

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.

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.

Vestment Sewing and Stitching Volunteer:

A volunteer is desired to sew and stitch
minor repairs to vestments, etc. If interested,
please contact the parish office. In gratitude.

2027 World Youth Day in Korea:

Registration with the Young Adults of Vancouver.
More information at wydwithyav.my.canva.site



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:

September 12 - 13, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$610 from 23 envelopes = \$26.52 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$660 from 31 envelopes = \$21.29 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$610 from 27 envelopes = \$22.59 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$1055 from 19 envelopes = \$55.53 avg.
Grand Total: \$2935 + \$650.15 loose = \$3585.15

September 19 - 20, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$775 from 23 envelopes = \$33.70 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$805 from 38 envelopes = \$21.18 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$555 from 28 envelopes = \$19.82 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$750 from 25 envelopes = \$30.00 avg.
Grand Total: \$2885 + \$530.55 loose = \$3415.55

In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order & is currently assigned to St. Dominic Priory in San Francisco. As a young priest working in the pro-life movement, he started Priests for Life. He currently is on the Preaching Band, giving parish mission and retreats.

For the past forty five years he has been involved in giving retreats and seminars to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Tolland, Guatemala, Calcutta, Russia, and Africa.

Father Emmerich comes to Saints Peter & Paul to reflect on the Message of Our Lady of Fatima and its impact for us today:

The Mysteries of Savlation and the War Effort

The beloved disciple, John, the one who cared for Mary after Jesus' ascension, tells of a great sign he saw in the heavens: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and she was crowned with 12 stars.

At every apparition of our Lady at Fatima she stressed the Rosary, and *not by accident* in the context of WWI which was raging at the time; and she foretold a worse war if people didn't amend their lives. Now why this request regarding the Mysteries of the Rosary and in the context of warfare? And overall, what does this have to do with LOVE, which we know is the greatest commandment without which no on can be saved.

Is there a connection between the mysteries of our faith — as expressed in the Rosary — and the Greatest Commandment which is love, and all of this in the context of WAR?

The focus, then, of our Conference has to do with 3 central themes:
Love: the greatestcommandment.
&
Warfare.

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
- Press on "Formed for Individuals" and then "Get Started" to create your account.
- Input your name and email address to sign up.
- Type "Saints Peter & Paul Parish" to find and click on ours 1425 W. 39th Ave. Vancouver, BC V6M 1T2
- Click submit and enjoy the programs provided.

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THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27TH 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

First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Benediction 3:45 pm, 2nd Mass 4:00 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: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel introduced a new insight. It is not only the nation as a whole that must make moral choices and suffer their consequences. Every person must decide to obey or disobey the word of God spoken in the Law and the prophets; and every person must take the consequences. In that sense, judgment belongs to the one who makes the choice, not to the God who accepts it. We are fair or unfair to ourselves.

Both prophet and evangelist remind us that no choice is definitive except the final one. The son may say one thing now and do another later. In fact, most of us have played both the first son and the second: we have made commitments we have not kept and kept commitments we had not made. Our lives are always in the making through the process of decision. Yet we shape ourselves gradually into one consistent pattern of obedience or disobedience by the choices we make.

The gospel, echoing many an Old Testament passage, suggests that it is not we alone who are affected by the outcome. In the parable, the man is father to both sons. In the story of Jesus, God is parent to the chief priests and elders as well as to the tax collectors and prostitutes. He sends the word of salvation to them both. We can image the father standing at his door awaiting the return of both the sons he sent to the vineyard. And only one appears.

Whatever our past choices, today's message is clear: now is always the time to repent and believe. No one is so urgent about our decision as the God who has given us both the choice and the power to make it in Christ Jesus. "Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live?" (Ezek. 18:23).



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 (con't...)**

In the Mass, God Gives Himself to Us (Communion)

I want to recap the arc of salvation history in terms of God’s presence, because when we understand the progression, we can better appreciate just how blessed we are as Catholics. In Eden, Adam and Eve dwelt on “the holy mountain of God” (Ezekiel 28:14), where the Lord God walked about in the garden (see Genesis 3:8). They tragically commit humanity’s first sin and are expelled from God’s immediate presence. In fact, it isn’t until Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt that God again abides on earth, this time in a moveable Tabernacle. Scripture stresses the continuity in God’s presence by using the same verb to describe God’s walking in the garden of Eden as God’s presence with the Israelites. After millennia, a small subset of humanity again has access to God’s dwelling—but much has changed. The previously open access to God in Eden has become restricted: God’s presence is mediated through Moses and later the Levitical priests. God is no longer directly accessible; the tabernacle has literal barriers because sin has created distance between God and men. Even more intensely, fallen humanity must approach with caution, obeying strict rules, since God’s all-holy presence is now dangerous for them. It is literally a matter of life and death: for, in the Old Testament, when on various occasions men disregard these commands, they are struck dead.

Eventually, Solomon builds a permanent Temple in which God can reside, and like the tabernacle, the Lord’s glory fills it. Solomon’s Temple is world famous, and even foreigners come to worship—it’s a “house of prayer for all nations.” Despite this, access to God’s presence remains limited. Gentiles can only enter the outer court of the Temple—the Court of the Gentiles. Israelite women can go a little further in, to the Court of Women. Israelite men can go even further in, to the Court of Israelites. Only priests can regularly enter into the Court of Priests, though Israelites can go in when they offer sacrifice. And only once a year can the High Priest go into the Holy of Holies, the innermost sanctuary that was God’s earthly dwelling place. So even in the Temple, there are literally walls of protection between God’s presence and mankind, and only one man, once a year, can enter God’s dwelling.

