

# PARISH MISSION



*No Greater Love:  
The Eucharist as  
Heaven On  
Earth*



Rev. Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM  
Mission Preacher

**SCHEDULE**

Each Morning  
8:00 Mass, followed by  
Confessions

Each Evening  
6 - 6:45 Confessions  
7 - 8:00 Mission Hour  
Confessions: Mon-Wed  
8:15 pm onwards

Social: Thursday @ 8:15pm

Monday-Thursday  
**9th-12th**  
FEBRUARY, 2026

Mission Topics

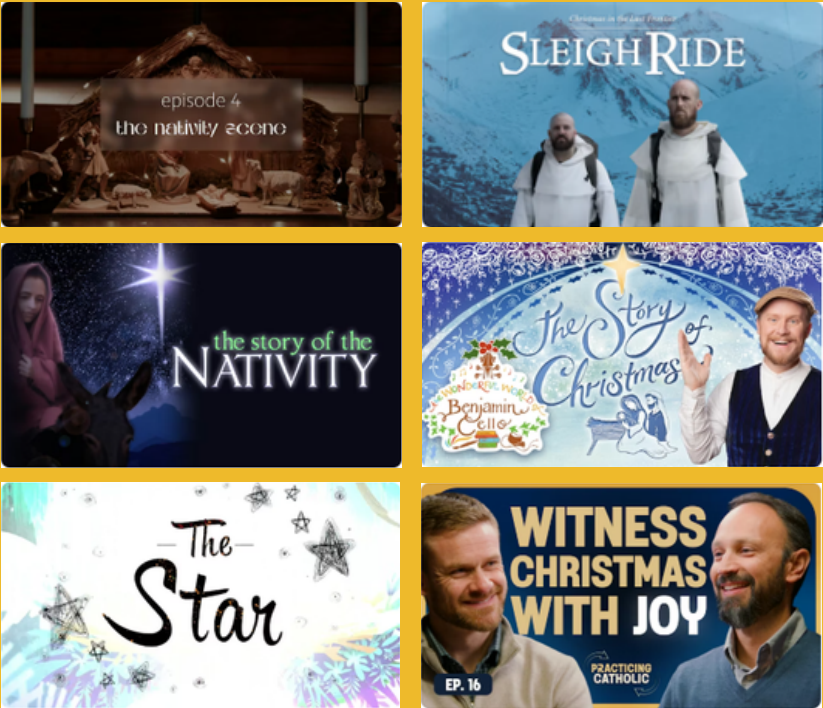
- \*Unless You Eat My flesh
- \*Offering Acceptable Sacrifice
- \*Returning Love for Love
- \*The Life Changing Power of Adoration

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### Pre-Lenten Parish Mission:

“No Greater Love: The Eucharist as Heaven On Earth!”  
Four-Night Parish Mission with Fr. Ricardo Pineda.  
Mon. to Thurs. Feb. 9–12, 2026 at Sts. Peter and Paul.

### Trending these Weeks on Formed



### New 2026 Sunday Missals:

These are now placed in the pew racks, stamped, numbered and are not to be removed.  
They are not for sale. (St. Andrew’s Church Supply and Marian Distributing Centre sell these).

### Project Advance:

You may also drop your pledge in the collection basket or in the mail anytime throughout the year.

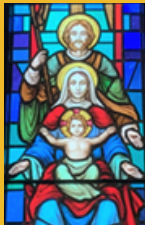
**Thank you for your support. It means a great deal.**

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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”

### 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.

### East Side (Ramp) Door Adoration 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 - to the office.

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



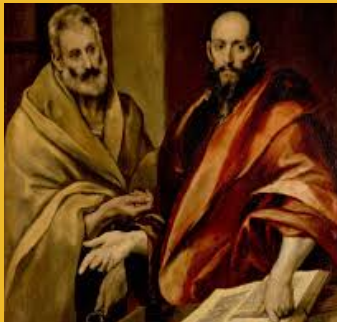
### Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev  
*Richard W. Smith*

**PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON**  
**RECTORY/MAILING:** 1425 West 39th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V6M 1T2  
**CHURCH LOCATION:** 1430 West 38th Avenue  
**PARISH OFFICE PHONE:** 604-261-3535  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday - Friday: 9 am - 3 pm  
**EMAIL:** parish.sspp@rcav.org  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** Thomas Nguyen  
**OFFICE ACCOUNTANT:** Theresa Inocentes  
**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://sspeterpaul.ca>



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 21ST & HOLY FAMILY DEC. 28TH & EPIPHANY JAN. 4TH 2026



**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**

**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**

**East Side Adoration 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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

In the history of Israel, the exodus event  
shaped the story of creation. In the  
formation of the gospels, the memory of  
Christ’s death and rising shaped the  
accounts of His birth and infancy. Much more  
than stories about a precocious child with  
remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives  
are the clear expression of the early Church’s  
belief that, from the first moment of Jesus’  
conception, God was at work in him.

