

# 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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## 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.

## 2025 Lenten Penitential Services by the Vancouver West Deanery

Sat. 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

## Sunday Donations Mar. 22 - 23, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$785 from 28 envelopes = \$28.04 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$1000 from 35 envelopes = \$28.57 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$570 from 21 envelopes = \$27.14 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$495 from 21 envelopes = \$23.57 avg.  
Grand Total: \$2850+ \$445.70 loose = \$3295.70

## Mar. 29 - 30, 2025

Sat. 5 pm \$920 from 32 envelopes = \$28.75 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$717 from 31 envelopes = \$23.13 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$705 from 26 envelopes = \$27.12 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$345 from 18 envelopes = \$19.17 avg.  
Grand Total: \$2687 + \$539.85 loose = \$3226.85

**In gratitude for your regular financial support!**

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## Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

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

**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.

## 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.

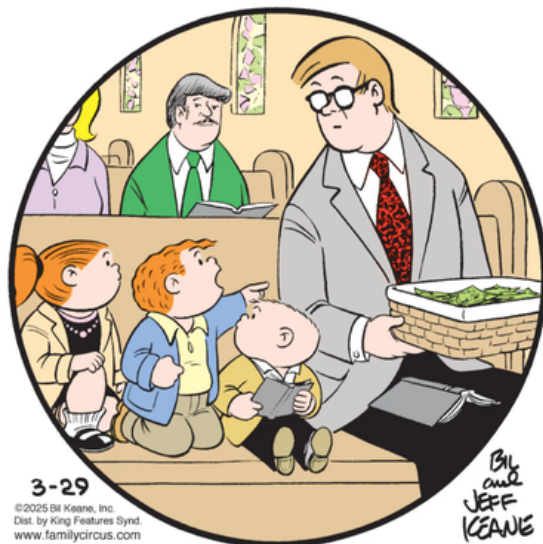
This resource is **Free** for parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul  
Parish. All you have to do is sign up online via your computer  
or smart devices with the app, if you would like.

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, B.C.**

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



"What's God gonna do with  
all that money?"

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Archdiocese of  
Vancouver

Archbishop: Most Rev J.  
Michael Miller, CSB

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APR. 6TH 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**

**Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am**

**Also First Fridays: Adoration: 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm, with**

**Benediction 3:45 pm; 2nd Mass 4:00 pm**

**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: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Once again the scribes and Pharisees set a trap for Jesus in order  
to discredit Him. Because it is placed just before Passion Sunday,  
this account may be seen as a first episode in the litigation  
against Jesus. If He absolves this woman caught in the act of  
adultery, the will accuse Him of belittling the Law of Moses. If He  
condemns her, that will put and end to His reputation of mercy  
towards sinners.

Jesus shows himself a wise judge. He knows the human  
heart. He knows that there is no one "on earth so just as to do  
good and never sin" (Qoh 7:20). The Son of Man came to save  
what was lost. To the accusers who press Him to pronounce  
judgement, He gives no reply.  
He forces them to examine their own hearts, "Let the man  
among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

Now any condemnation of this woman, no matter how zealous  
for the law, becomes completely irrelevant. Who would dare to  
claim to be without blame? The woman is not abandoned to the  
death due her sin but invited to rebuild her own life. Jesus' word  
sets her free and opens to her a new future.



**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.**



What Is Jesus’s Risen Body Like?  
by Rev. John P. Cush, S.T.D

**Question:** Dear Father Cush, As we approach the celebration of Easter, what does the Church teach about the nature of Jesus’s resurrected body? What did it look like?

**Answer:** According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Christ’s glorified body has four principal qualities: impassibility, subtlety, agility, and clarity. These qualities come from Aquinas’s reflections in the Summa Theologica (especially in Part III, Question 54), where he draws from Scripture and philosophical reasoning.

The quality of impassibility makes Christ’s body free from suffering and decay. Aquinas argues that after the Resurrection, Christ’s body, as well as the bodies of the saints, will no longer be subject to pain, weakness, or death. Impassibility represents the perfect integrity of a body that has been fully redeemed.

Subtlety refers to the spiritualization of Christ’s glorified body. It’s the idea that His body, though physical, has been perfected by the soul’s influence to such a degree that it can penetrate barriers. This quality is referenced in Christ’s appearance to the disciples after the Resurrection, when He entered the room even though the doors were locked (John 20:19).

With agility, the glorified body has the freedom to move swiftly and effortlessly, not bound by physical limitations like weight or space. For example, Aquinas cites Christ’s ability to appear and disappear after His Resurrection, such as in His journey on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:31). This agility reflects the harmony between body and soul, where the soul’s desires govern the movements of the body.