Due to the Israelites’ sin, eventually God’s presence leaves the Temple, and it is destroyed around 587 BC. Though the Jewish people later construct a second Temple, God’s glory does not fill it. So, for about six centuries, though God is present in His Word, Law, and the Prophets, He is again not dwelling with His people. But, as we know, God returns in dramatic fashion—not in a cloud-filled building but through the Incarnation of His Son, who comes to dwell among us. And now, instead of having to travel to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice, we can go to any of the world’s 223,000 parishes. And when there, Jesus isn’t in a restricted area we can’t go into or see—He’s in the tabernacle, prominently placed in the church. The One who is Himself the true Temple now dwells in the tabernacle of every Catholic church. This is a major shift from the historical norm.

But going far further, through Baptism, the Holy Trinity dwells in us by sanctifying grace permanently, so long as we don’t commit mortal sin. Through our initial justification in Baptism, we are truly changed—made righteous, so that God can dwell within us, without fear of being struck dead. Even more shockingly, Jesus offers Himself to us in Holy Communion—His sacramental presence dwells in us for a quarter of an hour, every day if we so desire it! Still, a barrier remains—Christ is veiled behind the appearance of bread and wine to accommodate our weakness, since we cannot yet see God face to face and live (see Exodus 33:20).

In the Mass, God Sends Us Out (Mission)

After Communion, the Mass doesn’t just end; it commissions us to continue the Son’s work in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. Encountering God through the perfect worship of His Son and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we are transformed and then sent out to share the Good News so others might encounter God as we have. As the Catechism explains, “‘The Church on earth is by her nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, she has as her origin the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit.’ The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love” (CCC 850).

It’s not a job just for priests, religious, or lay missionaries. By virtue of our baptism all of us have been commissioned to share the God who has been so exceedingly good to us. This entails following St. Peter’s admonition to: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15).

I understand this to be two-fold: we should be ready with a brief version of the story of how the Lord has changed our lives, as well as prepared to give a short answer of why we believe intellectually that Jesus is God and founded the Catholic Church (apart from our personal experience of Him). In this way, we can help others encounter Christ via their hearts or heads. If you have just a 2 or 3-minute summary for each, you’re ready to share the Gospel. It’s really that easy.

When I was a newly ordained priest, I remember saying to my first pastor as I was walking out the door one time, “keep the faith.” He responded, “no, don’t keep the faith, spread the faith!”

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our most intimate encounter with the Lord on earth. What we need now is to remember the entire Mass can be understood through the three aspects of invitation, communion, and mission, so we might more fully appreciate, experience, and desire to share this incredible blessing.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

SUNDAY, Sept. 27th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, Sept. 28th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Msgr. B. Rossi*
TUESDAY, Sept. 29th - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael
4:00 pm - *Anselmo Reyes+*
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30th - St. Jerome +420
9:00 am (**Truth and Reconciliation**) - *Dick Ballard+*
THURSDAY, Oct. 1st - St. Therese of the Child Jesus +1897
8:00 am - *Paul Fook-Bo Cheung+*
10:00 am - *Vancouver College Mass*
FIRST FRIDAY, Oct. 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 am - *Raymond Omer Courchene+*
4:00 pm - *Daniel Falcon+*
SATURDAY, Oct. 3rd - Dedication of Holy Rosary Cathedral
9:00 am - *Monica Mary Conlin*
5:00 pm - *Patricia Cheung+*
(27th 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, are a Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, you are warmly invited to join us on this journey of faith and conversion. RCIA is held on **Tuesday evenings from 7 pm - 8 pm, beginning Sept. 22nd - Nov. 10th.**

Topic: “Who are you?” No registration required. All are welcome. Parishioners, please consider inviting family and friends to join us.

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 are 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.

First Friday Faith Studies:

On **Oct. 2nd at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15).** Anyone interested, both men and women, are invited to join us for discussion. Topic: “No Annulment, No Absolution” with Fr. Mike Schmitz on The Megyn Kelly Show. We look forward to others attending!

First Friday Benediction and 2nd Mass: On **Fri. Oct. 2nd** with Adoration at 12 noon to 4 pm, Benediction at 3:45 pm, and 2nd Mass at 4 pm.

A “Yappy” Event (Animal Blessing):

On **Sun. Oct. 4th at 10 am** on the Front Porch. Through the intercession of St. Francis, may the Lord bless us and “the creatures, great and small.”

Diana Leaney Funeral Mass:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of long time parishioner Diana Leaney. Her Funeral Mass is on **Tues. Oct. 6th at 11:30 am.**

We ask that you join us in praying for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of all those who mourn.



Next Men’s Monthly Meeting:

On **Wed. Oct. 7th at 7 pm** in the Church.
Topic: “Empathy vs. Love” with Bishop Robert Barron.
Join us for discussion and refreshments.

MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT:

East Side (Ramp) Door Adoration Chapel:
For private prayer from Tues. - Fri. 9 am - 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.



Use of Perfume or Cologne:

As an act of charity, since we are close together, please refrain from using these.



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.

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 and raise the kneelers “gingerly” and handle them 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.”

Volunteer Gardening:

Kindly contact the parish office to volunteer. Thank you. St. Isadore, patron of gardeners, pray for us.

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 attend Mass here.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Blessing of Cars, Homes, or Religious Articles:
Please see Father after any of the Sunday Masses.

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.