In relating the annunciation to Joseph,  
Matthew does not intent to consider the  
psychological reactions of his character. He  
simply wishes to answer the question, “Who  
is the Messiah?” For Matthew, Jesus, “who  
will save His people from their sings,” is the  
ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph  
who introduces him into the royal line of  
David.

Informed from the beginning about the  
impending birth, Joseph believed at first that  
he must remove himself from this mystery in  
which he thought he would have no role to  
play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child  
whom Mary carried “comes from the Holy  
Spirit.” But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus’  
legal status by accepting Him as his own son  
and giving Him His Name. It is necessary  
that through Joseph the house of David  
recognize in this son “God with us” (Isaiah  
7:14).

We readily designate birth “a joyous  
event.” What should be said about the  
waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a  
humble but indispensable role? The question  
here is not the history of one family among  
others, but the history of “God-with-us,” the  
history of salvation.

### SUNDAY READINGS: HOLY FAMILY

“Whatever you do, whether in speech or in  
action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.” We  
must see all our activities as linked with God’s  
work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we  
can reflect on God’s presence in even the most  
“secular” places. Parents, children, communities,  
single persons, young and old should find hope in  
this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and  
Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for  
their times. Whether it be in care for an aging  
parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the  
ideals have perennial appeal. The particular  
historical applications remind us that the ideals  
need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives.  
While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and  
submissive wives remind us of a waning era, we  
are challenged to see what a happy home can be  
for us. How will our relationships evolve if we do  
all in the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year open up for us a  
variety of episodes in Jesus’ early life. His happy  
home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph  
must take the child and Mary to Egypt.  
Interpreting God’s will, they are able to escape  
Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A).  
Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words of  
an aged man who awaits the consolation of  
Israel. Even here, Simeon’s words show the  
swords of pain and division in their home. Mary,  
the first to hear God’s Word must encounter the  
challenges of his life (Year B). Jesus’ later visit to  
the temple presages His destiny and the tension  
this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary, and  
Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own  
history, we must do all in the name of this  
present One.



SUNDAY READINGS: EPIPHANY

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, “epiphany,” of God to the whole world. The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body. Enjoying the memories and mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important than any technical debate about the translation of “magi” (Greek). They have been called kings, wise men, or astrologers. In any event they signal a day to celebrate God’s manifestation in Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ’s identity and our response in faith. Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as “outsiders” as if we were not co heirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?



Holy Days of Obligation 2025:

Along with the 52 Sundays of the Year in Canada, we have 2 other Holy Days of Obligation: Christmas and Mary the Mother of God (New Year).

The Twelve Days of Christmas  
By Father D. W. Neumann, 1999

We have long celebrated Christmas for a dozen days or so, from midnight Mass on December 24 to the Solemnity of the Epiphany (traditionally on January 6, but now on the Sunday nearest that day). Four Hundred years ago, it was against the law in England to be a Catholic, and especially to attend Holy Mass. With martyrdom thus over their heads, Catholic parents still wanted to teach their children about the Catholic Faith of our fathers. The carol "Twelve Days of Christmas" helped them to do so. The true love of the carol is God our Father, who is Love itself. The gifts all represent something very dear to Christians. The partridge in the pear tree is Jesus himself, who was born on the first day, December 25. The partridge was the most beautiful bird and the pear tree yielded the sweetest fruit known in England at that time. The Cross, people thought in those days, must have been made of the wood of the pear tree, something like the "Legend of the Dogwood" in our time. December 26 is the feast of St. Stephen the first Martyr. The two turtledoves represent sacrifice (remember that Mary and Joseph offered two turtle doves at the Presentation when Jesus was forty days old). They remind us of the sacrifice of St. Stephen who died like Jesus, and remind us of the Mass, which is the Sacrifice of Jesus made present for us today. French hens were the plumpest and most desirable ones. Three of them remind us of the Three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity, the greatest being Charity. They are given on December 27, the feast of St. John the Apostle whose constant message was "Little children, let us love one another." The four calling birds remind us of the four Evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John. They also remind us of the Holy Innocents whose feast is December 28 and who proclaimed the Gospel with their lives, calling out as cruel Herod's soldiers massacred them. The five golden rings represent the five Holy Wounds of Our Lord, his hands, his feet, his Sacred Heart. Catholics in England of the time had great devotion to the Holy Wounds and fought under a banner depicting them both in the Western Uprising of Cornwall and in Lancaster. The six geese a-laying, that is, doing their job, remind us of the six days of Creation and that we are permitted to work on six days but are to keep the Lord's Day holy. The seven swans are swimming and thus graceful. If they get out of the water they are awkward. The Seven Sacraments are full of grace for us. The eight maids milking remind us of the Eight Beatitudes rich in promise of happiness. The nine ladies dancing so full of joy, remind us of the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit which St. Paul tells us in Galatians 5:22 come to those who live the new life of sanctifying grace: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, self-control. They bring a certain sweetness to our lives. Perhaps the Ladies have peaches-and-cream complexion, cherry lips, strawberry blond hair...? The ten lords leaping remind us of the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping remind us of the Eleven Apostles who remained faithful to Jesus and went to the ends of the earth proclaiming the Gospel and remind us that we too must remain faithful to the Faith of our Fathers and to proclaim it in the work of Evangelization. Finally, the twelve drummers remind us of the Twelve Articles into which the Apostles Creed is divided. It reminds us that we sometimes have to memorize our catechism lesson (drum it in).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 21st - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
MONDAY, Dec. 22nd - “O King of all the nations”  
8:00 am - *Verena Matheson+*  
TUESDAY, Dec. 23rd - “O Emmanuel”  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve  
8:00 am - *Holy Souls+*  
4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
6:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
THURSDAY, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day  
9:00 am - *Parishioners*  
11:00 am (No 4:00 pm) - *Parishioners*  
FRIDAY, Dec. 26th - St. Stephen +36  
9:00 am (Boxing Day) - *Bryan Wei Hao Huang*  
SATURDAY, Dec. 27th - St. John, Apostle  
9:00 am - *Fr. Francis Chang+*  
5:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
(Holy Family)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Jan. 4th - Epiphany of the Lord  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
MONDAY, Jan. 5th - Twelfth Day of Christmas  
8:00 am - *Chung Tak Chow*  
TUESDAY, Jan. 6th - Christmastide  
4:00 pm - *Ken Joseph Yung Hsiang Huang+*  
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7th - St. Andre Bessette +1937  
8:00 am - *Dr. Ian McDonald*  
THURSDAY, Jan. 8th - Christmastide  
8:00 am - *William Donnelly+*  
FRIDAY, Jan. 9th - Christmastide  
8:00 am - *Tora Anderson+*  
SATURDAY, Jan. 10th - Christmastide  
9:00 am - *Fr. Eugene Eason+*  
5:00 pm - *Paul T.S. Wong+*  
(Baptism of the Lord)

