

EASTERTIDE RETREAT @ WESTMINSTER ABBEY

TOPIC : THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM
FRIDAY, 24 APRIL @ 7:30PM TO
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 @ 1:30PM

FOR MORE INFO and
REGISTRATON
CALL (604) 261-3535
parish.sspp@rcav.org

Rev. Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP
Retreat Master

40 Days for Life
Pray to End Abortion: vancouver40days@gmail.com
www.40daysforlife.com/en/vancouverbc

Trending this Week on Formed



Sunday Donations
March 7 - 8, 2026
Sat. 5 pm \$660 from 28 envelopes = \$23.57 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$565 from 27 envelopes = \$20.93 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$1150 from 27 envelopes = \$42.59 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$470 from 15 envelopes = \$31.33 avg.
Grand Total: \$2845 + \$490.25 loose = \$3335.25
March 14 - 15, 2026
Sat. 5 pm \$980 from 29 envelopes = \$33.79 avg.
Sun. 9 am \$830 from 37 envelopes = \$22.43 avg.
Sun. 11 am \$710 from 21 envelopes = \$33.81 avg.
Sun. 4 pm \$260 from 15 envelopes = \$17.33 avg.
Grand Total: \$2780 + \$374 loose = \$3154
In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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.

2026 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**. 2026 PAD forms are now available from the 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. 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 V6M 1T2**
- Click "Next"
- Type first and last name as well as your email and click "Sign Up"



"I hear somebody coming. I'll put you on hold."

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MAR. 22ND 2026



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
St. 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
Sunday Vespers & Benediction: 3:30 pm
Weekday Mass: Monday: 8:00 am, Tuesday: 4:00 pm, 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
East Side Adoration Chapel is Open: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am - 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

"The raising of Lazarus is the final sign, the final great miracle, in the Gospel of John. Paradoxically, even as the death of Lazarus works for the glory of God (John 11:4), his restoration to life leads to the death of Jesus (11:46-53). The battle lines are drawn for these final weeks of Lent. Death seems to conquer, but the dying itself holds the seed of life.

At the time of the Babylonian exile the people Israel seemed to be dead. The temple had been destroyed, the land laid waste, and the leaders of the people taken into captivity. But Ezekiel proclaims that the Lord will restore His people. Just as the Lord breathed the breath of life into the molded clay and Adam became a living being, so now the Lord sends His spirit into the dry bones of Israel that it may live.

The Lord restores His people to life. Jesus, in the power of God, restores Lazarus to life. But these events are only a figure of the gift of life which comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Him we have been freed from the law of sin and death (Rom 8:2). Baptized into His death, we believe that we will live with His life through the Spirit of God dwelling in us (cf. Rom 6:3-11). "We are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (John 3:2).

Quotes about the Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation of the Lord is the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she had been chosen by God to bear his son, Jesus Christ. It was a moment that Mary gave her fiat, her yes to God. At the time there was no foresight of what that meant and no certainty of what was to come. But since she had practiced trusting God in her Jewish faith, she continued to trust him. This is a great example for us.

One of my all time favorite quotes about the Annunciation is from Venerable Fulton Sheen: "When the angel appeared to Mary, God was announcing this love for the new humanity. It was the beginning of a new earth, and Mary became 'a flesh-gift Paradise to be gardened by the new Adam.' As in the first garden Eve brought destruction, so in the garden of her womb, Mary would now bring Redemption."

The idea of the "garden of Mary's womb" has been such an inspiration to me in my work.

The Bible says about the Annunciation:

"The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." - Luke 1:26-27.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." - Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel's announcement, Luke 1:38.

Be inspired by more quotes about the Annunciation:

1. Pope Benedict XVI: "Mary's yes to God was not just an act of submission, but an act of profound trust and love. She knew that God's plan for her was greater than anything she could have imagined for herself."
2. St. John Paul II: "Let us imitate Mary, who accepted the Word of God with faith, and allowed it to take root in her heart, so that it might bear fruit in her life."
3. Archbishop Charles Chaput: "The Annunciation teaches us that God's ways are not our ways, and his plans are not our plans. It invites us to trust in his providence, even when we do not understand."
4. Fr. James Martin, SJ: "The Annunciation reminds us that God is always with us, even in the most ordinary moments of our lives. It invites us to look for his presence in all things."
5. Henri Nouwen: "The mystery of the Annunciation reveals the depth of God's love for us, and his desire to be in relationship with us. It invites us to respond with the same love and openness that Mary showed."
6. Cardinal Timothy Dolan: "The Annunciation is a reminder that every human life is a gift from God, and that every person has a unique and irreplaceable role to play in his plan of salvation." The story of the Annunciation inspires us to trust in God's providence and to say yes to his will. May we imitate Mary's faith and trust in God's plan for our lives.

