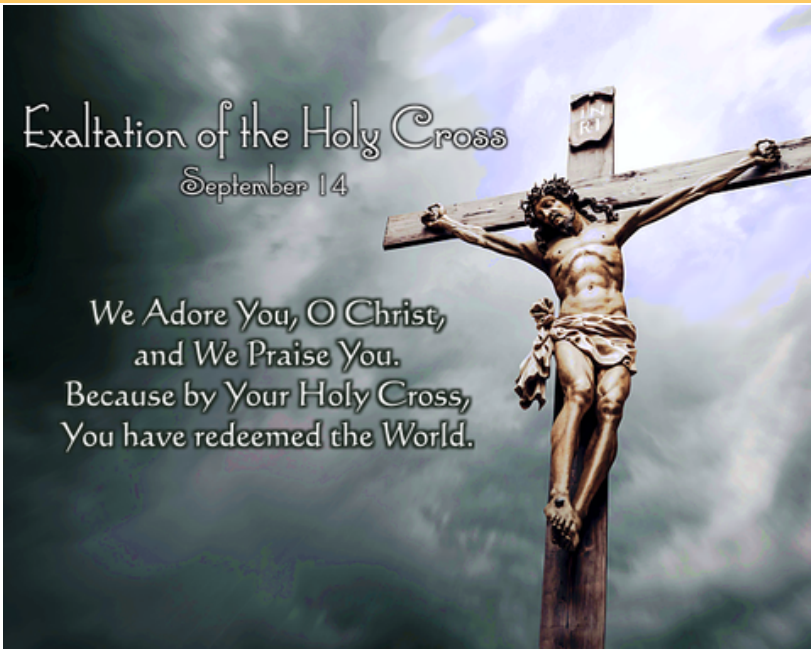




Our Parish Fundraiser Committee has been Formed
Keep your eyes posted on the bulletin for upcoming news.

Trending this Week on Formed:

Sunday Donations
August 30 - 31, 2025
Sat. 5 pm \$965 from 28 envelopes = \$34.46 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$1310 from 40 envelopes = \$32.75 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$530 from 22 envelopes = \$24.09 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$565 from 18 envelopes = \$31.39 avg.
Grand Total: \$3370 + \$563.95 loose = \$3933.95
September 6 -7, 2025
Sat. 5 pm \$520 from 26 envelopes = \$20.00 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$1365 from 40 envelopes = \$34.13 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$768 from 21 envelopes = \$36.57 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$1375 from 25 envelopes = \$55.00 avg.
Grand Total: \$4028 + \$379.40 loose = \$4407.40
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. 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"



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Archdiocese of Vancouver
Archbishop: Most Rev Richard W. Smith

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPT. 14TH 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.
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

SUNDAY READINGS: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
On September 13, 335, Constantine's Basilica of the Resurrection was dedicated in Jerusalem. The annual celebration of that event was followed the next day by a solemn veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross preserved in the basilica. This gave rise to a major feast of the Eastern Church, the Exaltation of the Cross. The feast was introduced in the seventh century.
The cross triumphant, both an icon of the Crucified and symbol of His exaltation, reminds us first of all that it is by being executed as a criminal that Christ won His victory. It also proclaims that we must carry our cross and die with Him. Thus we will live with the One who, lifted above the earth, draws all people to Himself.
Jesus could have died in any number of ways, but He was nailed to the tree of the cross as if symbolism itself demanded it. Modern psychology has relearned what the ancients knew - that the tree is a symbol deeply rooted in the human psyche. We know ourselves to be planted like a tree in the history of generations.
It is the same with the cross. From the time of pagan antiquity it has had a cosmic significance. It evokes the whole universe with its four dimensions, its four cardinal points, its four elements. Christ's death breathed new significance into this symbol. The totality of the redemptive mystery, the work of the Word present to all creation, was made manifest through the wood of the cross. In stretching out his arms, Jesus gathered Jews and Gentiles into a single people, expressing the width, the length, the height, and the depth of His love which surpasses all knowledge.
The history of salvation is played out between two trees - the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life planted in the middle of the garden. If we want to eat of the fruit of life, we must be converted to the wisdom of God and make no other claim to glory than the cross of Christ.

Litany of the Holy Cross
Lord, have mercy. (pause...) Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, Have mercy on us.
Holy Cross on which the Lamb of God was offered, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Hope of Christians, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Pledge of the resurrection of the dead, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Shelter of persecuted innocence, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Way of those who have gone astray, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Consolation of the poor, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Restraint of the powerful, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Refuge of sinners, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Terror of demons, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Guide of youth, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Hope of the hopeless, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Safeguard of childhood, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Strength of manhood, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Last hope of the aged, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Wisdom of the foolish, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Liberty of slaves, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Knowledge of the ignorant, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Sure rule of life, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Heralded by prophets, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Preached by apostles, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Glory of martyrs, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Study of hermits, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Chastity of virgins, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Joy of priests, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Foundation of the Church, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Salvation of the world, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Support of the weak, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Medicine of the sick, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Bread of the hungry, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Fountain of those who thirst, Save us, O Holy Cross.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Spare us, O Lord
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,
Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

FREE ESTATE AND MEMORIAL PLANNING SEMINAR:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday Nov. 8th at 10 am here at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

This free presentation provides general information about the importance of a will, choosing the right Executor, the Probate, the Power of Attorney, and the tax benefits of charitable giving, plus a few words on health care planning.

You will learn about the beauty of the funeral rite and formulating pre-need and funeral arrangements. You will receive a complimentary Estate and Memorial Planning Guide, online tools, and practical resources.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Sept. 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, Sept. 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 am - *John Norton+*
TUESDAY, Sept. 16th - St. Cornelius +253 & St. Cyprian +258
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Special Intention*
THURSDAY, Sept. 18th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Johann Pocher+*
FRIDAY, Sept. 19th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Fr. John Horgan+*
SATURDAY, Sept. 20th - St. Andrew Kim & Comps. +1846
9:00 am - *Luigi & Genoveffa Chies+*
5:00 pm - *Christine Angus+*
(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:
Resumes today Sun. Sept. 14th at 3:30 pm.

★ **RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith** ★
(This takes place in the Church):
Tuesdays at 7-8 pm from Sept. 16th to Nov. 4th (8 wks).
All are welcome to learn more about the Faith and for the non-Catholics who want to become one.

Men’s Monthly Meeting:
Resumes Wed. Oct. 1st at 7 pm.

First Friday Faith Studies:
Resumes Fri. Oct 3rd 10:30 am.

First Friday Benediction and 2nd Mass:
Resumes Oct. 3rd.

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.

Housekeeping Note:
Even with good intentions to “share the good news,” please do not leave any pamphlets, leaflets, cards, etc. in the Church without the Pastor’s specific permission.
Thank you for your understanding.

The Door is Open:

Clothing donations only; please, please please, do not drop off here except on the 3rd Sundays of every month. We have no storage space; unfortunately any donations at other times are discarded! Thank you for your careful cooperation!
This is much appreciated and needed.
If need be, use Value Village, etc. instead.
Upcoming Door is Open Sundays:
Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

★ **Catechism Grade 1-7:** ★
“PREP” Classes begin Tues. Sept. 23rd at 4:30-5:30 pm in the Church.
Registration forms (green) are available next to bulletin. For more info, please contact Parish office, Tues. - Fri. from 9 am - 3 pm.

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.

East Side (Ramp) Door Chapel Open:
For private prayer from Tues. to Fri. 9 am to 3 pm.
This is a place for private prayer and reading, not vocal prayers. If needed, the parish office washroom is available during these hours: enter outside to the west side of the Church - to the office.