Lemonade and Ice Cream:

After the Sat./Sun. Aug. 2nd/3rd Masses to celebrate the BC Day weekend. Stop for a moment and take the time to join us. See you at the west side lawn.



Sat. Sept. 20th - Archdiocesan Inspiration Day: Held at Pacific Academy in Surrey.

Sat. Sept. 27th - Local Parish-Based Gatherings:

Small regional gatherings to reflect, collaborate, and discern next steps in mission, tailored to the local context.

Learn more by visiting upperroomvancouver.com

Registration closes on Fri. Sept. 5th.

RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith: Tuesdays at 7 pm from Sept. 16th to Nov. 4th.

All are welcome to learn more about the Faith and for the non-Catholics who want to become one.

East Side (Ramp) Door Chapel Open:

For private prayer from Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.
If needed, the parish office washroom
is available during these hours:

enter outside to the west side of the Church - to the office.

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.

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.

Saint Patrick Regional Secondary Applications:

More information at www.stpats.bc.ca

Short Term Rental Available:

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.

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

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

by direct deposit or credit card.

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 <u>Saints Peter & Paul 1425 W</u> 39th Ave. Vancouver, BC V6M 1T2
- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email and click "Sign Up"



"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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THE 18TH - 21ST SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME AUG. 3RD - AUG. 24TH 2025



Archdiocese of

Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev

Richard W. Smith

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
St. 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.

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 - Sept.)]

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 - Sept.)]

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.

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 AUGUST 3RD 2025 READINGS: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Quarrels over inheritance can provoke bitterness and enmity in the closest of families. Jesus refuses to take sides on behalf of particular interests.

He goes even farther, for He shows what is really at the root of the quarrel: the greed for gain, the love of money. Jesus poses the true question: what is it that assures life? In answer He recounts the shortsightedness of the rich farmer. This man thinks he will assure his life with abundant reserves accumulated in grain bins. But death suddenly snatches him away. Jesus denounces this lack of foresight. By limiting his ambitions to this world, the rich man forfeited his chance for true life.

We are fools if we believe that what is essential here below is to accumulate and to produce, if we identify the good life with a solid, reassuring bank account. "To be rich in the sight of God," is to give and to share, to seek life where life is to be found.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH 2025 READINGS: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Several generations of Christians lived with the conviction that Christ would come back in the middle of the great paschal night. That night symbolizes the long vigil which the Church keeps by the light of the scriptures. The early Church believed that He would not delay. But the course of history soon showed that the vigil would be long. Luke insists that we must wait for the *parousia* and that we do not know when it will come. The Master will come like a thief; He will surprise everyone. We run the risk that his unforeseeable return will find us unprepared.

The vigil is not an empty time during which fidelity can be relaxed. For us, Christians of the twentieth century, the importance rather than the imminence of the Lord's return must continue to dominate our lives. In the trying obscurity of faith, even when the darkness of unbelief seems to spread over the earth and the "little flock" to diminish before our very eyes, we must keep vigil actively and without fear. The Master will return, put on an apron, seat us at table, and serve us.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH 2025 READINGS: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I have come to light a fire... to receive a baptism... to sow division." Although it is the seed of unity, the gospel is also like a sword that severs and divides.

When Luke wrote this paragraph, Christians were living through difficult times and tragic circumstances. Internal ruptures and external prosecutions fostered confusion and conflict. Family members opposed each other, betrayed each other, turned each other in to the courts. This was all done in the name of the One who ultimately establishes peace on earth.

One of the paradoxes of Christianity is that it brings both war and peace. Jesus, who said, "I give you my peace," provokes torment and disturbance, for it is a fire He came to bring, not holy water. Charity will not always flourish in a saccharine climate where all conflicts are covered over. Adult life cannot develop without self-assertion. That does not exclude respect for persons, with their limitations and need for privacy. Jesus does not allow us to evade the general law of human relationships.

True charity does not fear to face all the forms of darkness which oppress human society. The Church must sometimes be a catalyst for conflict in the world. In our day we are looking with a more critical eye at the compromises we have made with the established order. We are rediscovering the bitter taste of a gospel which calls all humanity to radical change.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH 2025 READINGS: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are they few in number who are to be saved?" This question has been repeated through the centuries. Faced with the demands of the gospel or with the fact that millions never hear the gospel, laity and theologians alike have experienced a certain anxiety. The discussion often takes place in an atmosphere of certainty that we are on the right side.

Yet the theoretical questions concerning the number of elect is fruitless. We have been forewarned that the door which leads to salvation is narrow. What matters is to act, to do courageously all that lies within our power to enter. There are no guaranteed reservations that will assure us access to the banquet. We must not mistake the door. Neither ethnic identity nor religious heritage substitutes for life in Christ.

Our religious tradition tends toward one of two extremes. Either we rest smug in the conviction that baptism alone suffices or we suffer the delusion that we can earn salvation by spiritual athletics. The narrow door opens between these two.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Aug. 3rd - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Aug. 4th - St. Jean-Marie Vianney +1859
9:00 am (BC Day) - Brian Woo

TUESDAY, Aug. 5th - Ferial
4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 am - Madeline Watts+

THURSDAY, Aug. 7th - Ferial
8:00 am - Janet Wong+

FRIDAY, Aug. 8th - St. Dominic +1221
8:00 am - Zobia Bronowska

SATURDAY, Aug. 9th - Ferial 9:00 am - *J. Lee*

5:00 pm - Johannes Scheepers+
(19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Aug. 17th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Aug. 18th - Ferial

8:00 am - Esteban Figura+

TUESDAY, Aug. 19th - Ferial

4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 20th - St. Bernard +1153

8:00 am - Ken Huang+

THURSDAY, Aug. 21st - St. Pius X +1914

8:00 am - Fr. John Horgan+

FRIDAY, Aug. 22nd - Queenship of Virgin Mary

8:00 am - John Norton+

SATURDAY, Aug. 23rd - Ferial

9:00 am - Rose Ann Hurst+

5:00 pm - Angela Y.G. Fong+

(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Aug. 10th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Aug. 11th - St. Clare +1253

8:00 am - *M. Stuck*

TUESDAY, Aug. 12th - Ferial

4:00 pm - Ken Huang+

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 13th - Ferial

8:00 am - Errki Tapanainen+

THURSDAY, Aug. 14th - St. Maximilian Kolbe +1941

8:00 am - Mr. Ernie Hammond+

FRIDAY, Aug. 15th - Assumption of Virgin Mary

8:00 am (meat permitted) - Christine Angus+

SATURDAY, Aug. 16th - Ferial

9:00 am - Milroy Joseph+

5:00 pm - Special Intention

(20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Aug. 24th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners

MONDAY, Aug. 25th - Ferial

8:00 am - *Christian Woo*

TUESDAY, Aug. 26th - Ferial

4:00 pm - *Ken Huang*+

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 27th - St. Monica +387

8:00 am - Elizabeth Woo

THURSDAY, Aug. 28th - St. Augustine +430

8:00 am - Anthony Woo

FRIDAY, Aug. 29th - Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am - Chung Tak Chow Peter+

SATURDAY, Aug. 30th - Ferial

9:00 am - Willa Alexandra Tuytel

5:00 pm - Gloria Ross+

(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Quotes from Catholic Saints

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." - St. Jean-Marie Vianney

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." - St. Dominic

"Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love." - St. Clare

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." - St. Maximilian Kolbe

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly." - St. Bernard

"If the Angels could envy, they would envy us for Holy Communion." - St. Pope Pius X

"There is no place that is far from God." - St. Monica

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." - St. Augustine

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