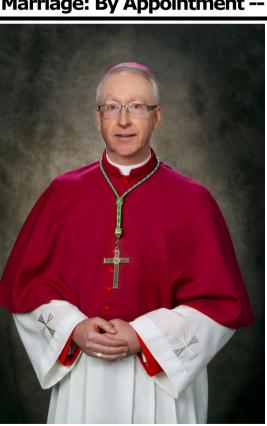
to our beautiful Church.

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



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.

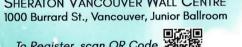
ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, o Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Twelfth Archbishop of Vancouver: The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith was installed on May 23, 2025 to the Metropolitan See of Vancouver (from Edmonton.)

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Monday, May 26, 6:30-9 pm



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SUNDAY READINGS: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We find ourselves in virtually the same situation as the people for whom the fourth gospel was intended: faith alone assures us that the Risen One is still present in the world, but present in absence.

We believe that, in returning to His Father, Christ does not cease to act. His death did not put an end to the spread of the gospel. By His death and rising Christ is present in a new way. The Spirit which had come down on Him in the Jordan is now poured out upon all believers. We go forth to plant the seed of His word.

The time of presence in absence is therefore the time for us to assume our own responsibility. Without taking hard and fast positions, we accept, in faith and in hope, the risk of giving new answers to life's ever-new questions. The Spirit demands that we take this risk.

Full Text of Pope Leo XIV's Homily From Inauguration Mass: 'This Is the Hour for Love'

Dear Brother Cardinals, Brother Bishops and Priests, Distinguished Authorities and Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and those who traveled here for the Jubilee of Confraternities, Brothers and Sisters:

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the Resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them "as a shepherd guards his flock" (Jeremiah 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world.

Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody. I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: These are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. We see this in today's Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a "fisher" of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, "fishers of men."

Now, after the Resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb agapao, which refers to the love that God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter's response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (John 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more,' that is, by offering your life for your brothers' and sisters.

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of "loving more" and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity, and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda, or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus "is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. 1 Peter 5:3). On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of St. Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (Sermons 359, 9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. In our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: In the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves, but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity that does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion "were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?" (Rerum Novarum, 21).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 25th - Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners MONDAY, May 26th - St. Philip Neri+ 1595 8:00 am - Sandra Young+ **TUESDAY, May 27th - Easter Ferial** 4:00 pm - Ken Huang+ WEDNESDAY, May 28th - Easter Ferial 8:00 am - Marcel Dvorak **THURSDAY, May 29th - Easter Ferial** 8:00 am - Fermin Contaoe+ FRIDAY, May 30th - Easter Ferial 8:00 am - Special Intention SATURDAY, May 31st - The Visitation 9:00 am - Angela Y.G. Fong+ 5:00 pm - Freda Neves (The Ascension of the Lord)

The Apostles and Their Successors, **Guardians of "All the Truth":** Sixth Sunday of Easter

by: Gavle Somers

During His conversation with the apostles on the night of His arrest, Jesus looks into the future. What does He see? Gospel (Read Jn. 14:23-29)

In a long section of St. John's Gospel that we call "the Last Supper Discourse" (see Jn. 13-17), Jesus begins to anticipate His departure from this world and what that will mean for His friends, the apostles. He emphasizes that to love Him means to live as He taught them. Those who love Jesus in word and action will live in communion with the Trinity here on earth, even before they reach heaven.

Then, Jesus moves on to describe something that is yet to happen and is of vital importance as we seek to understand how His followers will know what they need to know about Him and His Word after His departure. How will the Gospel move from this band of apostles and those who traveled with them into all the world? Once Jesus leaves, how can we know we have the truth about Him and thus be able to live it?

Jesus has a plan to make sure all those who wish to follow Him, in all the years that must pass before His return, will know what they need to know: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." If we have read the Gospels carefully, this promise by Jesus has to bring some relief. We have seen how little the apostles actually understood of what Jesus said and did while He was still with them.

Notice that this promise is made uniquely to the apostles in this conversation. Jesus switches from speaking about "whoever" (all believers) in verses 23-24 to "you" (the eleven who were with Him at the Last Supper) in verses 25-29. We can understand by this that although the Holy Spirit will be sent to all believers, He will do a particular work of teaching and reminding the apostles.

Later in this same discourse, Jesus tells the apostles that the Holy Spirit will "guide you into all the truth" (Jn. 16:13). This is an even more expansive promise because it anticipates that the apostles will, in the future, need to know more than they did on this night.

In all this, the work of the Holy Spirit is of supreme importance. Jesus knew that He had chosen mere men upon whom to build His Church. The worldwide proclamation of the Gospel, through all the ages of the Church's history, would have to come through ordinary flesh and blood. How could this be anything other than risky? There is only one way: a supernatural charism of the Holy Spirit, working in the apostles and their successors, would guarantee "all the truth."

Because of this magnificent promise, Jesus can leave His apostles with "Peace." How is this peace different from what "the world gives"? Peace in the world depends on circumstances. The peace of Jesus goes much deeper than that. His peace grounds us in the truth of God's love and power, no matter what our circumstances might be. How can we be sure of this truth? We look to these promises right here. The charism given first to the apostles and then passed on through the laying on of hands to their successors enables us to know "all the truth," expressed now in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

What an incredible plan! Did it work? Our first reading gives us the evidence we need to answer this question. Possible response: Lord Jesus, please help me love You in ways that go beyond words and emotions.

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction
3:30 pm Vespers; Mass at 4:00 pm
Come and Pray with us.
<u>Door is Open</u>
Thank you for all your clothing donations.
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
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Thank you for your support.
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