

## The Newman Association of Vancouver

Bible Study Online Mondays at 7 pm until June 15, 2026.  
We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday's Mass.  
You can join and leave anytime. Recurring Zoom Link:  
[https://zoom.us/j/93952271495?](https://zoom.us/j/93952271495?pwd=PbTyn0hBn2HFJpUTXJGpN5buZwgBFJ.1)  
[pwd=PbTyn0hBn2HFJpUTXJGpN5buZwgBFJ.1](https://zoom.us/j/93952271495?pwd=PbTyn0hBn2HFJpUTXJGpN5buZwgBFJ.1)  
Meeting ID: 939 5227 1495 Passcode: TYvn55

### 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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YAV Presents

## MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring the film *Joseph of Nazareth*

Saturday, January 10  
2026 @7:00PM  
Doors open 6:30 PM  
Ticket: \$8.00  
Ages: 20s - 30s  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall  
(4925 Cambie St.)

Join us for a cozy night of cinema, snacks, and great company! Ticket includes hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, and a chance to win a thoughtfully curated gift basket valued at \$60.

<https://tally.so/r/obbryn>

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### Trending this Week on Formed

episode 3  
the jesse tree

30 Minutes B.C.  
A Nativity Play

rooted  
EPISODE 1:  
CREATION AND THE  
JESSE TREE

minno  
LAUGH AND GROW  
BIBLE KIDS  
CHRISTMAS

Is Jesus  
**GOD OR MAN**  
- or both?  
WHAT CATHOLICS  
believe

THE SECRET TO  
PATIENCE  
EP. 15  
PRACTISING CATHOLIC

### Sunday Donations

**November 29 - 30, 2025**

Sat. 5 pm \$675 from 29 envelopes = \$23.28 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$1015 from 41 envelopes = \$24.76 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$690 from 24 envelopes = \$28.75 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$340 from 19 envelopes = \$17.89 avg.  
Grand Total: \$2720+ \$300 loose = \$3020

**December 7 - 8, 2025**

Sat. 5 pm \$898 from 26 envelopes = \$34.54 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$2107 from 40 envelopes = \$52.68 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$575 from 24 envelopes = \$23.96 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$710 from 19 envelopes = \$37.37 avg.  
Grand Total: \$4290 + \$429.80 loose = \$4719.80

**In gratitude for your regular financial support!**

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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"



# 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](mailto:parish.sspp@rcav.org)

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Thomas Nguyen

**OFFICE ACCOUNTANT:** Theresa Inocentes

**PARISH WEBSITE:** <https://sspeterpaul.ca>



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) DEC. 14TH 2025

**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**

## SUNDAY READINGS: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we meet the Baptist overcome with doubt, locked by the powerful in the shadowy and forbidding dungeon. The Messiah whom he recognized does not act as a sovereign judge, nor as the merciless executor of divine sentences against the impious. Confused and distressed, John has his followers question Jesus: "are you the Messiah whom we await? You, the non-violent one, the patient one, the merciful one?"

This question which spans the centuries seizes us today more than ever when we are confronted by the apparent silence of God in our de-Christianized society. We had hoped the Gospel would give us answers; instead, it raises questions. We had hoped for ready-made solutions. Instead, it invites us to seek them out. We had hoped for spectacular signs. Instead, the kingdom subjects itself to the laws of slow germination. So often it is difficult for us to admit that Christianity is a freeing and loving way of life - a life of faith and risk! Like John, we too must enter into the Advent of our faith and recognize the image which God chose in the humble, merciful, liberation person of Jesus Christ.

The signs of his coming are among us, hidden, but alive. Through faith, many Christians incarnate the word of God in our generation. They already begin to change the world and throw down the walls of our prisons. In greater numbers Christians are assuming responsibility for the Church. They go in the name of the gospel to offer service to the poor. They never cease to pray that they might burn with the fire of Jesus' love. These contemporary prophets of the Messiah know that the patient hope impels us to action.

Why then do we wait to join the ranks of those who, in working for the Advent of God, are promoting humanity's true coming of age?



**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.



“O Come Let Us Adore Him Christ, the Lord!”



Our Adoration Chapel (East Entrance of Church)

**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.)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Advent 2025 Penitential Services**



The Church encourages us to participate in this Holy Season by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

| Name of Parish               | Date and Time of Service        |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Immaculate Conception        | Mon. Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm         |
| <b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b> | <b>Tues. Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm</b> |
| St. Augustine                | Wed. Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm         |
| St. John the Apostle         | Wed. Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm         |
| Holy Name of Jesus           | Fri. Dec. 19 at 7:00 pm         |
| St. Anthony of Padua         | Sun. Dec. 21 at 6:30 pm         |

Holy Rosary Cathedral will have confessions at the usual times:  
Mon. – Fri. 7:45 am; 11:45 am; 4:45 pm. Saturday 7:45 am; 11:45 am; 4 - 5 pm.

**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!

## 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).

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, Dec. 14th - Third Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
**MONDAY, Dec. 15th - Advent Ferial**  
8:00 am - *Luis Yap Sr.*  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 16th - Advent Ferial**  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17th - “O Wisdom”**  
8:00 am - *Verena Matheson+*  
**THURSDAY, Dec. 18th - “O Sacred Lord”**  
8:00 am - *H. MacKay-Dunn*  
**FRIDAY, Dec. 19th - “O Flower of Jesse’s Stem”**  
8:00 am - *Fr. John Horgan+*  
**SATURDAY, Dec. 20th - “O Key of David”**  
9:00 am - *Msgr. Simon Wang+*  
5:00 pm - *Charles Tsang+*  
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:**

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

**New Liturgical Year:**

There is a new cycle of Mass Readings: Matthew (A) for Sundays & Cycle I for weekdays.

**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!

**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).

**2026 Calendars:**

These are free and are available at the back table.

**Reminder for Readers:**

Kindly, walk from your seat to the pulpit at the mention of “THE HOLY SPIRIT” in the Collect (Opening) Prayer for the 1st Reading and in the Creed “THE HOLY SPIRIT” for the Prayers of the Faithful. Also pause 20 full seconds after reading the 1st (and 2nd) Readings. Thank you!

**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:**

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal #146 states that the Priest says: “Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father,” (THEN) the people rise and respond: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice...” Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Sts. Peter and Paul Advent Penitential Service:**

Tues. Dec. 16th at 7 pm in the Church (4 Priests).

**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.

**The Door is Open:**

Upcoming Door is Open Sundays: **Dec. 21**, Jan 18  
With winter approaching, outdoor clothing would be appreciated! Thank you! (No food items please).

**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.

**The Office is Closed for the Holidays:**

Dec. 22nd - 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.

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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.