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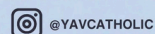
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• JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUAL WALK THROUGH SOME OF THE PARISHES OF THE VANCOUVER WEST DEANERY.

• MASS TO FOLLOW AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA AT 5PM FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC AT FRASER PARK FROM 6:30-8:00 PM.

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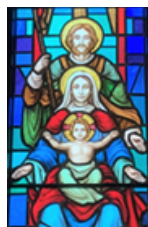


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## LEAVE A LEGACY

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.

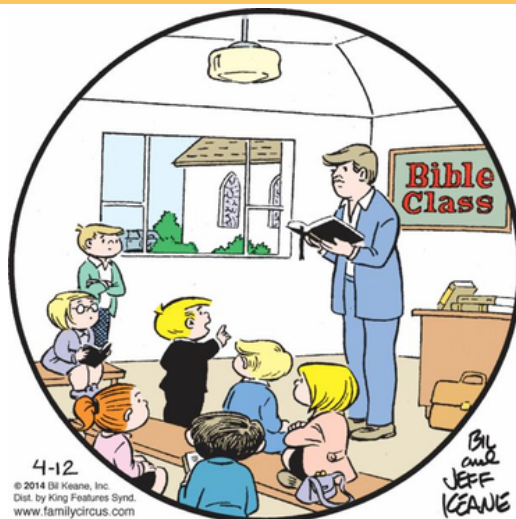
It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reaches us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation.

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. 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 V6M 1T2**
- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email and click "Sign Up"



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"It would've been quicker if Paul just posted his letters to the Corinthians on his Facebook page."

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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## STS. PETER AND PAUL JUNE 29TH 2025

**Sunday Mass: Saturday: 5:00 pm**

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

[**Sunday Vespers & Benediction: 3:30 pm** (Except Summer: July & Aug.)]

**Weekday Mass: Monday: 8:00 am, Tuesday: 4:00 pm,**

**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** (Except Summer: July & Aug.)

**East Side Chapel is Open: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am - 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**

### The Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents and Godparents are to be married in the Catholic Church, and parents need to be registered parishioners for at least 2 months.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning marriage (here or elsewhere) must contact the Parish Priest at least 8 months before the wedding.

Must attend the Marriage Preparation Course and the Catholic is to be registered here, at least 6 months and regularly attending Mass here.

### Blessing of Cars or Religious Articles:

Please see Father after any of the Sunday Masses.

### Blessing of Homes:

Please contact the parish office.

## Parish Feast Day of the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (and in Honour of Canada Day):

Lemonade and cookies are served on the west lawn after these Masses of June 28th/29th. Take a moment and enjoy our **Feast!**

## Expansion of Prayer Time in the East Side Chapel (Ramp Side):

Beginning July 2nd: (July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood).

Opening hours for private prayer: Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

This is a place for private prayer and reading, not vocal prayers.

## Sunday Donations June 14 - 15, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$710 from 25 envelopes = \$28.40 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$1577 from 41 envelopes = \$38.46 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$680 from 24 envelopes = \$28.33 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$390 from 17 envelopes = \$22.94 avg.  
Grand Total: \$3357 + \$388.30 loose = \$3745.30

## June 21 - 22, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$545 from 29 envelopes = \$18.79 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$1335 from 42 envelopes = \$31.79 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$565 from 20 envelopes = \$28.25 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$715 from 22 envelopes = \$32.50 avg.  
Grand Total: \$3160 + \$644.80 loose = \$3804.80

**In gratitude for your regular financial support!**

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SUNDAY READINGS: STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

On this day the Church of Rome celebrates its apostolic foundation. The earliest liturgical texts maintain the unity of this solemnity. The presence of separate basilicas dedicated to the cult of Peter and Paul eventually gave rise to two successive days of celebration. The original unity of this solemnity has been restored in the revision of the Roman calendar. The fixing of this date for the celebration of their martyrdom goes back to the *Depositio Martyrum* (258).

Peter and Paul are the two pillars of the Church whom ancient liturgy and iconography never separate. The confession of faith is the particular trait which earns Simon the surname Peter and the mission to guide and to strengthen his brothers and sisters and thus to build the Church. It seems strange that God entrusted such a demanding task to this rough, unpolished man, who had no exceptional gifts, who was at times so weak. How much wiser it would have seemed to assign this ministry to Paul! Although a latecomer to Christianity, he appears to have been so much better prepared by birth and by his brilliant formation at the hands of well-known teachers. Always alert, animated by an extraordinary energy and by an exclusive passion for the One whom he had at first persecuted in this Church, he becomes the instrument chosen to reveal the gospel of salvation to the Gentiles. Paul, whom no trial could separate from the love of Christ, will never deny Him.

Each of them has a place in the development of the faith: Peter, the guide, through his role of direction and confirmation; Paul, the sower, through his energy and gift for adaptation. Their meetings at Jerusalem and at Antioch show their common inspiration as well as their confrontations. It is at Rome, where they both receive the crown of martyrdom, that they are ultimately united in that charity which they always sought to promote. The dialogue between institution (Peter) and charism (Paul) is not always peaceful, but it alone moves history forward. For the Church of Peter and Paul to escape sclerosis, it must join movement to direction, the overall good of the institution to the particular challenge of charism.

