

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
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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"



"Conscience is when God sends a text to your head."

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



Archdiocese of Vancouver

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MAR. 23RD 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: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Every day the press reports murders, accidents, front-page catastrophes. Jesus alludes to two public misfortunes from the news of His time. He does not refer to them in the manner of those retreat preachers who are only too happy to exploit a parish tragedy to urge people into the confessional. That is not Jesus' style. He does not consider violent deaths as divine punishments for sin. Rather, because He detects in His contemporaries a smug complacency, He warns them. They run the risk of being hardened to the urgency of conversion.

Even if each of us is like a tree which for many years has given ample proof of its sterility, God is like that patient farmer who gives His fig tree another chance. This opportunity lasts until the Lord's return. It is highlighted by this annual season of repentance.



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.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

A tradition, which has come down from the apostolic ages, tells us that the great mystery of the Incarnation was achieved on the twenty-fifth day of March. It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God. Let us assist, in spirit, at this wonderful interview between the angel and the Virgin: and, at the same time, let us think of that other interview which took place between Eve and the serpent. A holy bishop and martyr of the second century, Saint Irenaeus, who had received the tradition from the very disciples of the apostles, shows us that Nazareth is the counterpart of Eden.

In the garden of delights there is a virgin and an angel; and a conversation takes place-between them. At Nazareth a virgin is also addressed by an angel, and she answers him; but the angel of the earthly paradise is a spirit of darkness, and he of Nazareth is a spirit of light. In both instances it is the angel that has the first word. 'Why,' said the serpent to Eve, 'hath God commanded you, that you should not eat of every tree of paradise?' His question implies impatience and a solicitation to evil; he has contempt for the frail creature to whom he addresses it, but he hates the image of God which is upon her.

See, on the other hand, the angel of light; see with what composure and peacefulness he approaches the Virgin of Nazareth, the new Eve; and how respectfully he bows himself down before her: 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!' Such language is evidently of heaven: none but an angel could speak thus to Mary.

Scarcely has the wicked spirit finished speaking than Eve casts a longing look at the forbidden fruit: she is impatient to enjoy the independence it is to bring her. She rashly stretches forth her hand; she plucks the fruit; she eats it, and death takes possession of her: death of the soul, for sin extinguishes the light of life; and death of the body, which being separated from the source of immortality, becomes an object of shame and horror, and finally crumbles into dust.

But let us turn away our eyes from this sad spectacle, and fix them on Nazareth. Mary has heard the angel's explanation of the mystery; the will of heaven is made known to her, and how grand an honor it is to bring upon her! She, the humble maid of Nazareth, is to have the ineffable happiness of becoming the Mother of God, and yet the treasure of her virginity is to be left to her! Mary bows down before this sovereign will, and says to the heavenly messenger: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word.'

Thus, as the great St. Irenaeus and so many of the holy fathers remark, the obedience of the second Eve repaired the disobedience of the first: for no sooner does the Virgin of Nazareth speak her fiat, 'be it done,' than the eternal Son of God (who, according to the divine decree, awaited this word) is present, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, in the chaste womb of Mary, and there He begins His human life. A Virgin is a Mother, and Mother of God; and it is this Virgin's consenting to the divine will that has made her conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost. This sublime mystery puts between the eternal Word and a mere woman the relations of Son and Mother; it gives to the almighty God a means whereby He may, in a manner worthy of His majesty, triumph over satan, who hitherto seemed to have prevailed against the divine plan.
—Excerpted from The Liturgical Year, Abbot Gueranger O.S.B.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Mar. 23rd - Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, Mar. 24th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Joanne Irwin*

TUESDAY, Mar. 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 26th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Erlinda Oliva+*

THURSDAY, Mar. 27th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Maria Aristide+*

FRIDAY Mar. 28th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Sydney Layton*

SATURDAY Mar. 29th - Lenten Ferial

9:00 am - *Fr. J. Huang*

5:00 pm - *Magdalene Leung+*

(The Fourth 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

2025 Lenten Penitential Services by the Vancouver West Deanery

Tues. Mar. 25th 7:00 pm - Immaculate Conception

Wed. Mar. 26th 7:00 pm - Sts. Peter & Paul

Thurs. Mar. 27th 7:00 pm - St. Augustine

Wed. Apr. 2nd 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun. Apr. 6th 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - St. Mark

Wed. Apr. 9th 7:00 pm - Blessed Sacrament

Thurs. Apr. 10th 7:00 pm - Holy Name of Jesus

Thurs. Apr. 10th 7:00 pm - St. John the Apostle

Sun. Apr. 13th 6:30 pm - St. Anthony of Padua

A part-time volunteer organist is needed for the Saturday 5 pm Mass.

If you are available, kindly phone
the Parish office. Thank You.

Mark Your Calendar:

**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 5 pm
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 4 pm

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.**