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

Vespers at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4 pm. Join us for prayer.

Envelope Boxes:

The 2026 envelopes are available at the East side of the back of the church. If you would like a box of envelopes, simply sign up in one of the red binders and they will be put out for you the next Sunday. If new, please fill out the New Parishioner Registration Form. Thank you for your support!

2026 Calendars:

These are free and are available at the back table.

N.B. All 2025 monetary donations dated Wed. Dec. 31st received no later than Tues. Jan. 6th by 12 noon will be included in the 2025 tax receipt.

Building Fund:

N.B. All donations made to building fund go towards building our own Parish Centre and are not taxed the usual 15% by the diocese.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 28th - Holy Family  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
MONDAY, Dec. 29th - Fifth Day of Christmas  
8:00 am - *Paul Fook-Bo Cheung+*  
TUESDAY, Dec. 30th - Sixth Day of Christmas  
4:00 pm - *Fr. John Horgan+*  
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31st - Seventh Day of Christmas  
8:00 am - *Holy Souls+*  
4:00 pm (Mary the Mother of God) - *Parishioners*  
THURSDAY, Jan. 1st - Mary the Mother of God  
9:00 am - *Parishioners*  
11:00 am (No 4:00 pm) - *Parishioners*  
FRIDAY, Jan. 2nd - St. Basil +379 & St. Gregory +390  
8:00 am (No 4:00 pm) - *Orlando Simpao+*  
SATURDAY, Jan. 3rd - Tenth Day of Christmas  
9:00 am - *Ruperto Tan+*  
5:00 pm - *Roy McIntosh+*  
(Epiphany of the Lord)

MARK YOUR CALENDER:

The Door is Open:

Upcoming Door is Open this Sunday: Dec. 21, then Jan 18. With winter arriving, outdoor clothing would be appreciated! Thank you! (No food items please).

The Office is Closed for the Holidays:

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 5th, if needed, use the mail slot, (Sacramental Emergencies Anytime).

Office Mail Slot Location:

N.B. Mail slot is located at 1425 W 39th Ave.

Church Christmas Decorating Volunteers:

Volunteer sign up sheets available:

Mon. Dec. 22nd Church Decorating:

9 am - 11 am, 11 am - 1 pm, 1 pm - 3 pm.

Tues. Dec 23rd Floral Arrangement:

9 am - 11 am, 11 am - 1 pm.

Christmastide Adoration in Our Chapel:

Though the office will be closed, the chapel will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays during this Christmas season from 9 am - 3 pm:  
-Tues. Dec. 23/Dec. 30 - Fri. Dec. 26/Jan. 2  
(No Adoration in the Church).

Music at the Masses of Christmas:

Wed. Dec 24th - 4 pm and 6 pm: Trumpet and Organ.  
Thurs. Dec 25th - 9 am: Violin and Choir,  
- 11 am: Organ and Choir.

New Year’s Eve Holy Hour:

Wed. Dec. 31st from 11 pm to 12 midnight (Benediction) followed by champagne/cheese and other refreshments. A fitting way to begin the New Year of Grace and Favour!

First Week of January 2026:

There will be no Monthly Men’s Men Meeting, nor First Friday 2nd Mass / Faith Studies.