

# 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**

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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](http://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

**PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON**

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**Archdiocese of  
Vancouver**

Archbishop: Most Rev  
Richard W. Smith

**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 sins," 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.



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## 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

### Saints Peter and Paul Parish Mass Schedule 2025

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat. Dec. 20th at 5 pm

Sun. Dec. 21st at 9 am, 11 am, 4 pm

Christmas

Wed. Dec. 24th at 4 pm, 6 pm

Thurs. Dec. 25th at 9 am, 11 am (No 4 pm Mass)

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 27th at 5 pm

Sun. Dec. 28th at 9 am, 11 am, 4 pm

Mary the Mother of God

Wed. Dec. 31st at 4 pm (Holy Hour at 11 pm)

Thurs. Jan. 1st at 9 am, 11 am (No 4 pm Mass)

### 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 CALENDAR:

### 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.