

Catholic Pacific College Gala:

Thurs. Sept. 24th at 6 pm w/ Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J.
More information at catholicpacific.ca/cpcgala



World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass:

Archbishop Richard Smith will be celebrating Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Sat. Sept. 26th at 5 pm. All are welcome to wear the clothing of their country. There is a reception in the hall with food after Mass.

1/2 Day of Recollection w/ Fr. Emmerich Vogt O.P.:

Topic: "The Role of Mary in Salvation History."

On Sat. Oct. 24th at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

9 am Mass, followed by the Rosary, followed by coffee, 10:15 am first conference, 10:45 am short break, 11 am second conference, 11:30 am Adoration and Benediction, 12 pm noon light lunch provided.

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!

Sunday Donations:

August 29 - 30, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$725 from 28 envelopes = \$25.89 avg.

Sun. 9 am \$1007 from 44 envelopes = \$22.89 avg.

Sun. 11 am \$580 from 29 envelopes = \$20.00 avg.

Sun. 4 pm \$835 from 23 envelopes = \$36.30 avg.

Grand Total: \$3147 + \$342 loose = \$3489

September 5 - 6, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$814 from 31 envelopes = \$26.26 avg.

Sun. 9 am \$2680 from 34 envelopes = \$78.82 avg.

Sun. 11 am \$526 from 18 envelopes = \$29.22 avg.

Sun. 4 pm \$1100 from 23 envelopes = \$47.83 avg.

Grand Total: \$5120 + \$363.25 loose = \$5483.25

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.

- 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."



"Do you think God minds if I just rerun last night's prayer?"

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

PASTOR: FATHER RONALD W. THOMPSON M. Div. M. Ed.

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Archdiocese of Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev.

Richard W. Smith D.D.

THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026

Sunday Mass: Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 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: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture abounds with accounts of God's tireless mercy. As often as His people fall into infidelity, so often does He stand ready to forgive them. One wonders that He does not grow weary of their ever-faltering love and call a halt to the endless story of sin, repentance and restoration. He never does. He is the "prodigal Father" of the gospel parable. He would not dream of refusing pardon to a beloved child (Luke 15). Jesus reveals this attitude in action. He turns no sinner away.

Today's readings make it clear that God's pardon is given to be shared unstintingly. The community of the new covenant is characterized by the mutual love of its members. We are commanded to love one another as Christ has loved us. Forgiveness is the gift of love. So we must forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven us - "Seventy times seven times," a biblical way of saying "without limit."

The scriptures suggest that God's forgiveness is not entirely unconditional. If we do not share it, we shall lose it. The inconstancy does not lie with God. If we have truly allowed ourselves to be transformed by His forgiving love, we can do no other than forgive one another. If we have refused to be so transformed, we have in fact rejected the gift of His pardon from the beginning.

Before we bring our gift to the altar, then, we must offer to share freely with one another the forgiveness we have freely received from God.



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 Mass: Our Intimate Encounter with the Transcendent Lord
by Most Reverend James Conley

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All of us, whether religious or not, long for transcendence because the human heart was made for it. By transcendence I mean the awareness of something greater than ourselves; something bigger than us. It’s that experience of something so beautiful, so powerful that words fail and our hearts are stirred. Perhaps you’ve felt this when gazing upon a star-filled night sky, or hiking the Ozarks, or entering a breathtakingly beautiful cathedral. Such natural experiences of transcendence are gifts that point us toward the transcendent God. God is wholly other—He is uncreated, infinitely holy, and beyond human comprehension. He is also far more unlike us than like us, and yet God made us in His image for relationship with Him. So, while the human heart longs for all kinds of encounters with something greater than itself, it yearns particularly for an encounter with the God of the universe.

Unfortunately, many things in today’s culture pull us in the opposite direction—to things smaller than ourselves. So much is reduced to the entertaining, the pleasurable, the useful. Of course, there’s nothing inherently wrong with the mundane and small. Such things make up the bulk of daily life and God designed it that way. But we run into problems when that is all we experience, and the only things our lives are focused on.

In contrast, the Catholic Faith is centered on the liturgy, which takes us out of the mundane and into the courts of heaven, into the splendor of the eternal! Every Mass is an encounter through God’s invitation into heavenly worship, through communion with Christ, and through our being sent forth into the world as missionary disciples to help others encounter God as we have.

In the Mass, God Invites Us into Divine Worship (Invitation)

That invitation begins the moment the liturgy starts, because the entire Mass is an encounter with Christ, who “is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations.” We rightly tend to focus on Jesus, present in Holy Communion, but He is also present in the priest, in the Scripture proclaimed, in song, and in the assembled church. The entire liturgy is an encounter with Christ, which only later reaches its summit in Communion.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we encounter Jesus, who then invites us into His own worship of the Father. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, through Jesus, the Church “offers worship to the eternal Father... in which God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified” (CCC 1089). But what is this worship that’s being offered?

