



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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60  
Years at  
Nelthorpe

**\* Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul | 29 June 2025 \***



*Have a most blessed,  
enjoyable, and restful  
Canada Day!*

## And The Last Shall Be First

by Jean Allen

This is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two ordinary and unprepossessing guys who had absolutely no ambitions to end up to be strong leaders of anything, let alone the early Church.

Peter, a somewhat luckless fisherman, uneducated and ordinary (Acts 4:13), seemed mostly to act and speak without thinking and was quite comfortable strongly suggesting he knew exactly what Jesus should do in various situations. He wasn't so much arrogant as impulsive and led by his emotions in the moment, a trait that led him to deny Jesus three times. He was enthusiastic about Jesus but enthusiasm doesn't always translate into stable wisdom. His faith was impressively strong and disturbingly weak at the same time. I sure wouldn't have chosen him to be a leader.

Paul was a middle-class trades person – a tentmaker. He definitely was educated in Hebrew scriptures, rabbinic interpretation and Greek philosophy as is apparent in his letters. He was supremely legalistic and was more committed to following the letter of the law rather than to exercising the qualities of mercy and forgiveness. Many don't realize that he was a very poor public speaker (2 Cor. 10:10). One hapless fellow fell asleep and fell out a window during one of Paul's talks (Acts 20:19). Paul was confrontational and abrasive and this was quite apparent in his early letters. Later letters indicated more humility and gentleness but I sure wouldn't have chosen him to be a leader.

The only reason these men became wonderful leaders of the Church was that Christ chose them and the Holy Spirit led them. It wasn't obvious natural qualities or talents that caused Christ to choose these men as leaders. We humans are the ones who judge the abilities and charisma of people as we perceive them and proclaim them as worthy or unworthy of our respect. God sees the innermost heart. God sees the pure potential of the person he created and knows what they can become, in spite of who they are, not because of who they are.

Are you a leader? God only knows.



## LITURGICAL YEAR C

### Saturday:

English Mass	(Anticipated Sunday Mass)	4:00 pm
Syro-Malabar Rite	(except 1st Sat)	7:00 pm

### Sunday:

English Mass	9:00 am
Syro-Malabar Rite	11:00 am
Korean	3:00 pm
Vietnamese (1st and 3rd Sundays)	5:30 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Sunday	8:15 am to 8:45 am

## Weekday Masses

### English Masses

Tuesday	1st July: Canada Day	11:00 am
Wednesday		11:00 am
Thursday	3rd July: St. Thomas the Apostle	11:00 am
Friday	4th July: Ordinary Time	11:00 am
	Adoration after Mass. Benediction is at	1:30 pm

### Korean Masses

Wednesdays	7:30 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am

## Parish Office Hours

**From July, temporary summer hours**  
**Tuesdays to Fridays 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

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## Summer Parish Bulletins

For the months of July and August, the Parish Bulletin will be published at the beginning of each month. Urgent updates, information, and news will be communicated via email and on the Parish Website.

***Have an excellent summer!***

## Save the Date

Proposed pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in the  
Diocese of Victoria for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope  
Sunday, August 3 to Tuesday, August 5  
**organized by Sacred Heart Parish for parishioners.**



## Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ

Receiving the Precious Blood is optional.  
Please remain standing, bow, sip (no dipping), and  
move on. Kindly follow the guidance of the Ushers.  
Thank you.

*Fr. Shijo's Homilies*  
are available on our Parish Website  
<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/sacred-heart-homilies.html>



### **Please Pray For**

#### **Those who have died:**

*Hedwig Kebritz, Michael Laliberte, Gloria Lyons,  
Maria Mecao Melo, Antonio Pimentel,  
Ella Pongos, Caroleen Robertson,  
Souls in Purgatory, Avelina Subingsubing.*

#### **Those who are ill:**

*Jon A, Patricia C, Cora C, Maureen Dietrich,  
Lesley D, Kathleen G, Derek L, Lisa L, Diane L, Will P,  
Dino R, Davide R, Willy S, Gaspar S, Valerie S,  
Cathy T, Maria T, and Ornella T.*



### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

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All cheques: "Society of St. Vincent de Paul".

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### **Options to Donate**

#### **E-Transfer:**

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#### **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**

Automatic Debit Form:

<https://sacredheartvictoria.com/docs/PAD%20form%202020.pdf>

The PAD form is also available from the Parish Office.

If you use the Special Collection Envelopes, please remember to complete your name and address on those envelopes to receive a tax receipt. Information and links are also available on our website.

#### **Canada Helps**

Donations through Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47781>

This is the new QR code for donations: also on display around the church for your convenience.

If you have any questions on the available options, or would like to make a change in how you donate, please contact the parish office.



**Thank you.**

**Thank you for your contributions!**

#### **June 21 & June 22, 2025**

Envelopes \$ 1,894.00

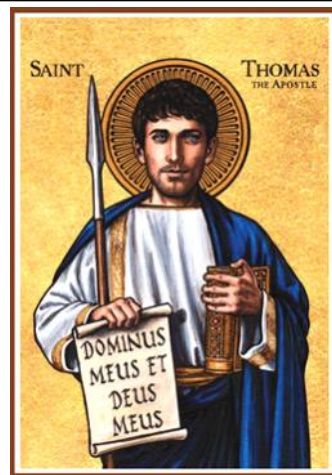
Cash \$ 358.50

**Total \$ 2,352.50**

Donations through PAD, Canada Helps, & e-Transfer will be reported after the end of the month.

