

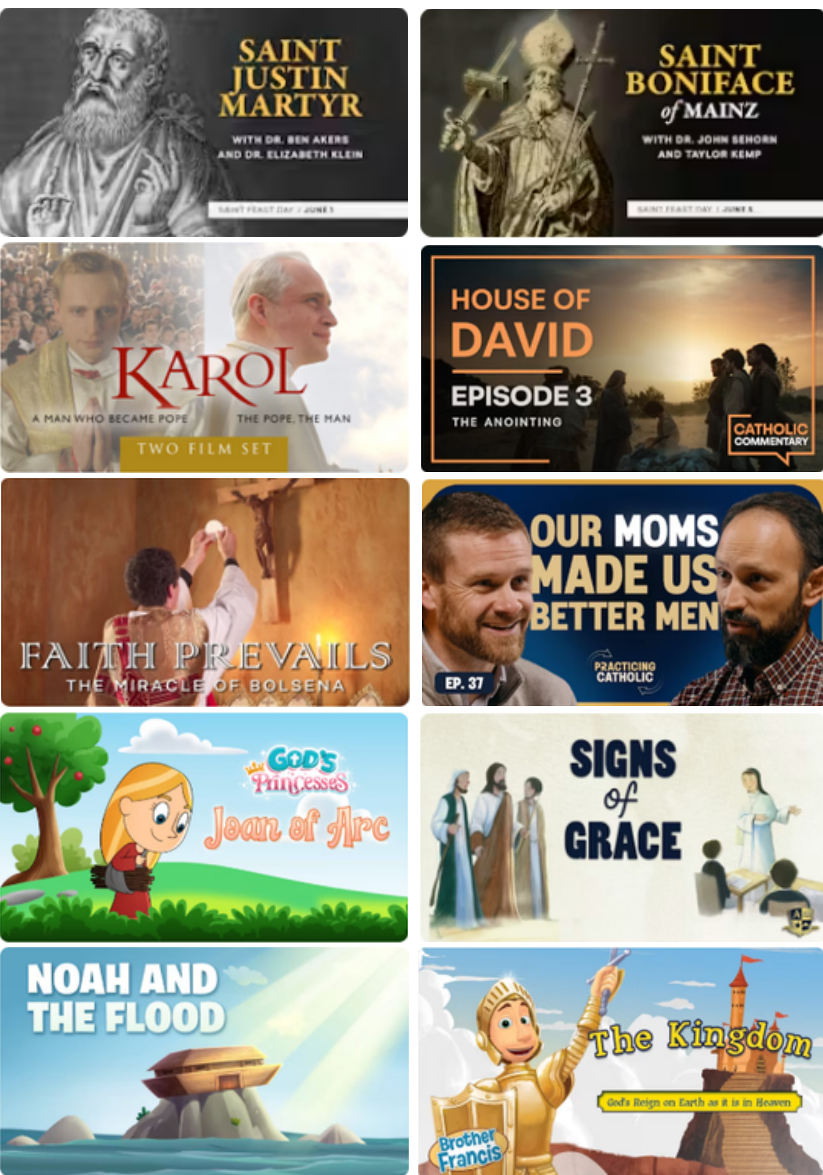
Birthright's 15th Annual Walk-a-Thon

Sat. June 13th at 10 am. Walk starts at Holy Name of Jesus Parish and ends at Queen Elizabeth Park (3 km). Funds raised support local pregnant women and new moms. Pledge forms are available by the west shelf in the vestibule.

Saint Patrick Regional Secondary

Accepting applications for Grades 8 to 12. More information on www.stpats.bc.ca or email administration@stpats.bc.ca

Trending this Week on Formed



Sunday Donations May 16 - 17, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$605 from 23 envelopes = \$26.30 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$1014 from 36 envelopes = \$28.17 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$870 from 31 envelopes = \$28.06 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$655 from 20 envelopes = \$32.75 avg.
Grand Total: \$3144 + \$441.50 loose = \$3585.50

May 23 - 24, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$760 from 16 envelopes = \$47.50 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$825 from 28 envelopes = \$29.46 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$845 from 30 envelopes = \$28.17 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$752 from 25 envelopes = \$30.08 avg.
Grand Total: \$3182 + \$697.70 loose = \$3897.70

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 unable 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 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."



"Mommy, was Joan of ark married to Noah?"

