


SPECIAL COLLECTION

Supporting Victims and Families of the Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy





FRAGRANCE FREE SPACE

Use of perfume or cologne in our Church:

As an act of charity, since we are close together, please refrain from using these.

Sunday Donations
Apr. 12 - 13, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$1410 from 28 envelopes = \$50.36 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$955 from 36 envelopes = \$26.53 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$745 from 30 envelopes = \$24.83 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$355 from 16 envelopes = \$22.19 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3465 + \$530.05 loose = \$3995.05

Apr. 26 - 27, 2025

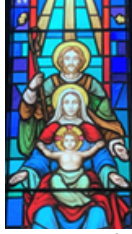
Sat. 5 pm \$670 from 23 envelopes = \$29.13 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$1019 from 35 envelopes = \$29.11 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$1195 from 27 envelopes = \$44.26 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$430 from 20 envelopes = \$21.5 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3314+ \$512 loose = \$3826

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 **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”



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4TH 2025



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.

SUNDAY READINGS: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ’s appearance to seven of His disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias marks an important step in the growth of paschal faith. As the Father sent his Son into the world, so the Lord Jesus will send His disciples on mission. The overwhelming catch of fish from the lake is a living parable of the church’s apostolic activity. The Risen Christ is the source of its fruitfulness.

Just like the apostles who went back to their nets after the tragedy of the passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. What if our faith in the resurrection were not more than a religious tradition? What if Christ no longer dwells in this established Church, which seems so rooted in defensiveness and little given to apostolic boldness? If that were so, we might be tempted to return to the reassuring banality of our everyday tasks. Or we might be tempted to organize ourselves into a Christian ghetto, separate from those who might upset our certitudes. We could dream nostalgically of the Church of former times when faith was taken for granted and religion ruled society.

But Christ stands on the shores of this world, more involved than ever, and he calls us to throw away our nets. We do not always recognize him at the first meeting, but he is there. He calls to us from the heart of our communities, in the commitments of those who seek the truth, who love and who forgive, who struggle for a better and more just world. He is there above all in that meal where we share his memory.

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

Cardinal Burke Launches Novena for the Universal Church as Conclave Approaches

The novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel, which will take place in the month of Mary, begins May 1 and runs until May 9.

VATICAN CITY — As he and his brother cardinals prepare to enter a conclave to elect the next pope, Cardinal Raymond Burke is inviting all the faithful to join a “Solemn Novena of Hope to Our Lady of Good Counsel” in order to pray for the universal Church, the world, and Pope Francis’ eternal rest.

“I invite you to join me beginning on this coming May 1st in a novena to the Mother of Good Counsel regarding the many challenges that we face, in our own homes, in our families, but also that we face in society and in the Church herself,” Cardinal Burke said in a video message recorded earlier this month.

The novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel, which will take place in the month of Mary, begins May 1 and runs until May 9. It had been planned before Pope Francis’ death on April 21, and so will now incorporate praying for the late Holy Father’s eternal rest as well as for the good of the Church.

Speaking to the Register April 25, Cardinal Burke said, “Asking the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel is especially important, given the critical decisions which will be made during the coming days and weeks for the good of the Church and of the whole world.”

It follows the cardinal’s popular Nine Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe last year that saw 190,000 faithful pray for the intercession of the Virgin Mary against what Cardinal Burke described as “the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church” and in the face of “pressing crises of our age.”

Cardinal Burke is asking those who prayed that novena to pray this one for “members of the Sacred College of Cardinals who during the coming Conclave will elect the Successor of Saint Peter as Vicar of Christ on earth, Shepherd of the Universal Church.”

As with the nine month novena, the charity Catholic Action for Faith and Family is organizing the prayer. The charity’s founder and director, Thomas McKenna, said the new pope will “face insurmountable challenges.”

“We are living in difficult times,” he said. “Our faith is challenged every day. As we also know, our own beloved Church is confronted with serious crises of faith and morals.”

Noting that the faithful are away from the sacraments in vast numbers, vocations are few, and marriages and baptisms are down precipitously, McKenna asked, “What do we do in the face of all this hopelessness? We pray, as we always do, in hope.