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, Mar. 22nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, Mar. 23rd - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Anette Oliva*

TUESDAY, Mar. 24th - Lenten Ferial

4:00 pm - *Holy Souls+*

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25th - Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am - *Rosemarie Wertschek+*

THURSDAY, Mar. 26th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Reden E., Angelo & Angela Inocentes+*

FRIDAY, Mar. 27th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Teofista & Honorato Estacio+*

SATURDAY, Mar. 28th - Lenten Ferial

9:00 am - *Magdalene Leung+*

5:00 pm - *Patrick Leung+*

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

Palm Sunday

Mass:

March 28th: 5 pm.

March 29th: 9 am, 11 am, and 4 pm.

Holy Thursday

Mass:

April 2nd: 7 pm,

Followed by Adoration until 11 pm, (no morning Mass).

Good Friday

Liturgy:

April 3rd: 12 noon, 3 pm.

Easter

Mass:

Vigil: April 4th: 8:30 pm
(trumpet, organ, & choir).

April 5th: 9 am (violin & choir),
11 am (trumpet, organ, & choir),
1 pm (organ) (no evening Mass).

Confessions:

Saturday March 28th: 9:30 am, 4 - 4:30 pm.

Holy Thursday April 2nd: 8 - 8:30 pm.

Good Friday April 3rd: 10 - 10:30 am.

Holy Saturday April 4th: None

Church Opening during Holy Week:

Apr. 2nd Holy Thursday: 6 pm - 11 pm,

Apr. 3rd Good Friday: 9 am - 5 pm,

Apr. 4th Holy Saturday: 8 pm - 11 pm,

Apr. 5th Easter Sunday: 8:30 am - 2 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Easter Monday Mass (Civic Holiday):

Mon. Apr. 6th at 9 am.

The Door is Open:

Upcoming "The Door is Open" Sunday: **Apr. 19th.**

Thank you! (No food items please).

Next Friday Faith Studies May 1st:

There is no Friday Faith Studies in April.

Next Men's Monthly Meeting May 6th:

There is no Men's group meeting in April.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS:

1. Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

Vespers at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4 pm. Join us for prayer.

2. Lenten Stations of the Cross:

Wed. Mar. 25th at 6:30 pm. Booklets available at 1st station when the Church is open.

No Stations of the Cross Wed. Apr. 1st:
Chrism Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 5:00 pm.

3. East Side (Ramp) Door Adoration Chapel Open:

For private prayer from Tues. to Fri. 9 am to 3 pm.

This is a place for private prayer and reading, not vocal prayers. If needed, the parish office washroom is available during these hours: enter outside to the west side - to the office.

ONGOING:

Catechism Grade 1-7:

"PREP" Classes are held Tuesdays at 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the Church.

Registration forms (green) are available next to bulletin. For more info, please contact Parish office.

2025 Tax Receipts:

Parish & Project Advance tax receipts for 2025 will be available for pick up on the left (east) side table of the Baptismal font.

2025 Parish Financial Report:

Available next to the bulletin.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Envelope Boxes:

The 2026 envelopes are available at the East side of the back of the church. If you would like a box of envelopes, simply sign up in one of the red binders and they will be put out for you the next Sunday. If new, please fill out the New Parishioner Registration Form. Thank you for your support!

Building Fund:

N.B. All donations made to building fund go towards building our own Parish Centre and are not taxed the usual 15% by the diocese.

SACRAMENTS & BLESSINGS:

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents and Godparents are to be married in the Catholic Church, and parents need to be registered parishioners for at least 2 months.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning marriage (here or elsewhere) must contact the Parish Priest at least 8 months before the wedding. Must attend the Marriage Preparation Course and the Catholic is to be registered here, at least 6 months and regularly attending Mass here.

Blessing of Cars, Homes, or Religious Articles:

Please see Father after any of the Sunday Masses.