

Are You Interested... in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother, and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and see!

Spend Two Days... at the Seminary and become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind.

Arrive... any time Saturday morning, preferably between 8:00-9:00 am.

Bring... a sleeping bag, school clothes, and some old clothes for sports, a towel, etc.

PLANNING TO ATTEND:

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR SEND AN EMAIL FOR A LINK TO THE APPLICATION FORM: RECTOR.MINORS@SCK.CA



SCAN THE QR CODE TO CHECK OUT A VIDEO ON THE SEMINARY



The High School Live-In will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. The suggested fee is \$40.

FUTURE LIVE-IN: November 14-15, 2026

Vocation Live-In Seminary of Christ the King PO Box 3310 Mission, BC V2V 4J5

Phone: 604 826 8715 Fax: 604 826 8725

Rector: Fr. Anthony Nguyen, OSB Email: rector.minors@sck.ca www.sck.ca

Seminary of Christ the King Live-In

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of July 4-5 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

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.

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 June 13 - 14, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$595 from 24 envelopes = \$24.79 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$967 from 33 envelopes = \$29.30 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$335 from 22 envelopes = \$15.23 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$475 from 13 envelopes = \$36.54 avg.
Grand Total: \$2372 + \$536 loose = \$2908

June 20 - 21, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$800 from 23 envelopes = \$34.78 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$955 from 40 envelopes = \$23.88 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$1000 from 33 envelopes = \$30.30 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$500 from 18 envelopes = \$27.78 avg.
Grand Total: \$3255 + \$555.45 loose = \$3810.45
In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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.

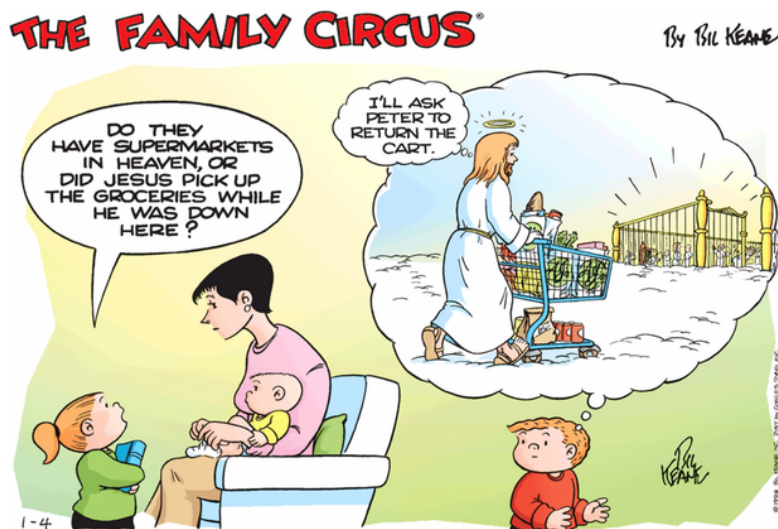
For more information, take the **PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATION BROCHURE**.

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."



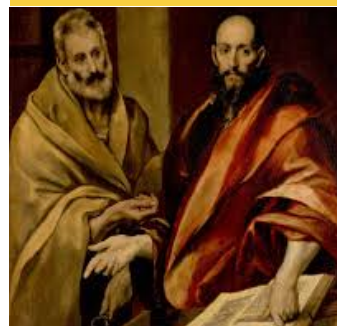
SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL JUNE 28TH 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

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: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

First Reading (Acts 12.1-11):

In those days, King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased some of the people he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread. When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that Jewish people were expecting."

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18):

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for His appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Gospel (Matthew 16.13-19):

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Building the Church through Apostolic Authority: Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul by Gayle Somers

The Church calls us to remember Sts. Peter and Paul on this last Sunday before we return to the long season of Ordinary Time. Why?

In a familiar exchange, we read in this Sunday’s Gospel about Jesus asking questions of the apostles. Does it surprise us that He wanted to know from them what people thought about Him? Was it really the case that He didn’t know? Or did He perhaps have a deeper purpose in quizzing them?

In answering, the apostles tell Him that people thought of Him as a very holy man, surely a prophet in the spirit of the great ones—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah.

However, Jesus then wants to know: “But who do you say that I am?” Here, the question is personal, as it should be. It is as if Jesus is saying, “Yes, I would expect outsiders to think of Me that way, but you have been with Me for quite a while, you have heard and seen what they haven’t. Who do you say that I am?” As Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis writes in Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word (Ignatius, pg. 514):

Jesus’ question to the disciples is not so much an official examination at the end of a period of scholastic training as it is a hopeful query by a Lover who needs to know to what extent He is known, understood, and accepted in His deepest identity by those He loves, those to whom He has been at pains to manifest Himself.

