

Easter Retreat

May 2 - 4, 2025

(Friday 7:30Pm to Sunday 1:30Pm)

@ Westminster Abbey



**DEIFICATION and
the TRUE CHRISTIAN
LIFE**

Rev. Fr. JOSEPH SELINGER, OP
Retreat Master



For more info and to register, call (604) 261-3535

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Vancouver, B.C.

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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.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

More information can be found on the yellow sheet
next to the bulletin.

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.

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

Saints Peter & Paul 1425 W 39th Ave., Vancouver BC

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



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Archdiocese of
Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev J.
Michael Miller, CSB

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MAR. 16TH 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: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Every Year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of
human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the
first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of
every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent
the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which
is the goal of every human hope.

The transfigured Jesus, however, models not only the goal of the
Christian but also our ongoing life. The passage forms a fitting climax to
the instruction on discipleship which immediately precedes it
(Luke 9:23-27). First of all, Luke emphasizes that Jesus' transfiguration
took place "while he was praying," an action integral to Christian life
(cf. Luke 18:1). Secondly, he speaks with Moses and Elijah concerning
his *exodos*, his transit to the Father through death, resurrection, and
exaltation, which is announced in the first passion prediction
(Luke 9:22). The disciples also are called to take up the cross and follow
Jesus in order to arrive at life. Then they will see the glory of the Son of
Man and of the Father (9:23-27). This appearance is a foretaste of that
glory. Finally, at the transfiguration the voice from the cloud heard at
Jesus' baptism, is heard again, this time commanding, "Listen to him."
The disciples are those who "listen to the word of God and keep it."

Thus we see in the transfigured Jesus both the goal and the way.
We must not confuse the one for the other. The transfiguration marks
only a temporary halt in the journey to Jerusalem, only a pause in the
exodus. We who follow Jesus must continue to the end, strengthened
by the glorious hope to which we are called.



**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
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.

5 Signs of God’s hidden presence in your life

We often expect God's work in our lives to be spectacular — like a miracle of healing or a sudden, visible change in our situation. However, God works in silence, sometimes in ways that we don’t notice at first glance. How can you recognize His presence and action in your everyday life? Here are 5 signs that God is near, even if you’re not fully aware of it.

1. You receive “unexplained” inspirations

Have you ever felt a sudden urge to pray, call someone, or make a decision that you had previously avoided? These gentle nudges from the heart are often God's way of guiding us through life. The Holy Spirit's actions may be subtle, but they always lead to good – for you or for others. Pay attention to these promptings and try to respond to them with faith.

2. Your prayers are answered — although not always in the way you expect

Prayer is not a guarantee that your wishes will be fulfilled. God answers our prayers in the way that’s best for our lives, even if we don't always see it right away. Maybe you didn't get the job you asked for, but another, better opportunity came up instead? Maybe one of your desires didn't come true, but instead you discovered something that brought you more peace? This kind of providence is proof that God is at work in your life.

3. You meet people who support you

God often works through other people. It could be a friend who showed up at a difficult time in your life, a conversation that lifted your spirits, or someone praying for you. Meeting the right people at the right time isn’t a coincidence; it’s a sign that God is taking care of you by putting people in your path who are His instruments.

4. You feel inner peace in difficult situations

One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace of heart. Even if the situation seems chaotic or hopeless on the outside, you can feel inner peace that tells you, “God is with you. You’ll survive!” This peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7) is a sign that God is at work in your heart, giving you strength and hope for the future.

5. You recognize the good that comes from difficulties

Often, it’s only in retrospect that we see that the difficulties we’ve experienced have borne specific fruit. Perhaps suffering has taught you empathy, failure has motivated you to develop, or a difficult experience has brought you closer to God. St. Paul wrote, “All things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28). The fact that you can see the fruits of even painful moments in your life is proof of God's presence and activity.

God's presence doesn’t always manifest itself in spectacular miracles. More often, it manifests itself in small signs that require us to be attentive and open-hearted. If you have doubts about whether God is at work in your life, take a moment to look back at the people, events, and moments that have brought you good. Perhaps God is guiding you through something right now that will soon bear fruit that you cannot yet see. Do not be afraid to trust. God is always at work, even if it is not always as we expect.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Mar. 16th - First Sunday of Lent
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*
MONDAY, Mar. 17th - St. Patrick+ 461
8:00 am - *Fr. John Horgan+*
TUESDAY, Mar. 18th - Lenten Ferial
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*
WEDNESDAY, Mar. 19th - St. Joseph
8:00 am - *Tora Anderson+*
THURSDAY, Mar. 20th - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *Janet Wong+*
FRIDAY Mar. 21st - Lenten Ferial
8:00 am - *Maxine Cruz*
SATURDAY Mar. 22nd - Lenten Ferial
9:00 am - *Tilly Bara*
5:00 pm - *Erlinda E. Oliva+*
(The Third Sunday of Lent)

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

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

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Door is Open

Thank you for all your clothing donations!

Sunday Donations
Mar. 1 - 2, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$1393 from 33 envelopes = \$42.21 average
Sun. 9 am \$597 from 28 envelopes = \$21.32 average
Sun. 11 am \$575 from 24 envelopes = \$23.96 average
Sun. 4 pm \$845 from 22 envelopes = \$38.41 average
Grand Total: \$3410 + \$509.15 loose = \$3919.15

Sunday Donations
Mar. 8 - 9, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$420 from 23 envelopes = \$18.26 average
Sun. 9 am \$685 from 27 envelopes = \$23.37 average
Sun. 11 am \$1100 from 31 envelopes = \$35.48 average
Sun. 4 pm \$500 from 33 envelopes = \$15.15 average
Grand Total: \$2705 + \$403.25 loose = \$3108.25

In gratitude for your regular financial support!

Mark Your Calendar:

1st day of spring - Thurs. Mar. 20th at 2:01 am
Lent Penance Service - Wed. Mar. 26th 7 pm (4 Priests)
Men’s Monthly Meeting Wed. Apr. 2nd 7pm
Next Monthly First Friday Faith Studies Fri. Apr. 4th at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15)

Holy Week at Sts. Peter & Paul:
Palm Sunday Masses:
Apr. 12th at 5pm
Apr. 13th at 9 am, 11 am, and 4 pm

Mass of the Lord’s Supper:
Thurs. Apr. 17th at 7 pm
Followed by Adoration until 11 pm (no morning Mass)

Liturgy of Good Friday:
Fri. Apr. 18th at 12 noon, and 3 pm

The Masses of Easter:
Vigil Sat. Apr. 19th at 8:45 pm
Sun. Apr. 20th at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (no evening Mass)

Confessions:
Holy Thursday 8:00 - 8:30 pm
Good Friday 10:00 – 10:30 am
Holy Saturday - None

Divine Mercy Sunday Apr. 27th:
Chaplet at 3 pm followed by Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

1st Communion Mass at Sun. Apr. 27th 9 am

Mandatory Confirmation Practice for Candidates + Sponsors:
Tues. Apr. 29th 4:30 pm

Abbey Retreat at Fri. May 2nd 7:30 pm - Sun. May 4th 1:30 pm

Confirmation Mass at Sun. May 4th at 4pm

Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to, simply contact the Parish office.
Confirmation date here: Pentecost Sunday June 8th at the 9 am Mass.

A part-time volunteer organist is needed for the Saturday 5 pm Mass.
If you are available, kindly phone the Parish office. Thank You.