

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

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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



Sunday Donations 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

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Sat. 5 pm \$570 from 25 envelopes = \$22.80 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$1665 from 47 envelopes = \$35.43 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$690 from 23 envelopes = \$30.00 avg.
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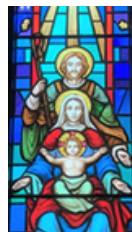
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By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your will, you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building Fund. This will enhance the Church's mandate to sanctify and teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. 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

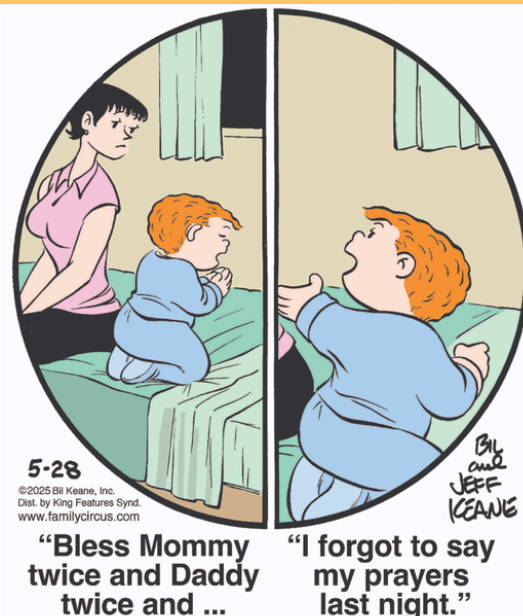
To aid our parishioners' want and need for Catholic Resource, we are pleased to announce that we have set up, with the Augustine Institute, the new Formed program. This resource is **free** for parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. All you have to do is sign up online via your computer or smart devices 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

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"



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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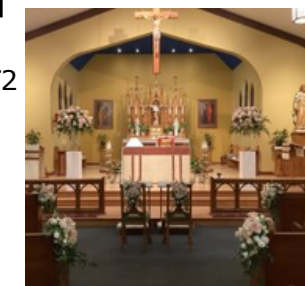
PARISH OFFICE PHONE: 604-261-3535

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JUNE 1ST 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: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving His apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is His body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.



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 Solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost:

Dear parishioners,

In an earlier message, I took the opportunity to highlight that the five Sundays of June this year are all special Solemnities; namely: June 1st: Ascension, June 8th: Pentecost, June 15th: Holy Trinity, June 22nd: ‘Corpus Christi,’ and June 29th: Saints Peter and Paul.

On the 40th day of Easter, that is, the Ascension, we celebrate the conclusion of our Lord’s earthly life. Saint Luke the Evangelist, in his second book, the ‘Acts of the Apostles’ shared that he had already: “In the first book (the Gospel of Luke)... dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up” (1:1,2). Also, in this book: he “presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days” (1:3).

Then, Luke Shares of our Lord’s words to us: “You shall be baptized by the Holy Spirit” (1:5) and “you shall receive the power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (1:8).

So: “as they were looking on, he was lifted up and the cloud took him out of their sight,” (1:9) with the promise: “This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven” (1.11).

Our Nicene Creed makes special reference to the result of the Lord’s Ascension, namely: “He is seated (present tense) at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” And the Eucharistic Preface prays: “he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he our Head and Founder, has gone before.” “He is seated” is literally, the ‘as we speak’ reality; and from there, as Head of the Church, he continues to grace the Church on earth for he is: “with us always until the close of the age” (Mt.28:20).

The Christian Pentecost shares out the promised gift of the Holy Spirit to be the Soul; the Life-giving Principle of the Church. How helpful for us also, is the Solemnity that follows Pentecost, namely the Holy Trinity, in order for the Church to realize the full impact of the Holy Spirit as the shared love of the Father and the Son.

To prepare for this outpouring with the 9 days between the Ascension and Pentecost is the original 9 days (Novena) where Mary and the Apostles wait and pray in the Upper Room for this to occur. We do well also to pray in preparation for Pentecost anew for us.

In Liturgy, the Church renders to the present moment all the saving works of salvation into the present age, so that the present believers of the Church might also experience the fruit of all these graces anew.

Blessed Abbot Columba Marmion (+1923) wrote, in his book ‘Christ in His Mysteries’ about Pentecost and the significance of the ‘Tongues of Fire’ and the ‘Powerful Wind.’

Of all these he wrote that: “The Holy Spirit appeared under the form of tongues of fire in order to fill the Apostles with Truth and to prepare them to bear witness to Jesus. He also came to fill their hearts with Love.” In the ‘Powerful Wind’: “the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it ‘there came a sound from heaven, as of a Powerful Wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting.’”

Then, Abbot Marmion prepares us in the present day: “But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come... to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is he who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness.”

In conclusion, of the dozen Solemnities throughout the Liturgical Year, there are three that stand out as the most important. These, in a special way share the work of the 3 persons of the Trinity: Christmas: God the Father’s love in giving us his Son, Easter: God the Son’s love, and Pentecost: God the Holy Spirit’s love.

Surely, Pentecost should have its greater impact in our lives. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit brings about the Birthday of the Church (that was conceived in the side of Christ crucified). For, as ‘Acts’ reminds us: “This Jesus God raised up, and of that, we all are witnesses” (2:32).

For, spiritually we too at Pentecost experience the ‘Tongues of Fire’: in his Gift of Truth and Love, and the ‘Powerful Wind’: in his Gift of Courage and Peace.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 1st - The Ascension of the Lord
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners
MONDAY, June 2nd - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - Heddy Lucas+
TUESDAY, June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga and Comps.+ 1886
4:00 pm - Ken Huang+
WEDNESDAY, June 4th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - Marcel Dvorak+
10:00 am Funeral Mass - Gloria Ross+
THURSDAY, June 5th - St. Boniface+ 754
8:00 am - Bianca Jaegge
FIRST FRIDAY, June 6th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - Special Intention
4:00 pm - Sandra Young+
SATURDAY, June 7th - Easter Ferial
9:00 am - Luigi & Genoveffa Chies+
5:00 pm - Peter Da Silva
(Pentecost Sunday)

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction:

3:30 pm Vespers; Mass at 4:00 pm
Come and Pray with us.

Men’s Monthly Meeting:

Wed. June 4th in the Church at 7 pm.

Join us for a video presentation, discussion, & refreshments. We look forward to others attending!

First Friday Faith Studies:

June 6 at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15).

Anyone interested is invited to join us for a video presentation, discussion, & refreshments.

First Friday Adoration:

June 6th at 12 noon - 4 pm with Chaplet at 3 pm, Benediction at 3:45 pm and a 2nd Mass at 4 pm.

Project Advance Volunteers:

are available to assist with your pledges after these weekend Masses:

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.

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