

UPPER ROOM

a Proclaim conference

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.

Trending this Week on Formed:



Sunday Donations

August 16 - 17, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$680 from 25 envelopes = \$27.20 avg.

Sun. 9 am \$898.50 from 30 envelopes = \$29.95 avg.

Sun. 11 am \$705 from 26 envelopes = \$27.12 avg.

Sun. 4 pm \$365 from 14 envelopes = \$26.07 avg.

Grand Total: \$2648.50 + \$570.15 loose = \$3,218.65

August 23 - 24, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$295 from 20 envelopes = \$14.75 avg.

Sun. 9 am \$1105 from 34 envelopes = \$32.50 avg.

Sun. 11 am \$1385 from 26 envelopes = \$53.27 avg.

Sun. 4 pm \$564.90 from 20 envelopes = \$28.25 avg.

Grand Total: \$3349.90 + \$407.45 loose = \$3757.35

In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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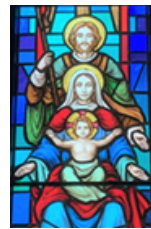
By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your will, you leave a legacy in a place you love.

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

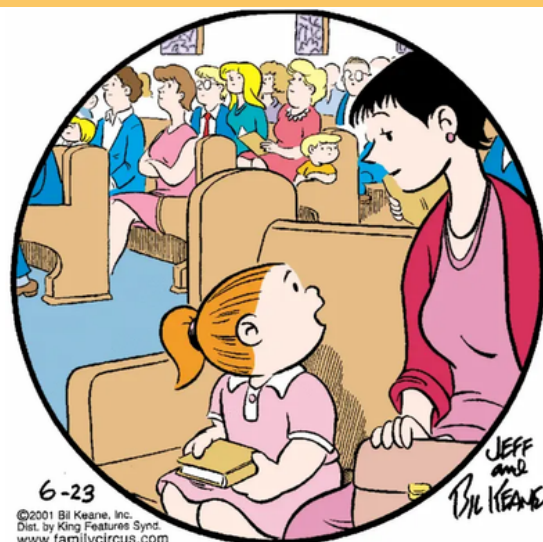
PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATION BROCHURE.

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. 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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SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev
Richard W. Smith



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUG. 31ST 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 - 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:

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At the banquet of life, we do not hesitate to elbow other people out of the way to get the best places. But Jesus shows us how different this is from the kingdom. To enter his reign we must be humble. Gospel humility is not a religious sado-masochism motivated by self-hatred or obsequiousness. Assertiveness and humility are not mutually exclusive. They both require that we be true to our dignity as image of God. Jesus who was in the form of God left the first place to take the last. That is why "God highly exalted him" (Phil 2:6-9).

In a second meal image, we find another warning against clever calculation. Our invitation list must include those who have no means to repay us. Christ, who is found in these least ones (Matthew 25:31-46), will return the invitation in the banquet of the kingdom.



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.

Pope Leo XIV to Altar Servers: "Mass is a serious, solemn moment. May the beauty of the liturgy, the order and majesty of the gestures draw the faithful."

Dear Altar Servers, who have come from all over France, good morning!

You know that this year is special: it is a “Holy Year”—which only occurs every 25 years—during which the Lord Jesus offers us an exceptional opportunity. By coming to Rome and passing through the Holy Door, He helps us to “convert,” that is, to turn to Him, to grow in faith and in His love, to become better disciples so that our lives may be beautiful and good under His gaze, with a view to eternal life. It is therefore a great gift from Heaven that you are here this year! I invite you to seize it by living intensely the activities that are offered to you, but above all by taking the time to talk to Jesus in the secret of your heart and to love Him more and more. His only desire is to be part of your life, to enlighten it from within, to become your best and most faithful friend. Life becomes beautiful and happy with Jesus. But He is waiting for your response. He knocks at the door and waits to enter: “I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me” (Rev 3:20). To be “close” to Jesus, the Son of God, to enter into His friendship! What an unexpected destiny! What happiness! What consolation! What hope for the future!

Hope is precisely the theme of this Holy Year. Perhaps you realize how much we need hope. You certainly hear that the world is in a bad way, facing increasingly serious and worrying challenges. You may be affected, either personally or in your circle of friends and family, by suffering, illness or disability, failure, the loss of a loved one; and, in the face of these trials, your heart is filled with sadness and anxiety. Who will come to our aid? Who will have mercy on us? Who will come to save us? Not only from our sorrows, our limitations, and our faults, but also from death itself?

The answer is perfectly clear and has resounded throughout history for 2,000 years: Jesus alone comes to save us, and no one else: because only He has the power—He is almighty God Himself—and because He loves us. Saint Peter said it emphatically: "There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved " (Acts 4:12). Never forget these words, dear friends; engrave them in your hearts, and put Jesus at the center of your lives. I hope that you will leave Rome closer to Him, more determined than ever to love and follow Him, and thus better equipped with hope to face the life that lies ahead of you. This hope will always be there in difficult moments of doubt, discouragement, and turmoil, like a solid anchor cast toward heaven (cf. Heb 6:19), which will enable you to continue on your journey. *(Continued Next Week.)*

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, Aug. 31st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, Sept. 1st - Ferial
9:00 am (*Labour Day*) - *Weldon Fung+*
TUESDAY, Sept. 2nd - Ferial
4:00 pm - *T. Bara*
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 3rd - St. Gregory the Great +604
8:00 am - *Mr. Ernie Hammond+*
THURSDAY, Sept. 4th - Ferial
8:00 am - *John Norton+*
FRIDAY, Sept. 5th - Ferial
8:00 am (no 4 pm Mass) - *Suzanne Brenton+*
SATURDAY, Sept. 6th - Ferial
9:00 am - *Msgr. D. Neumann+*
5:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
(23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

Resumes 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.

No First Friday Benediction and 2nd Mass:

This 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.

Lemonade and Ice Cream:

After the Sat/Sun. Aug. 30th/31st Masses to celebrate the Labour Day weekend.
Stop for a moment and take the time to join us.
See you at the west side lawn.



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.