

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
PRESENTS

Half-Day RECOLLECTION

THEME

GROWING IN FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025
9 AM - 12 Noon

9Am Mass
9:30 Rosary
10:00 Coffee
10:15 Talk 1
10:45 Break
11:00 Talk 2
11:30 Adoration
12 Noon - Lunch
Provided

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
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40 Days For Life during Lent. More information found on the blue sheet next to the bulletin.

2025 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 not able 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.

2025 PAD forms are now available from website and vestibule.

Mass Intentions

Father cannot always grant the dates of the Mass requested but the office will arrange as close to the date requested as possible. Please note that all Mass Intentions are published on the Website and in the Parish Bulletin.

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.

Quiet Contemplation Time

We are pleased to invite parishioners back to the Church for private prayer and adoration. Saints Peter & Paul Parish will open the doors from **Wednesdays to Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm.**

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, if you would like. 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

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- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email address and click "Sign Up"



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MAR. 9TH 2025

Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm
(Vespers and Benediction 3:30 pm)
Weekday Mass: Monday 8:00 am; **Tuesday** 4:00 pm, and **Wednesday - Friday** 8:00 am
First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm, and **Benediction** 3:45 pm; **2nd Mass** 4:00 pm
Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am
Church is Open: Wednesday - Friday 12 noon - 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: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The gospel tradition joins the account of Jesus' temptation by Satan to the story of his baptism. Led into the desert by the Spirit received at the Jordan, Jesus is subjected to trial during his forty day fast. Here Luke seizes the occasion to present the two protagonists of a drama which will reach its climax at "the appointed hour," Good Friday. By confronting his principal antagonist at the beginning of his public life, Jesus clarifies his understanding of the messianic role.

First, he does not use his power as magic for selfish ends. Second, he situates his sovereignty as Son of God in relation to his political realities of this world. His reign is subject only to God from who he has received all that he is. Finally, led to Jerusalem to endure the passion, he refuses to tempt his father by demanding special protection, although it would vindicate his unique claim.

Every Christian is tempted: by the worship of money, by the expansion of political power exercised with disdain for human rights, and by the reduction of religion to a tool of human ambition. These are so many masks donned by the devil who is most clever when he makes us doubt his existence. Like the Son of God in the desert, we are called in this time of prayer and fasting to reidentify our Christian Vocation.

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
Saint 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.

Lent 2025

Dear parishioners,

We are about to enter into the most important annual penitential season of the 40 days of Lent; March 5th begin Ash Wednesday.

It is helpful to put the Liturgical Year in perspective with the calendar of months forthcoming:

March & the better part of April, we live out this season of Lent & Holy Week.

April 20th Easter Day and the rest of April and all of May we celebrate the joy of the Easter Season (50 days).

Then June this year has every Sunday (5 of them!) as a Solemnity:
-Ascension (1st)

-Pentecost (8th)

-Holy Trinity (15th)

-Corpus Christi (22nd)

-and this year: Sts. Peter & Paul (29th).

In Lent, we begin our journey towards Easter. As always, the 2nd Sunday of Lent captures this journey with the Transfiguration of our Lord, where like Peter, James & John, we need to be: first one with Our Lord in his Passion in order, only then, to be one with him in his Glory. The Ash Wednesday (pray, fast, almsgiving) & the First Sunday of Lent (3 temptations of pride, indulgence & greed) Gospels have our Lord showing us how to live out these days; that the virtue of Ash Wednesday’s exhortation are to be the remedy; i.e. prayer for pride, fasting for indulgence and almsgiving for greed. Good self-knowledge and examination bring us to know what vice so readily clings to our hearts and so help us embrace the penitential practice that will assist us best morally. As one pastor is fond of saying, giving up chocolate may not get to the heart of our real spiritual need!

Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen gives helpful insight from his book: “Unfolding the Mystery” #9: “Enter Lent to help us repent and return to Easter life... Why fast, pray and give alms? Simply and solely to regain the vision and the taste of the kingdom of God... Lent is a restoration to life... let us note the time of year it occurs... in Spring, when frosts are ending, the days are growing longer and the whole countryside turns to life.”

May this holy season prepare us well for Easter joy; for in Dying he destroyed our death and in Rising he restored our life.

Blessings and Peace!

Fr. Ron Thompson

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Mar. 9th - First Sunday of Lent
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, Mar. 10th - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *G + L Webb*
TUESDAY, Mar. 11th - Lenten Ferial
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
WEDNESDAY, Mar. 12th - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *Julie Seibold+*
THURSDAY, Mar. 13th - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *Tina Rieger+*
FRIDAY Mar. 14th - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *Fred Sze+*
SATURDAY Mar. 15th - Lenten Ferial
9:00 am - *Adele Zagato+*
5:00 pm - *Kwok Tse Wah Joseph+*
(The Second Sunday of Lent)

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

3:30 Vespers; Mass at 4:00 pm
Come and pray with us.

The Tuesdays Talks on the “Faith” are now completed.
The RCIA candidates are asked to attend a summary meeting this
Tues. Mar. 11th at 7 pm.
Here we will expound on the devotions of the Church. Hope to see you there!

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Door is Open
Next Weekend: Mar. 15-16 2025
We are grateful for **CLOTHING ONLY** donations to be dropped in the bins provided in the vestibule.
Thank You!

1st Communion and Confirmation:
1st Communion at 9 am Mass Sun. April 27th.
Confirmation at Mass - Sun. May 4th at 4pm
Mandatory Confirmation Practice for Candidates + Sponsors
Tues. April 23rd 4:30 pm.

Mark your calendar:

Lent Penance Service - Wed. Mar. 26th 7 pm (4 Priests)

Abbey Retreat
Fri. May 2nd 7:30 pm - Sun. May 4th 1:30 pm
Retreat Master Rev. Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP
For more info and to register, call (604) 261 - 3535

Next Monthly Men’s Meeting:
Wed. April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Church.
Presentation: Chris Stefanick:
“What Near-death Survivors could Teach Us about the Afterlife.”
All interested men are invited to attend & join in the discussion and refreshments.

Next Monthly First Friday Faith Studies Fri. Apr. 4th at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15)

2024 Tax Receipts
Parish & Project Advance tax receipts for 2024 will be available for pick up on the left (east) side of the Baptismal font.