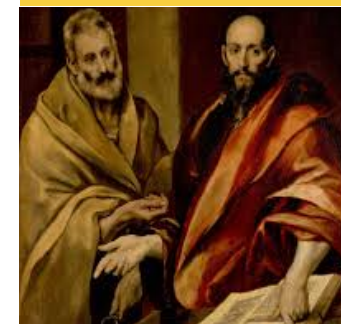
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Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev. Richard W. Smith D.D.



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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31ST 2026

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: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

All liturgical celebration, indeed all Christian prayer, is Trinitarian: to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The liturgical celebration of the Holy Trinity as an "idea feast" finds its origins in the Carolingian Church of the eighth and ninth centuries. A votive Mass of the Holy Trinity proved so popular that it began to replace Sunday celebrations. In 920 the bishop of Liege composed a full Mass and Office to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The feast was established for the entire Roman church in 1334.

The smallest functional unity of human life is not the individual. Every man and woman, no matter how deformed in spirit or body, exists because he or she was born of the coming together of two human beings. No infant survives without acts of touching and feeding which are acts of human relationship. If we exist as the product of some form of human community.

We profess that we have been created in God's image. Our self-image is so clearly and relentlessly one of life in community that we can not help but see in the scriptures suggestions and revelations of God's own life as life for and with the other. Though we will never come to know God as God knows Himself, every sign of God's action in our world leads us to Him as a God in interaction.

Creation itself is God's self-expression, the extension of His love to that which is other than himself. God's ongoing dialogue with creation reaches its climax in Jesus who is God-among-us. This Jesus is taken up into the fullness of their love is poured forth upon us in the gift of the Spirit.

Though we falter before the complexity of centuries of theology seeking to understand the unfathomable depths of God, we resolutely form the shape of our faith by praying day after day to the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. As we mark our bodies with the cross we utter the name of Father, Son and Spirit. So we enter into life with God through baptism. We shall enter into the fullness of that divine community through the gate of death.

Trinity Sunday: An Image of God's Love by Gayle Somers

On this first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church calls us to remember the Most Holy Trinity. Why is this perfect timing?

Gospel (Read Jn 3:16-18)

Today's Gospel is different from any we have seen during the long seasons of Lent and Easter. On Sunday after Sunday, the Gospels have reported actions of Jesus. They have been passages full of conversations and events that moved His story along, culminating in His Ascension into Heaven and His promise to send the Holy Spirit. Today, however, St. John gives us a kind of summary of this. It is simple, but what a sweep it has! Read the first verse carefully so as not to miss its impact through familiarity: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." If we understand the scope of this statement, we will know why it is perfectly fitting that today is Trinity Sunday.

"God so loved the world" inevitably takes us all the way back to Creation, where we first meet "God" and "the world." Why does God love the world so much? We can't fully answer this without figuring out why He made the world in the first place. As we read through the first few chapters of Genesis, the one thing we immediately grasp is that the physical world exists as a home for the crown of creation: man and woman. In a brief but remarkably important verse, we see God's intention for mankind: "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness" (Gen 1:26). Surely this doesn't tell us everything we'd like to know about our creation, but it tells us what we most need to know. God, the "Us" in this verse, wants man to be like Him. First, notice the paradox. There is plurality in the language of singularity. There is only one God creating the universe, but this God is "Us." Mysterious! It will take a very long time for the meaning of this paradox to be made clear. Next, implicit in this statement is an invitation. Why make man in "Our" image and likeness if not to welcome him into the communion and fellowship of "Us"? This is vital information. If man is made in the image of the God Who is "Us," then man is made for communion with the "Us" of God. In addition, we find in the next chapter of Genesis that "it is not good" that man should be alone (Gen 2:18). This was the only thing in creation pronounced "not good" by God. It makes perfect sense, however. If we are like the God Who is "Us," then we are meant for communion with other beings like us. This would be a true reflection of being in God's image.

As we read on in Genesis, we find that God's plan was seriously interrupted by man's disobedience. Adam and Eve's willfulness broke their communion with God and with each other. They incurred God's just punishment, but because "God so loved the world," He made them a promise. A "woman" and her "seed" would someday do battle with the Enemy who seduced them into rebellion. In the meantime, they were expelled from the Garden, but it was not destroyed. That hinted at the possibility of a return.

