

# 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

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## Use of perfume or cologne in our Church:

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

## NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY 2025

- Day 1: 04/18 Good Friday - after the 3 p.m. Liturgy
- Day 2: 04/19 Holy Saturday - 9 a.m.
- Day 3: 04/20 Easter Sunday - after 9 a.m. Mass
- Day 4: 04/21 Easter Monday - after 9 a.m. Mass
- Day 5: 04/22 Tuesday - after 4 p.m. Mass
- Day 6: 04/23 Wednesday - after 8 a.m. Mass
- Day 7: 04/24 Thursday - after 8 a.m. Mass
- Day 8: 04/25 Friday - after 8 a.m. Mass
- Day 9: 04/26 Saturday - after 9 a.m. Mass

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### HOLY HOUR

Sung Chant of Divine Mercy;  
Solemn Sung Vespers; Benediction  
April 27th 3 - 4 p.m.



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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 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.

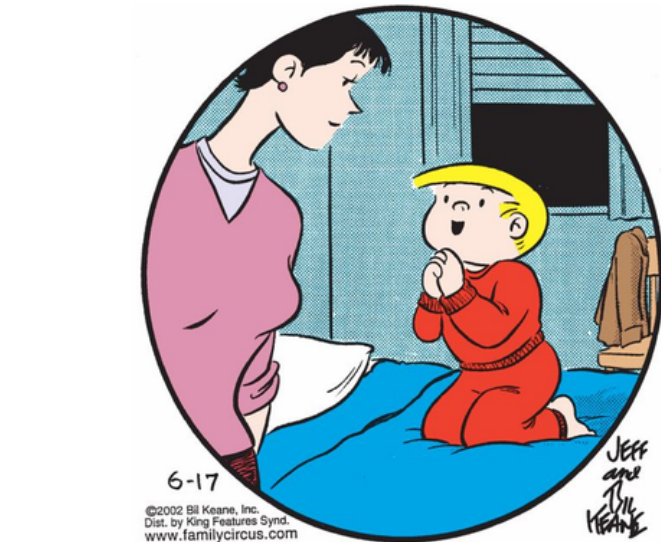
2025 PAD forms are now available from website and vestibule.

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



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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APR. 13TH & EASTER OCTAVE APR. 20TH 2025



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.

**Sunday Mass: Saturday: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 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**

## LITURGY OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.



Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty every-living God, sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R). Amen.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:  
Gospel (Luke 19.28-40)**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As He rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As He was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully, and with a loud voice, for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

-The Gospel of the Lord. R). Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

R). In the name of Christ. 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.

**All glory, laud, and honour**

To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son.  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and pray'r and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted  
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the pray'rs we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, Apr. 13th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
**MONDAY, Apr. 14th - Monday of Holy Week**  
8:00 am - *Joanne Irwin*  
**TUESDAY, Apr. 15th - Tuesday of Holy Week**  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
**WEDNESDAY, Apr. 16th - Wednesday of Holy Week**  
8:00 am - *Yang Hsieh Yuch Chiao*  
10:00 am - *Vancouver College*  
**THURSDAY, Apr. 17th - Holy Thursday**  
7:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
**FRIDAY, Apr. 18th - Good Friday**  
12:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
3:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
**SATURDAY, Apr. 19th - Holy Saturday**  
8:45 pm - *Parishioners*

**SUNDAY, Apr. 20th - Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm - *Parishioners*  
**MONDAY, Apr. 21st - Easter Octave (Civic Holiday)**  
9:00 am - *Anselmo Reyes+*  
**TUESDAY, Apr. 22nd - Easter Octave**  
4:00 pm - *Ken Huang+*  
**WEDNESDAY, Apr. 23rd - Easter Octave**  
8:00 am - *Joanne Irwin*  
**THURSDAY, Apr. 24th - Easter Octave**  
8:00 am - *Fr. Richard Conlin*  
**FRIDAY, Apr. 25th - Easter Octave (meat permitted)**  
8:00 am - *Gerhard Kobald+*  
**SATURDAY, Apr. 26th - Easter Octave**  
9:00 am - *John Do Trong Chu+*  
5:00 pm - *Paul T.S. Wong*  
(Second Sunday of Easter [Divine Mercy])

**Abstinence** from eating meat is to be observed on **Good Friday**. This applies to all persons 14 years of age & older. **Fasting** on **Good Friday** applies to all Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth year. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**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.

**No Stations of the Cross Wed. Apr. 16th:**

Chrism Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 5:10 pm

**No Sunday Vespers Apr. 13th & 20th:**

Resumes Apr. 27th at 3 pm with Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Solemn Sung Vespers & Benediction at 3:30 pm

**Doors Open** will be this month:

the week of **Apr. 27th.**

Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to, simply contact the Parish office.

Confirmation date: **Pentecost Sunday June 8th at the 9 am Mass.**

**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)

**Easter Monday Mass (Civic Holiday):  
Apr. 21st at 9 am**

**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**