Scripture tells us that St. John the Apostle had a vision of worship in Heaven, and it included the angels, saints, incense, song, and “a Lamb that seemed to have been slain” (Revelation 5:6). Jesus appears in Heaven as a victim because, as the eternal high priest, He offers His once-for-all sacrifice on the Cross to God the Father, perpetually interceding for us (see Romans 8:34).

It is in this very sacrifice of the Mass that the liturgy makes present “sacramentally” on the church’s altar, the crucified and risen Lord, thereby allowing us to participate in the heavenly offering of Christ to the Father! It’s no wonder that more and more young people are being drawn to the liturgy’s otherworldliness—it’s in the Mass that Heaven touches earth, and that the transcendent God becomes immanent. It’s there that the angels and saints join the earthly congregation as Christ draws us into His saving work and Heaven’s liturgy.

So, how do we participate practically? It’s not enough to attend Mass as passive spectators; rather we are invited to offer the Mass in union with the priest. After the readings, as the altar is being prepared, we can (and should) place ourselves on the altar, as well as our particular offerings—our works, joys, sufferings, failures, successes, families—anything and everything can be placed on the altar. Then, when Christ’s perfect sacrifice on Calvary is made present on that same altar, our imperfect offerings are taken up into His sacrifice, and presented to the Father in Jesus’ one perfect act of love.

Think about it this way. If you had been alive at the time of Christ’s crucifixion, and had been granted the immense privilege of standing underneath the Cross with Mother Mary, what would you do there? Just like Our Lady, you would surely unite your heart to Jesus’ Sacred Heart, joining your love to His perfect offering of love to the Father. The astonishing privilege of the Mass is that Christ gives us sacramentally this very opportunity, which none but a handful of disciples received historically.

And while all this talk about Calvary and sacrifice can seem a bit daunting, it is in truth a great joy for Jesus to receive our offerings of love and to have us partake in His perfect worship of the Father, just as it’s a delight for the Father to receive it. No mere creature could ever offer worship worthy of God’s infinite majesty, so Christ graciously includes us in His own perfect worship of the Father—precisely because He knows this is where our true joy and best means of sanctification lie.

Incredibly, God is not satisfied with this. He desires even more of an encounter, and so He comes to us in Holy Communion. Here God’s invitation reaches its climax, as He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. (to be continued next week...)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Sept. 13th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners
MONDAY, Sept. 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 am - Pope Leo XIV (71st B.)
TUESDAY, Sept. 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows
4:00 pm - Fr. Stanley Galvon (75th B.)
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16th - St. Cornelius +253
& St. Cyprian +258
8:00 am - Patricia Cheung+
THURSDAY, Sept. 17th - Ferial
8:00 am - Dick Ballard+
FRIDAY, Sept. 18th - Ferial
8:00 am - Daniel Falcon+
SATURDAY, Sept. 19th - Ferial
9:00 am - Gillian Miller
5:00 pm - Gabrielle Aranda
(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
Talks on the Faith and the
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
Whether you are considering becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, we welcome all on this journey of faith and conversion. RCIA is held on **Tuesday evenings from 7- 8 pm, beginning Sept. 22nd to Nov. 10th.**

No registration required. Parishioners, please consider inviting family and friends.

The Passion of the Christ Movie Showtimes:
With a preview of “The Resurrection” (May 2027).
Cineplex Odeon International Village Vancouver:
Sat. Sept 12th at 3 pm, Tues. Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm.
SilverCity Riverport Richmond:
Sat. Sept. 12th at 3 pm, Tues. Sept. 15th at 6:30 pm.
Landmark 10 New Westminster:
Sun. Sept. 13th at 6:30 pm.

The Door is Open:
Sun. Sept. 20th. Fall clothing appreciated.
Thank you! (No food items please).

Catechism Class for Children
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):
If your child is in Grade K-7 (or beyond Grade 7 and not Confirmed) and do not attend a Catholic school, consider joining PREP for sacramental preparation: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from **4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, beginning Sept. 22nd.** Please contact the office to register or fill out the green registration form on the front table of the Church.

Annual Advent Potluck:
Our Archbishop Richard Smith will attend our annual Advent potluck party on Sat. Nov. 28th at 6 pm. He will also celebrate our 5 pm Mass that day.

Diana Leaney Funeral Mass:
Tues. Oct. 6th at 11:30 am.

Volunteer Gardening:
If you would like to help, kindly contact the parish office - and arrangements will be made for you to look after a small specific part of the garden. Thank you. St. Isadore patron of gardeners, pray for us.

MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT:

East Side (Ramp) Door Adoration Chapel:
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.

Sacred Order:
The priest is to be the last in and the first to exit. Mass is under the duration of one hour. Jesus said: “Can you not watch 1 hour with me?” (Mt. 26:40). At the last supper, Judas, not Christ, was the first to leave.

Reverential Whisper:
Quiet before/after Mass: Kindly, if you wish to have a conversation, do so in the vestibule. Parishioners are praying at these times. Thank you for your consideration of others in this matter.

Preserving Our Sacred Space:
The Hymn Book / Missal racks have been enlarged to hold these. Kindly return them to the rack after use instead of on the pew seat. 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 they “chatter.”

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 the red binder 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.