Simon Peter is the first to answer: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Would all the other apostles have said the same answer if given the chance? We don’t know for sure, but we do know that when Simon makes this remarkable confession about Jesus, his life would never be the same. Jesus recognizes that God the Father has marked out Simon as the one upon whom Jesus will build His Church. Simon did not come up with this understanding through his own intelligence, piety, or radical devotion. The truth he uttered came as a revelation from God—a divine, infallible truth uttered through fallible human lips. Thus, it is a turning point in the future of the cosmos because now Jesus, Who changes Simon’s name to Peter, Rock, has a solid human foundation upon which to establish His human/divine Church, His continuing Presence in the world He loved even unto death.

It is abundantly clear that Jesus is the One Who does the building; it is His Church. He is the One Who promises its power, even against death (“the gates of the netherworld”). He is the One Who holds the keys to His Kingdom and grants them to Peter, giving him authority to bind and loose (to forbid and to allow) in such a way that it represents heaven on earth. In other words, all the action is Christ’s, yet He chooses, together with the Father, to make His power visible in the human leadership of Peter.

Would God choose one human being for such a role? Apparently! After the Incarnation, in which God took on flesh and blood, this plan to build a human/divine Church on earth is perhaps the most startling and unexpected thing God could possibly do. To give one man, Peter, “the keys of the kingdom” would be a terrifying idea if Jesus hadn’t been so clear in these verses that doing so would not—ever—put the trustworthiness of His Church in danger.

The Church’s charism of truth and authority, although manifested in human beings, has its source in Heaven. As the Catechism teaches, “In order to preserve the Church in the purity of faith handed on by the apostles, Christ Who is the Truth willed to confer on her a share in His own infallibility” (CCC 889). Again, Leiva-Merikakis describes this well as he interprets Matthew 16:18: “I am saying that you are Peter—Rock—and by declaring you to be such and giving you this new name, I am making you to be Rock, and upon the solidity provided by this choice and institution (and not so much by Peter’s personal faith) I will build My Church” (Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word, pg 525).

The only question left to ask after the profound meaning of this passage settles into us is: “Did the early church actually work this way?” Our other readings help us think more about this. And because being Catholic means believing in the human/divine Church Jesus promised in our Gospel, we all have a stake in the answer to this question.

Possible response: Lord Jesus, thank You for not being as frightened of a human/divine Church as we sometimes are.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 28th - Sts. Peter and Paul

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

MONDAY, June 29th - Sts. Peter and Paul

8:00 am - *Holy Souls+*

TUESDAY, June 30th - Ferial

4:00 pm - *Francisco Mena+*

WEDNESDAY, July 1st Canada Day - Ferial

9:00 am - *Michael Page*

THURSDAY, July 2nd - Ferial

8:00 am - *Jane Dawson+*

FRIDAY, July 3rd - St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 am (no 4 pm Mass) - *Holy Souls+*

SATURDAY, July 4th - Ferial

9:00 am - *Dolly La Pierre*

5:00 pm - *Meeta Emma Wesik+*

(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Today the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul:

Replaces the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Parish Feast Day of the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (and in Honour of Canada Day):



Ice cream, cookies, and lemonade are served on the west lawn after the Masses of **June 27th/28th**.

Take a moment and enjoy our **Feast!**

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

Vespers at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4 pm on June 28th, then resumes after summer: Sept. 13th. Join us for prayer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NB:

- Talks on the Faith (RCIA):

From Tues. Sept. 24th to Nov 10th at 7 pm.

- No First Friday Faith Studies:

Not held during the summer months.

- No First Friday Adorations:

Not held during the summer months (no 4 pm Mass).

- No First Wednesday Men’s Monthly Meeting:

Not held during the summer months.

MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT:

Preserving our Sacred Space:

Our parish’s pews and kneelers are 103 years old.

Please lower/raise the kneelers ‘gingerly’ and handle these with gentle care. Thank you.

2 Back East Side Pews:

These are reserved for parents with young children for easy access to the vestibule when the children “chatter.”

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.

Volunteer Part Time Organist:

Organist requested for Sat. 5 pm Mass for some of these Masses during the summertime. If you can assist, kindly contact the parish office. In gratitude!

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.

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!

CONTRIBUTIONS:

2026 Envelope Boxes:

The envelope boxes are available at the back right table of the church. If you would like one, simply sign up in one of the red binders and they will be there 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.