Benedict XVI: Sts Peter and Paul, Two Pillars of the Church

Christian tradition has always considered Saint Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ. In Rome, their bond as brothers in the faith came to acquire a particular significance. Indeed, the Christian community of this City considered them a kind of counterbalance to the mythical Romulus and Remus, the two brothers held to be the founders of Rome. A further parallel comes to mind, still on the theme of brothers: whereas the first biblical pair of brothers demonstrate the effects of sin, as Cain kills Abel, yet Peter and Paul, much as they differ from one another in human terms and notwithstanding the conflicts that arose in their relationship, illustrate a new way of being brothers, lived according to the Gospel, an authentic way made possible by the grace of Christ's Gospel working within them.

In a passage from Saint Matthew's Gospel, Peter makes his own confession of faith in Jesus, acknowledging him as Messiah and Son of God. He does so in the name of the other Apostles too. In reply, the Lord reveals to him the mission that he intends to assign to him, that of being the "rock", the visible foundation on which the entire spiritual edifice of the Church is built (cf. Mt 16:16-19). But in what sense can Peter be described as the rock? How is he to exercise this prerogative, which naturally he did not receive for his own sake? The account given by the evangelist Matthew tells us first of all that the acknowledgment of Jesus' identity made by Simon in the name of the Twelve did not come "through flesh and blood", that is, through his human capacities, but through a particular revelation from God the Father. By contrast, immediately afterwards, as Jesus foretells his passion, death and resurrection, Simon Peter reacts on the basis of "flesh and blood": he "began to rebuke him, saying, this shall never happen to you" (16:22). And Jesus in turn replied: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me..." (16:23).

The disciple who, through God's gift, was able to become a solid rock, here shows himself for what he is in his human weakness: a stone along the path, a stone on which men can stumble – in Greek, skandalon. Here we see the tension that exists between the gift that comes from the Lord and human capacities and in this scene between Jesus and Simon Peter we see anticipated in some sense the drama of the history of the papacy itself, characterised by the joint presence of these two elements: on the one hand, because of the light and the strength that come from on high, the papacy constitutes the foundation of the Church during its pilgrimage through history; on the other hand, across the centuries, human weakness is also evident, which can only be transformed through openness to God's action.

In the Gospel account there also emerges powerfully the clear promise made by Jesus that "the gates of the underworld", that is, the forces of evil, will not prevail, non praevalent. One is reminded of the account of the call of the prophet Jeremiah, to whom the Lord said, when entrusting him with his mission: "Behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you!" (Jer 1:18-19). The symbol of the keys, referred to in Matthew, echoes the oracle of the prophet Isaiah concerning the steward Eliakim, of whom it was said: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David he shall open, and none shall shut and he shall shut, and none shall open" (Is 22:22). The key represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel there is another saying of Jesus addressed to the scribes and the Pharisees, whom the Lord reproaches for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. Mt 23:13). This saying also helps us to understand the promise made to Peter: to him, inasmuch as he is the faithful steward of Christ's message, it belongs to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse (cf. Rev 3:7). Hence the two images – that of the keys and that of binding and loosing – express similar meanings which reinforce one another.

As I mentioned at the beginning, the iconographic tradition represents Saint Paul with a sword, and we know that this was the instrument with which he was killed. Yet as we read the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles, we discover that the image of the sword refers to his entire mission of evangelisation. For example, when he felt death approaching, he wrote to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7). This was certainly not the battle of a military commander but that of a herald of the Word of God, faithful to Christ and to his Church, to which he gave himself completely. And that is why the Lord gave him the crown of glory and placed him, together with Peter, as a pillar in the spiritual edifice of the Church.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 29th - Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, June 30th - First Roman Martyrs+ 64 AD

8:00 am - Bianca Jaegge

TUESDAY, July 1st - Ferial (Canada Day)

9:00 am (no 4 pm Mass) - Mr. Ernie Hammond+

WEDNESDAY, July 2nd - Ferial

8:00 am - Marcel Dvorak+

THURSDAY, July 3rd - St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 am - David Edge

FRIDAY, July 4th - Ferial

8:00 am - Special Intention

SATURDAY, July 5th - Ferial

9:00 am - John Norton+

5:00 pm - Jean Kan+

(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction:

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

Come and Pray with us.

Tues. July 1st - Canada Day: Mass 9 am (no 4 pm).

No Men’s Monthly Meeting:

Not held during the summer months.

No First Friday Faith Studies:

Not held during the summer months.

No First Friday Adorations:

Not held during the summer months (no 4 pm Mass).

Side Chapel Open for Private Prayer:

Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

Complimentary Water:

Available in the west vestibule fridge by St. Anne’s statue.

Project Advance:

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.

Maintaining a Prayerful Environment:

Our parish’s pews and kneelers are 102 years old.

Please lower/raise the kneelers ‘gingerly’ and handle these with gentle care. Thank you.

A Practical Note:

Especially during the homily, when children chatter, the back pews have easy access to the vestibule, walk over and take a seat there as needed. Thank you.

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 and 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