So, very early on, the stage is set for the drama of salvation that needs the rest of history to unfold. We began to explore that history in Advent, when we discovered that a young girl in Nazareth was "the woman" promised by God, and her "seed" was Jesus, God's own Son, Who existed from the beginning but became a Man in the Incarnation. The "Us" of Genesis is beginning to take shape. Lent and Easter rehearsed the truly unimaginable history of God's Son dying in our place to lift the punishment pronounced on us (as children of Adam) in the Garden. He experienced God's just judgment for us, and in His Resurrection, He defeated Satan, sin, and death in one fell swoop. Then, in a move no one could have predicted, when He ascended into Heaven, King Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to complete the long-standing intention of God at Creation. It is the Holy Spirit, God's own life in us, Who makes it possible for man to step into the fellowship for which he was made, not only with the "Us" of God, now fully revealed to be God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but also with one another. Wow!

This history helps us more fully understand St. John's summary statement about God's love. We know the great heights from which man fell in the Garden and the dramatic response from God—sending His only Son—to restore us. Jesus came to save, not condemn. The condemnation on sin already rested on man from the Garden. It didn't appear in man's history at the Incarnation. Believing in Jesus will save man from sin's judgment. That is why St. John says, "Whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the Name of the only Son of God."

"God so loved the world" that He did everything necessary for us to know and love Him back, a work accomplished, at various times in human history, by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now that the story is complete, it is the perfect time to say, "Blessed be the Most Holy Trinity today!"

Possible response: Blessed Trinity, thank You for all You have done to welcome me into Your fellowship for eternity. I was made for this.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 31st - The Most Holy Trinity

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

MONDAY, June 1st - St. Justin +165

8:00 am - *Dick Reid+*

TUESDAY, June 2nd - Ferial (of the 9th week)

4:00 pm - *Ken Joseph Yung Hsiang Huang+*

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga & Comps.+1886

8:00 am - *Michael Page*

11:00 am Funeral Mass - *Claire Ann Plimley+*

THURSDAY, June 4th - Ferial

8:00 am - *Andrew Patton+*

FIRST FRIDAY, June 5th - St. Boniface +754

8:00 am - *Jane Dawson+*

4:00 pm - *Ortensio Miceli+*

SATURDAY, June 6th - Ferial

9:00 am - *Neomi Minnello+*

5:00 pm - *Prescila Contaoe+*

(*Corpus Christi*)

Project Advance Video:

Today a 5 minute video is shown before Sun. Mass.

Project Advance 2026:

The office has already mailed out pledges for those in the past who have contributed to the Project Advance campaign; providing you an opportunity to consider again this year's pledge. This pledge may be mailed or placed in the collection basket anytime for the rest of this calendar year. Blank pledges are available in the vestibule throughout the year.

Also, volunteers will be available in the vestibule after Mass to assist if needed. The dates for volunteers are the weekends of: **May 30/31.**

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

This Year's Endeavours:

The building of our new Parish Centre at 1450 W. 38th Ave. is necessary in order to meet our present and future needs. It will provide so many opportunities for parishioners to gather and celebrate and deepen our faith. We need a place to provide Funeral and Sacramental receptions, opportunities for retreats and recollections, regular gatherings after Sunday Mass, as well as other special annual events. Ongoing are the need to hold Catechism classes, as well as new Catholics, youth, young adults and seniors to gather.

Our Cartier Hall is up for sale at this time, the market is not in our favour. We still need more funds in order to move ahead with Construction. I would say, more than ever, your support is needed at this time. Without it, it would be difficult to secure a mortgage for the rest of the Construction cost.

Presently, we are re-visiting the size (cost factor) of our new Parish Centre and working with the city etc. as to how to move forward in this direction. Thank you for your pledge this year!

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Next Men's Monthly Meeting:

Wed. June 3rd at 7 pm in the Church. Topic: "Catholic Priest stuns Host During Fox News Segment Live on Air." Join us for discussion and refreshments.

Next First Friday Faith Studies:

Fri. June 5th at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15). Topic: "A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Pentecost." Anyone interested, both men and women, are invited to join us for discussion.

First Friday Benediction and 2nd Mass:

Fri. June 5th with Adoration at 12 noon to 4 pm, Benediction at 3:45 pm, and 2nd Mass at 4 pm.

Holy Land Pilgrimage:

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

Information Session:

Sat. June 20th at 10 am in Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Envelope Boxes:

The 2026 envelopes are available at the back right table 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.

SACRAMENTS & BLESSINGS:

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.