“This is particularly relevant right now,” he continued, “not only due to the upcoming election of the new Pope and the various crises of Church and world but also because the late Pope Francis declared 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope.”

He said the May 1-9 solemn novena “will bring all these deep needs of our Church and our world to Christ through the loving hands of Our Lady” as well as “be a time for reflection on our lives and discernment for the way ahead.”

McKenna invited the faithful to register to receive Cardinal Burke’s daily prayers for the novena beginning next Thursday; by doing so, they can also ask Cardinal Burke to pray for their intentions during the novena.

“We offer our Novena of Hope in a special way to Our Lady of Good Counsel, asking for the wisdom and prudence to manage the difficulties that afflict us as well as the spiritual Gift of Counsel to assist others on their way to Heaven,” he said.

Novena Prayer for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered for the Conclave to elect the Roman Pontiff

I kneel before you, O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the compassionate mother of all who love you, cry to you, seek you, and trust in you. I plead for the Church at a time of great trial and danger for her. As you came to the rescue of the Church at Tepeyac in 1531, please intercede for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the Universal Church.

At this tumultuous time for the Church and for the world, plead with your Divine Son that the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, His Mystical Body, will humbly obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through your intercession, may they choose the most worthy man to be Christ’s Vicar on earth. With you, I place all my trust in Him Who alone is our help and salvation. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee, have mercy upon us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 4th - Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, May 5th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *C. Thompson+*

TUESDAY, May 6th - St. Francois de Laval+ 1708
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*

WEDNESDAY, May 7th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Edmund Hensel+*

THURSDAY, May 8th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Therese Tran Thi Mau+*

FRIDAY, May 9th - Easter Ferial
8:00 am - *Sandra Young+*

SATURDAY, May 10th - Easter Ferial
9:00 am - *Marcel Dvorak*
5:00 pm - *Ms. Li Ing Mao+*
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Men’s Monthly Meeting at Wed. May 7th at 7pm

Presentation: **What happens in the Papal Conclave?**
Everything You Need to Know
by: Father David Michael Moses
All interested men are invited to join in the discussion and refreshments.

Door is Open

Thank you for all your clothing donations!

No Sunday 3:30 pm Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction Today Sunday May 4th

In order to prepare for the 4 pm Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Mass Today Sun. May 4th at 4 pm

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Supporting Victims and Families of the Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy

Today’s envelopes are provided next to the bulletin.

Archbishop Miller’s Statement Message to Parishioners

Today we mourn with deep sadness the tragic and senseless loss of life that took place last week at Vancouver’s Lapu-Lapu Festival. We grieve the deaths of 11 people and the suffering of so many others. We hold especially close our beloved Filipino community, who are a treasure to our parishes and to our city.

As we have celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that the Risen Christ is near to the wounded, the suffering, and the brokenhearted. We entrust the souls of the departed to his mercy and pray for comfort and healing for all those affected.

If you or someone you know is struggling in the aftermath of this tragedy, please reach out. Our diocese has information available about Catholic mental health counselors, and we can also help connect you with the Vancouver Police Department’s Victim Services Unit, which provides support to those impacted by violent events. Please contact or the parish office for more information.

Let us continue to pray for the victims, for their families, and for peace in our community.

Fire of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a “charcoal fire” is mentioned.

One is in today’s Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire.

The other is in the scene in the High Priest’s courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see John 18:18).

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see John 13:38; 18:15-18, 25-27).

Today’s charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter’s repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus’ thrice repeated command “feed My sheep” shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord’s entire flock, the head of His Church (see also Luke 22:32).

Jesus’ question: “Do you love me more than these?” is a pointed reminder of Peter’s pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken (see John 13:37; Matthew 26:33; Luke 22:33).

Jesus then explains just what Peter’s love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter’s death by crucifixion (“you will stretch out your hands”).

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered (see Matthew 10:16-19,22; John 15:18-20; 16:2).

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today’s First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave “rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer.”

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their “mourning into dancing,” as we sing in today’s Psalm. By their sufferings, the know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before “the Lamb that was slain,” a scene glimpsed in today’s Second Reading (see also Revelation 6:9-11).