## **St Thomas the Apostle**

**3 July**



The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle on July 3rd. Though Saints' feast days are celebrated on the date of their death, July 3rd was chosen to commemorate the day St. Thomas' relics were transferred from South India to Edessa (Turkey).

St. Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles whom Jesus chose to evangelize to the world and to pastor His flock (the Church) after His Ascension. The formal use of "Apostle" distinguishes disciples from the chosen Twelve. "Thomas" is of Aramaic origin and is known to mean "twin." In Scripture, Thomas is also referred to as "Didymus," which also means "twin" in Greek. St. Thomas, or "doubting Thomas", is most known for being the Apostle who said he would not believe Christ truly rose from the dead until he placed his finger in the wounds in His side and His hands and feet. He redeemed himself, however, upon seeing the Resurrected Lord, uttering the expression of faith now widely used by Christians: "My Lord and My God!"

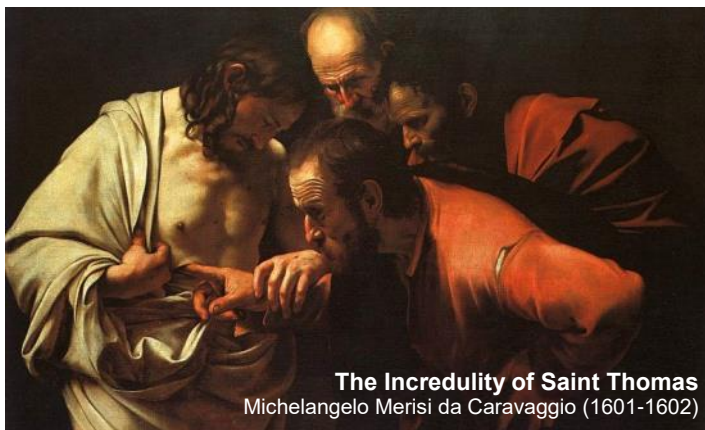
Each Apostle has their own symbol to represent them. St. Thomas is represented by a spear and a ruler; referring to his profession as a builder, and the spear represents his martyrdom.

Today, Christians who attribute their 1st-century foundation to the Apostle Thomas are represented by Christians of both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, primarily in Kerala, an Indian state on the southwest coast of the sub-continent. Owing to their ritual affinity with the Syriac liturgical tradition, the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches belong to that Eastern liturgical family. Since the arrival of the Portuguese in the 1600s, some of the Syro-Malabar have come into communion with Rome. Likewise, through the efforts of St. Francis Xavier and other Catholic missionaries, some Indians have adopted the Latin Rite.

According to traditional accounts of St. Thomas Christians of India, the Apostle Thomas landed in Muziris (Cranganore) on the Kerala coast in AD 52 and was martyred in Mylapore, near Madras, Tamil Nadu in AD 72. An historical tradition holds that following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa, located today in south-east Turkey, while the rest were kept in India. The latter can still be found in St. Thomas Cathedral Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India. It is believed that the relics, once held in Edessa, were later taken to the Basilica of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy.

St. Thomas is the Patron Saint of architects, builders, construction workers, surveyors, theologians, and of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

[Online accessed 27 June 2024:  
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/st-thomas-the-apostle-24139>]

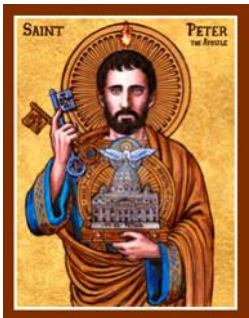


**The Incredulity of Saint Thomas**  
Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1601-1602)

# St. Peter and St. Paul

June 29

As early as the year 258, there is already a tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.



**St. Peter**, named Simon, a fisherman of Galilee, was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' as he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord: the first to recognize Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes; losing faith when walking on water with

Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock.

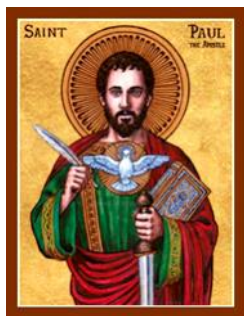
St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

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**St. Paul** was an Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are in the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name 'Paul', he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the



Christian community there. As he travelled along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. Blinded, fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles in the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome, Outside the Walls in the Basilica of St. Paul.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

[Online accessed, 25 June 2025:  
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/sts-peter-and-paul-501>]

## Multicultural Festival 2025

**Saturday, July 5, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall**

Ethnic Food, Music, Songs, and Dances!!



Participate in the potluck by bringing your family's most delicious ethnic dish while enjoying Mexican dancers, Philippine Tinikling Bamboo, Belly Dancers, Hawaiian Hula Girls, and other performing groups. Suggested donation of \$10.

For more information  
and to contribute to the potluck, please contact:  
778-265-0013 / [perezdetagleoscar@gmail.com](mailto:perezdetagleoscar@gmail.com)

## Donations of flowers!

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**Fr. Alfie's Table: Sandi Duncan Special**  
<https://youtu.be/w0Nfwoh6tXs>

## Bp Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary

Applications accepted until Jun 30, 2025.

The Terms of Reference: <https://kofcbc.org/bursary-program-2025/>  
Requests for application should be addressed to:

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## Diocesan Bursaries

**Deadline: July 15**

Information & forms through the links:

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