Clarity means the body shines with divine glory and radiance. Christ’s glorified body is bright and beautiful, mirroring His transfiguration, where “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light” (Matthew 17:2). Aquinas teaches that this quality manifests the glorified state as fully suffused with God’s light and grace.

These qualities emphasize how Christ’s resurrected body exemplifies the transformation awaiting all who share in His resurrection. For Aquinas, these glorified qualities are both miraculous and logical outcomes of a body completely united to a soul perfected in God’s grace.

Why Do We Veil Crucifixes and Images on the Fifth Sunday of Lent?  
by: Dr. Taylor Marshall

Why are images veiled beginning on the fifth Sunday in Lent? Traditionally, the two weeks of “Passiontide” begin on the fifth Sunday of Lent. The first week is Passion Week, and the second week is Holy Week.

The traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday focuses on the increasing hatred against Christ from the Jewish authorities. They accuse Him of being a Samaritan, committing sorcery, blasphemy, and as being possessed by Satan. They don’t think that Christ is “a good teacher.” They think He is a demonic agent.

The old Gospel reading for Passion Sunday (fifth Sunday of Lent) from the eighth chapter of Saint John’s Gospel ends with these words: “They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” (John 8:59, D-R)

According to Saint Augustine, at this moment when “Jesus hid himself,” Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His divine nature. Saint Augustine writes: He hides not Himself in a corner of the temple, as if afraid, or running into a cottage, or turning aside behind a wall or column: but by His Divine Power making Himself invisible, He passed through their midst.

To help signify this mystery, Catholic statues and images are veiled with purple cloth beginning at the Vespers on the evening before Passion Sunday. Jesus “hides Himself.”

The statues remain covered until the Gloria of Holy Saturday. This is the moment at which the fast of Lent ends and the glory of Easter begins. This unveiling reveals that Christ has revealed himself as risen and victorious.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Apr. 6th - Fifth Sunday of Lent  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
MONDAY, Apr. 7th - Lenten Ferial  
8:00 am - *Fr. L. Donnelly*  
TUESDAY, Apr. 8th - Lenten Ferial  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
WEDNESDAY, Apr. 9th - Lenten Ferial  
8:00 am - *Joanne Irwin*  
THURSDAY, Apr. 10th - Lenten Ferial  
8:00 am - *Freddie Lo+*  
FRIDAY, Apr. 11th - Lenten Ferial  
8:00 am - *R. Tam*  
SATURDAY, Apr. 12th - Lenten Ferial  
9:00 am - *Sydney Layton*  
5:00 pm - *Ann-Marie and Chris Friesen*  
(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

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.

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.

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction

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

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Wed. Apr. 9th 6:30 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.**

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

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



Use of perfume or cologne in our Church:

As an act of charity, since we are close together, please refrain from using these.

Mark Your Calendar:

**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**  
(trumpet, organ, & choir)  
**Sun. Apr. 20th at 9 am** (violin & choir),  
**11 am** (trumpet, organ, & choir),  
**1 pm** (organ) **(no evening Mass)**

**Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter Homilist:**  
Fr. Emmerich Vogt, O.P.  
(Sat. Apr. 12th - Sun. Apr. 20th)

Confessions during Holy Week:

2 priests available:  
Fr. Emmerich in the Confessional,  
Fr. Ron in the left family room (with a screen)  
**Sat. Apr. 12th: 9:30 am, 4:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**Wed. Apr. 16th: 8:30 am**  
**Holy Thursday 17th: 8:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Good Friday 18th: 10:00 - 10:30 am**  
**Holy Saturday: No Confessions**

Church Opening for the Sacred Triduum & Easter:

**Apr. 17th Holy Thursday: 6 pm - 11 pm**  
(no AM Mass) Mass at 7 pm,  
Confessions 8:00 - 8:30 pm,  
Adoration until 11 pm  
**Apr. 18th Good Friday: 9 am - 5 pm**  
(Liturgy at 12 noon & 3 pm,  
Confessions 10:00 - 10:30 am)  
**Apr. 19th Holy Saturday: 8 pm - 11 pm**  
(no AM Mass) Easter Vigil at 8:45 pm,  
No Confessions Holy Saturday  
**Apr. 20th Easter Sunday: 8:30 am - 2 pm**  
(Mass at 9 am, 11 am, and 1 pm, no 4 pm)

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

**1st Communion Mass at Sun. Apr. 27th at 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**

**Next Monthly First Friday Faith Studies:**  
**Fri. May 2nd at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15)**

**Confirmation Mass at Sun. May 4th at 4 pm**

**Men’s Monthly Meeting at Wed. May 7th at 7pm**