

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.

November - The Month of Holy Souls:

Special envelopes are available for offering Holy Masses for the intentions of deceased family members and friends. One Holy Mass will be offered for each envelope received, and all envelopes will be placed at the Altar throughout the month of November. May the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace.

Annual Advent Potluck:

Our Archbishop Richard Smith will attend our annual Advent potluck party on Sat. Nov. 28th at 6 pm, and will also celebrate our 5 pm Mass that day. Tickets available for purchase from Oct. 24th - Nov. 22nd.

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 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

September 26 - 27, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$655 from 23 envelopes = \$28.48 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$690 from 36 envelopes = \$19.17 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$1110 from 24 envelopes = \$46.25 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$900 from 27 envelopes = \$33.33 avg.
Grand Total: \$3355 + \$397.75 loose = \$3752.75

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, Poland, 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 Salvation 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 one 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 greatest commandment,
The mysteries of salvation,
& 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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4TH 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

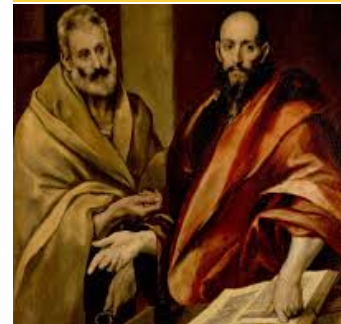
Marriage: By Appointment - Notify 8 Months in Advance

SUNDAY READINGS: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The parable of the murderous tenants describes a radical crisis in the life of the Messiah and in the history of salvation. Having spoken tirelessly to those responsible for the vineyard of Israel, God finally appeals to them through His son. With unequalled authority, Jesus announces the approach of the harvest of the last times. Earth must yield its fruit. The people of God must welcome their Messiah!

But the children are no better than their ancestors. Just as the latter rejected the just ones and the prophets, so also the scribes and Pharisees prepare to murder the heir to God's beloved vineyard. The people of the promise run the risk of rejecting their election, of breaking the covenant through which God's plan was to be realized. Jesus uses this parable as a clear proclamation of His death. He came into the world and His own people did not receive Him. They finally rejected the Son and heir and even crucified Him outside the city. The parable ends with a prophetic threat: the Church of the risen One will soon take up the mission once laid upon Israel. Matthew expresses the conviction that this new people will bring the vineyard to fruit.

Yet these new tenants must not in their turn disappoint the Lord who never ceases to demand the fruit of His vineyard. We cannot remind ourselves enough that the Church is built on the stone that was rejected. Called together by this outcast, we must open ourselves to the banished of this world and make choices which may be punished by death outside the walls. If not, then "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will yield a rich harvest."



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.

Pope Leo XIV’s Meeting with the Staff and Sick Community of Accueil Notre-Dame, Lourdes, France, September 27, 2026:

Dear brothers and sisters,
Dear friends who are sick,

It is a joy for me to be with you here in Lourdes, where, for more than a hundred and fifty years, pilgrims from every corner of the world have come to entrust their physical, psychological and spiritual sufferings to Jesus through Mary. Indeed, fragility is not hidden here; instead it becomes the place of a sacred encounter.

This year, the pastoral theme of the Sanctuary is the greeting of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28). This emphasizes the remarkable exchange between the gaze of the Lord’s messenger and Mary’s. In this encounter, the humility and generosity of a young woman allowed God to accomplish his work of salvation. Mary did not keep the Lord for herself, but offered him to the world, saying to each of us, “The Lord is with you.” This truth is the foundation of our dignity as persons. And here, Mary looks upon each one of us as a unique person, as Saint Bernadette testified during the apparitions at the grotto. This maternal gaze reminds us once more that no one is invisible in God’s eyes.

At a time when some societies are inclined to look aside or close their eyes to the dignity of human life, we need first of all “to foster, in ourselves and in others, a contemplative outlook... It is the outlook of those who see life in its deeper meaning, who grasp its utter gratuitousness, its beauty and its invitation to freedom and responsibility. It is the outlook of those who do not presume to take possession of reality but instead accept it as a gift, discovering in all things the reflection of the Creator and seeing in every person his living image (cf. Gen 1:27; Ps 8:5). This outlook... is open to perceiving in the face of every person a call to encounter, dialogue and solidarity” (Saint John Paul II, Encyclical Letter Evangelium Vitae, 83), so that the world may have life.

