

# 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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## Use of perfume or cologne in our Church:

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

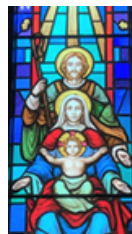
Jesus I Trust In You



## 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.

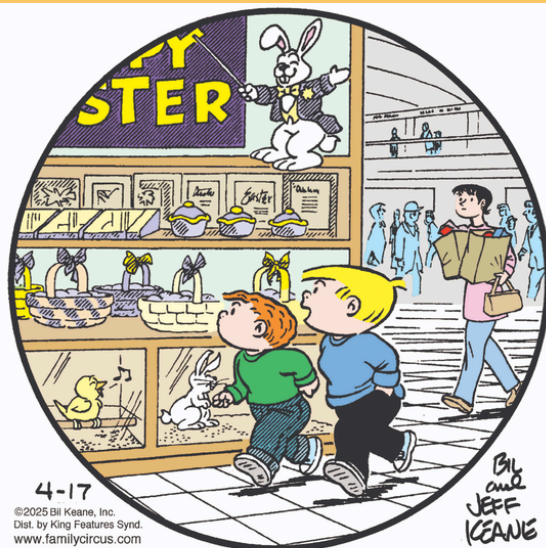
2025 PAD forms are now available from  
website and vestibule.

## 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
- **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"



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"Purple and yellow are the  
team colors for Easter."

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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Vancouver**

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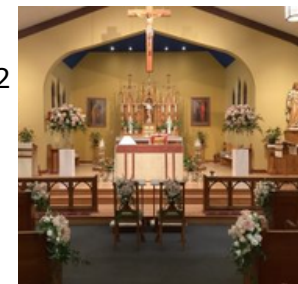
**PARISH OFFICE PHONE:** 604-261-3535

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) APR. 27th 2025

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

**Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm**

**(Sunday 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**



**Welcome visitors!**

**New Parishioners!**

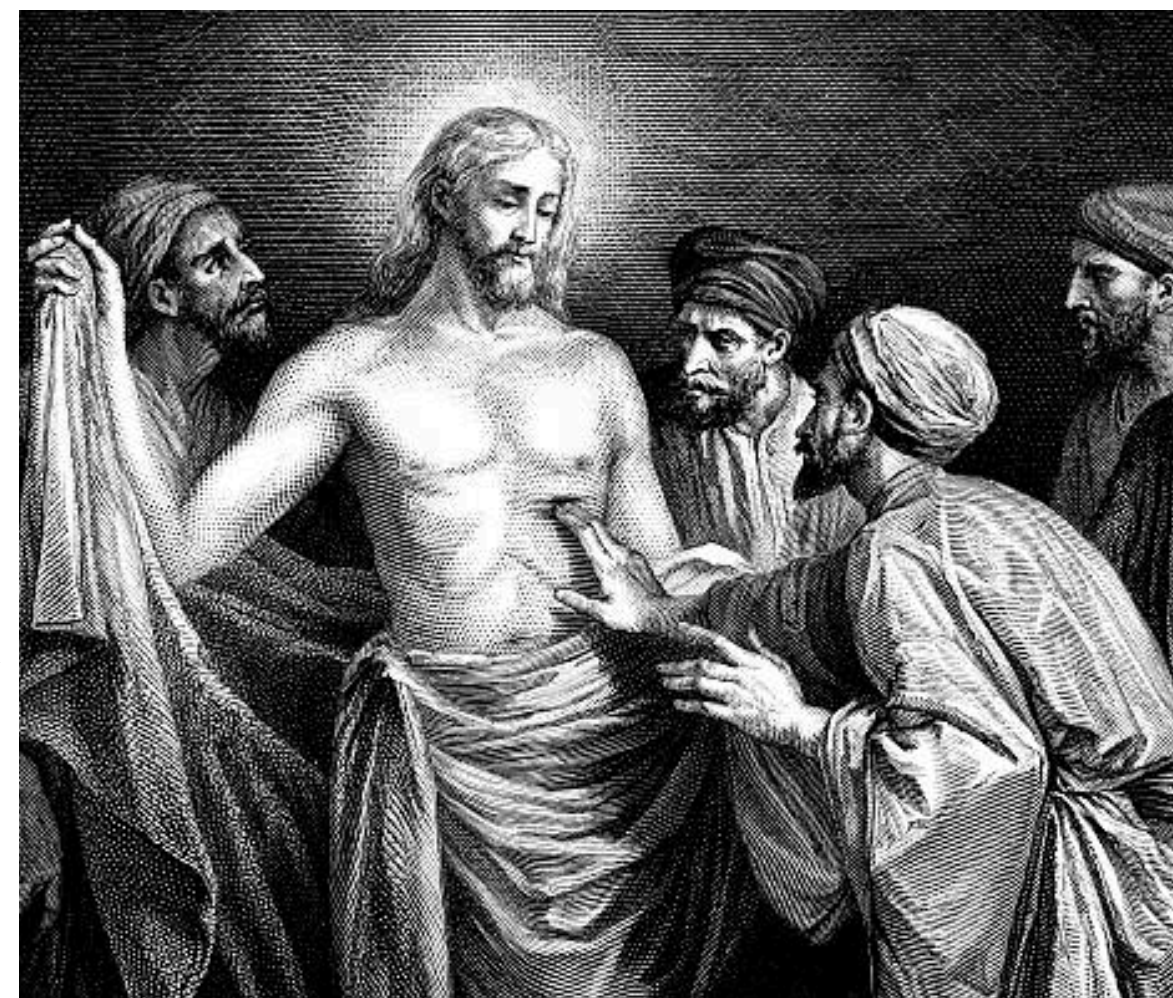
We are pleased to have  
you pray with us at  
Saints Peter and Paul. We  
hope you enjoy your visit  
to our beautiful Church.  
Please introduce yourself  
after Mass to Father Ron  
and parishioners; we  
would like to meet you!



