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UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF
MOST REVEREND RICHARD W. SMITH,
ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER

OCT. 22 to NOV. 2, 2026 \$7,798.00 CAD
(Double occupancy)



Join us for 12 days in the Holy Land, Oct. 22 - Nov. 2, 2026, with the Most Reverend Richard W. Smith. Price includes airfare. For more information or land only price, please contact Lisa at Lisa@DJLtravel.ca or (604) 562-4567.

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Sunday Donations

January 31 - February 1, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$799 from 26 envelopes = \$30.73 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$1985 from 42 envelopes = \$47.26 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$930 from 28 envelopes = \$33.21 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$445 from 19 envelopes = \$23.42 avg.
Grand Total: \$4159 + \$415.25 loose = \$4574.25

February 7 - 8, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$1015 from 38 envelopes = \$26.71 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$817 from 40 envelopes = \$20.43 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$950 from 29 envelopes = \$32.76 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$605 from 13 envelopes = \$46.54 avg.
Grand Total: \$3387 + \$295.75 loose = \$3682.75

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.

2026 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.

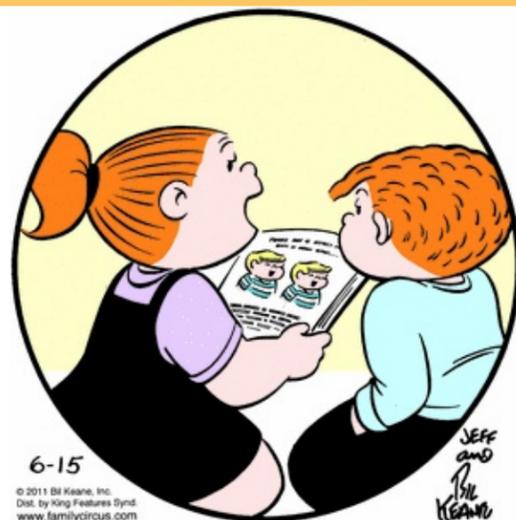
It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reaches us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation.

For more information, take the **PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATION BROCHURE**. 2026 PAD forms are now available from the 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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"God creates twins whenever he makes a face he really likes."

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



Archdiocese of Vancouver

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 15TH 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

SUNDAY READINGS: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The New Testament is explicit: there is one Law of Christ and it is new. Far from abolishing the old Law, this Law fulfills it by emphasizing interior observance. This law calls for justice which surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees. This law is radical because the call of Jesus goes beyond the letter to a more authentic life. For Jesus, the human heart is decisive.

Hatred is prohibited: anger is the beginning of murder. Coveting another's spouse is forbidden: there are looks which are as bad as adultery. Repudiation of a spouse is not allowed: this can only come from hardness of heart. (Matt 19:8). The making of oaths, true or false, is not permitted: it is enough to be fully committed to our word.

We who believe that the gospel is not some sweet, indulgent consolation, are confronted by unprecedented demands without compromise. We could have the impression of being trapped. Why should we be surprised that there is within us as in the disciples something that is indignant, when Jesus abruptly declares that riches are an impediment to the kingdom: "Then who can be saved?" (Mark 10:26). Christian morality is impossible without the support of life in Christ, consciously lived. Without him, we can do nothing. With him, everything is possible. To put on the mind of Christ is the only way to fulfill the law in spirit and in truth.

Lenten Quotes

Pope Francis: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Saint Catherine of Siena: "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

Saint Rose of Lima: "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven."

Saint Francis de Sales: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

Father Thomas Merton: "Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust."

Catherine of Genoa: "Lenten fasts make me feel better, stronger, and more active than ever."

Father Thomas Merton: "Even the darkest moments of the liturgy are filled with joy, and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten fast, is a day of happiness, a Christian Feast."

Pope Francis: "During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."

Henri Nouwen: "O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen."

Father Mike Schmitz: "Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."

Father Thomas Merton: "The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being".

Saint Augustine: "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta: "As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' "

Luke 9:23: "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps."

First Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I invite you to support the work of the St. Joseph's Society, which provides for the care of our retired priests.

For many years, these men have served faithfully in our parishes, celebrating the Sacraments, preaching the Gospel, and accompanying the faithful in times of joy and sorrow. Their ministry has contributed much, often quietly, to the life of the Church throughout the Lower Mainland.

In our Archdiocese, priests are responsible for contributing to their own retirement through a pension plan administered by the St. Joseph's Society. Given their modest income, the Canada Pension Plan provides only limited assistance. As priests grow older, medical needs and the possibility of assisted or long-term care can place significant burdens on their resources.

Although no longer assigned to parish ministry, many of our retired priests continue to serve by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, and offering spiritual guidance as they are able. Their service reflects a lifelong commitment to the vocation they received at ordination.

Your generosity to the St. Joseph's Society helps ensure that our retired priests are cared for with dignity and security. The Society assists with housing, medical care, and essential daily needs.

I ask you to express your gratitude for their years of faithful service by contributing generously to the St. Joseph's Society collection.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠**Richard W. Smith**

Archbishop of Vancouver

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Feb. 15th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, Feb. 16th Family Day - Ferial

*9:00 am - *Warren Longpre*

TUESDAY, Feb. 17th Lunar New Year - Ferial

4:00 pm - *Yang Hsieh, Yueh - Chiao*

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday

8:00 am - *Suzanna Cox*

4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

7:00 pm - *Parishioners*

THURSDAY, Feb. 19th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Fraser Ballantyne*

10:00 am - *Vancouver College*

FRIDAY, Feb. 20th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *D. Caviezel*

SATURDAY, Feb. 21st - Lenten Ferial

9:00 am - *Denis Kelly*

5:00 pm - *Mrs. Victoria Tin+*

(First Sunday of Lent)

Parish Retreat Master:

Fr. Ricardo Pineda thanks the parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul for their attentiveness to his presentations during the Parish Mission. He also expresses his gratitude for such generosity shown to him and the Fathers of Mercy! He wishes blessings for a fruitful Lent - our journey towards Easter joy!

ONGOING:

Catechism Grade 1-7:

★ "PREP" Classes begin Tues. Jan. 13th 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.

★ RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith: (This takes place in the Church) ★

Tuesdays at 7-8 pm from Jan. 20th to Mar. 17th (8 wks) Feb. 17th Topic: **Baptism & Confirmation.**

All are welcome to learn more about the Faith and for the non-Catholics who want to become one.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

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!

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.

Office Mail Slot Location:

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

THIS WEEK:

2025 Tax Receipts:

Parish & Project Advance tax receipts for 2025 will be available for pick up on the left (east) side table of the Baptismal font.

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

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

The Door is Open:

Upcoming "The Door is Open" Sundays: **Feb. 15.** In winter, outdoor clothing would be appreciated! Thank you! (No food items please).

Palm Burning Ceremony:

On Tues. Feb. 17th at 4:30 pm.

Kindly place last year's palms for the ashes in the bins provided on the front porch or in the vestibule. Everyone is welcome to join in the ceremony.

Ash Wednesday Masses:

Feb. 18th at 8 am, 4 pm, 7 pm.

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday.** This applies to all persons 14 years of age & older. **Fasting** on **Ash Wednesday** applies to all Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth year. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

October Holy Land Pilgrimage Tour Info:

On Sat. Feb. 21st at 10 am in the Church.

See poster on the back for more information. -->

NEXT WEEK:

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning **Feb. 25th.**

SACRAMENTS, BLESSINGS, AND PRAYERS:

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, Homes, or Religious Articles:

Please see Father after any of the Sunday Masses.

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.