In the dialogue of the Annunciation, as the Lord gazes upon her, Mary discovers that she is God’s chosen one. Yet, at the heart of this encounter, it is each one of us who discovers that we too are personally called and profoundly destined for the love of God, who is the source of life. The human person is “worthy” simply by virtue of existing and of being destined for eternity. Our dignity cannot be measured or debated.

I know that for some of you, because of particular illnesses and, at times, terrible pain, your horizon may appear dark, uncertain and without hope. But no human law should ever make you lose the certainty of your dignity. On the contrary, it is precisely in the name of this inalienable dignity of the human person that we must reject the temptation to cause death under the guise of false compassion. It is impossible to regard causing death as something normal. What is legal is not necessarily moral.

Here in Lourdes, the city of the sick and of hope, I appeal to the entire healthcare community to remember the profound meaning of your vocation, which is to care for a suffering person, not to eliminate that person. Yes, dear friends, be passionate servants of life. No one ever has the right “on the basis of laboratory algorithms, to decide the life of a given embryo or elderly person! Medicine must never become the servant of programmed death!” (Address to the Members of the Jérôme Lejeune Foundation, 22 June 2026). In this regard, I urge you resolutely to develop structures for palliative care and research. At the same time, I urge you to accompany the sick with the tenderness that we see here in Lourdes, where doctors, nurses, stretcher-bearers, chaplains, pastoral teams serving the sick, and so many others live out their vocation in the service of the dignity of the human person, so that the world may have life. In caring for bodies, you also bind up wounded souls. To you, dear members of the hospitality groups, and to the healthcare workers who devote yourselves to serving your brothers and sisters, I express my deepest gratitude.

Dear brothers and sisters who are sick, I want to tell you that you are not a burden. You are the beating heart of our humanity and a precious treasure for the Church. I carry in my prayers the trials you are going through. My thoughts are also with all those who cannot be here and who, from their homes or hospital rooms, are united with us in this gathering. I entrust all of you to the maternal love of the Mother of the Lord, asking her to obtain for you the consolations of her Son Jesus. May God bless and protect you.

Words of the Holy Father to Representatives of Associations and People in Precarious Situations

I am happy to have this opportunity to meet you, dear friends and members of the associations that support people in precarious or vulnerable situations. I greet you warmly. This “Book of Life” is a beautiful gift you have given me. Life is beautiful and precious. Do not be discouraged: Our Lady of Lourdes holds you by the hand.

Thank you, dear friends, for your part in the life of this Shrine, whose special mission is to welcome each year thousands of people who are suffering and seeking healing. Many of them leave with peaceful hearts, transformed by grace and ready to continue on their way. You are the instruments God uses to renew their hope. Is not this the first miracle of Lourdes for them, the fact that they have met you, experienced your generosity and dedication, and felt your closeness? The witness of faith and love that you offer them is an irreplaceable part of their spiritual journey, and I thank you for it.

I am sure that you too will leave Lourdes changed after having carried out your service. I invite you to share this unique experience with those around you and to encourage others to discover it, especially young people, so that they too may discover the joy of giving themselves and of serving in the name of Jesus.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome. I entrust you all to the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

SUNDAY, Oct. 4th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, Oct. 5th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Ning Tabangcura+*

TUESDAY, Oct. 6th - Ferial
10:00 am - *Vancouver College Mass*
11:30 am Funeral Mass - *Diana Leaney+*
4:00 pm - *Ken Joseph Yung Hsiang Huang+*

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00 am - *Winnie Cham*

THURSDAY, Oct. 8th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Fr. Frank Landry*
10:00 am - *Vancouver College Mass*

FRIDAY, Oct. 9th - Ferial
8:00 am - *Magdalene Leung+*
11:00 am Funeral Mass - *Gloria Makhijani+*

SATURDAY, Oct. 10th - Ferial
9:00 am - *Patricia Cheung+*
5:00 pm - *Moirra O’Shaughnessy+*
(28th 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: “Why a God?” 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.

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.

Gloria Makhijani Funeral Mass:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of long time parishioner Gloria Makhijani. Her Funeral Mass is on **Fri. Oct. 9th at 11 am** (Vigil prayers on Thurs. Oct. 8th at 5 pm). We ask that you join us in praying for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of all those who mourn.



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.”

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.

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.

Blessing of Cars, Homes, or Religious Articles:

Please see Father after any of the Sunday Masses.

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.

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