**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.**





More Than a Day: What the Easter Octave Teaches Us

Happy Easter! Don’t forget that Easter is more than just one day — it’s an entire season of the Church year that begins with the Easter Octave. The Gospel readings during the Octave include some of the most beautiful passages of scripture from the time after Jesus’ Resurrection and his first encounters with his friends and disciples. These readings remind us of the importance of Jesus’ Resurrection and the power of living out his message here on earth. Jesus appeared to his friends and disciples so that they might continue to share the Good News in word and deed with everyone they meet. We reflect on these readings every Easter Octave to strengthen our own faith and to connect with stories of Resurrection and hope that can inspire how we live our lives and practice our faith every day.

“Christ Has Risen!”  
by: Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Rome and throughout the world!

“Surrexit Christus, spes mea” – “Christ, my hope, has risen” (Easter Sequence).

May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: “I have seen the Lord!” (Jn 20:18) We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: “He has risen! He has truly risen!”

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Man who lets us experience all God’s goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus “my hope”: he was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. “Christ my hope” means that all my yearnings for goodness find in him a real possibility of fulfilment: with him I can hope for a life that is good, full and eternal, for God himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

But Mary Magdalene, like the other disciples, was to see Jesus rejected by the leaders of the people, arrested, scourged, condemned to death and crucified. It must have been unbearable to see Goodness in person subjected to human malice, truth derided by falsehood, mercy abused by vengeance. With Jesus’ death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in him seemed doomed. But that faith never completely failed: especially in the heart of the Virgin Mary, Jesus’ Mother, its flame burned even in the dark of night. In this world, hope can not avoid confronting the harshness of evil. It is not thwarted by the wall of death alone, but even more by the barbs of envy and pride, falsehood and violence. Jesus passed through this mortal flesh in order to open a path to the kingdom of life. For a moment Jesus seemed vanquished: darkness had invaded the land, the silence of God was complete, hope a seemingly empty word.

And lo, on the dawn of the day after the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus then shows himself to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to his disciples. Faith is born anew, more alive and strong than ever, now invincible since it is based on a decisive experience: “Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life’s own champion, slain, now lives to reign.” The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance: “The tomb the living did enclose, I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting.”

Dear brothers and sisters! If Jesus is risen, then – and only then – has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then he, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive. Christ is hope and comfort in a particular way for those Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And he is present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Apr. 27th - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - Parishioners  
MONDAY, Apr. 28th - Easter Ferial  
8:00 am - Dr. Alphonsus Hui+  
TUESDAY, Apr. 29th - St. Catherine of Siena+ 1380  
4:00 pm - Ken Huang+  
WEDNESDAY, Apr. 30th - St. Marie of the Incarnation+ 1672  
8:00 am - Freddie Lo+  
THURSDAY, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker  
8:00 am - Betty and Lewis Wong  
FRIDAY, May 2nd - St. Athanasius+ 373  
8:00 am - Msgr. D. Neumann+  
4:00 pm - Ramon and Helena Kan  
SATURDAY, May 3rd - St. Philip and St. James, Apostles  
9:00 am - Elizabeth Wong  
5:00 pm - Aurora Reyes+  
(Third Sunday of Easter)

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

Today: 3:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3:30 Vespers; Mass at 4:00 pm  
Come and pray with us.

Door is Open

We are grateful for CLOTHING ONLY donations to be dropped in the bins provided in the vestibule.  
Thank You!

Mark Your Calendar:

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

SUNDAY READINGS:  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

“We have seen the Lord!” The risen Lord appears to His disciples. Only Thomas was absent. Jesus showed them the wounds of His passion, shared with them His peace, and breathed on them the Spirit who would bring the work of salvation to fulfillment through them. But Thomas, who shared the experience only by hearsay, demanded physical proof.

We are surprised by his change of heart. Accepting the risk of faith is not easy. Thomas reminds us of ourselves with our need to touch. He mistrusts any claim upon his faith not rooted in daily experience. The Lord accepts this need. Eight days later He takes Thomas at his word and gives in to his demand, “Put your hand in my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!”

Shall we, the believers of the twenty-first century, remain unmoved by the liturgical celebration of the Easter season? Are we content simply to repeat, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed?” Thomas’ experience must become ours. We must strive to make tangible the power of the Resurrection in our lives. We must allow the power of the Lord to heal the wounds begotten by oppression. Our sense of wonder leaves us open to the surprise of faith. Thus we can believe in the seemingly impossible and do all we can to give flesh to our hope. May we so live that Jesus becomes for each of us, “my Lord and my God!”