



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

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
 UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF
 MOST REVEREND RICHARD W. SMITH,
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OCT. 22 to NOV. 2, 2026 \$7,649.00 CAD
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Join us for 12 days in the Holy Land, Oct. 22 - Nov. 2, with the Most Revered Richard W. Smith. Price includes airfare. For more information or land only price, please contact Lisa at Lisa@DJLtravel.ca or (604) 562-4567.

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 Pray to End Abortion: vancouver40days@gmail.com
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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.

2026 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit or Credit Card

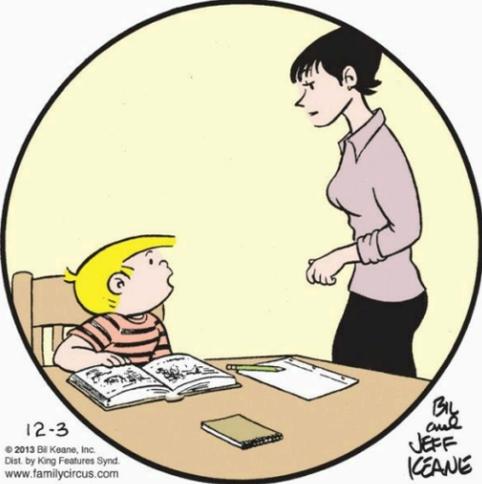


Thank you for your interest in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish's Sunday Offering Plan. This plan allows you to give your Sunday Offering on a monthly basis by direct deposit or credit card. It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday 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"



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"Do you think Mary and Joseph ever thought they should give Jesus a 'time-out'?"

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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PARISH WEBSITE: <https://sspeterpaul.ca>



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MAR. 8TH 2026



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

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 READINGS: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

It is noon at Jacob's well. Tired from the journey, Jesus stops to rest. The Word of God is hungry and thirsty. He calls a woman and her fellow citizens to faith.

A Samaritan woman comes to the well at the hour when the sun is burning. Perhaps this woman of bad reputation comes at this hour to avoid an encounter. But there is someone sitting by the well. Who is he? He is a Jew, and Jews do not associate with Samaritans. It is an old story of schism and fear of contamination.

In the eyes of Jesus, Samaria is like this woman who has five husbands. It has become a prostitute to the idols. But the Word of God is thirsty. He desires the faith of this woman. He begins playing a game of question and answer with her. By the questions He raises, Jesus breaks through to the heart of a woman. She cannot avoid the question, who is this man who is greater than Jacob? Is He a prophet? Is He possibly the Messiah? Refreshed by the water of life, the Samaritan woman runs to the village, announcing the good news of the mystery of Jesus.

The hunger of the Word has now been satisfied. By introducing the woman to the life of faith, by bringing to God true worshipers. Jesus has begun to fulfil His mission. The Samaritans are already on the way. Their adherence to Jesus, the Saviour of the world, prefigures the fruitfulness of a gospel preached to the ends of the earth.

Catholic Quotes to Help You Finish Your Lenten Journey

St. Francis de Sales: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

St. John of the Cross: "The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

Saint Josemaría Escrivá: "You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."

Catherine Doherty: "Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

Ven. Fulton Sheen: "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

Pope Francis: "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

Catherine Doherty: "There are ways of being crucified that do not involve rough wood or heavy nails, but a love beyond our capacity to love, which means a love that has been given to us by God."

Luke 9:23: "And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

St. Rose of Lima: "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

Ven. Fulton Sheen: "Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"

St. Gregory Nazianzen: "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

Thomas a Kempis: "Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God."

Pope Benedict XVI: "The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God."

St. Francis de Sales: "...Although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast."

Lamentations 3:22-23: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Pope Benedict XVI: "(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

St. Thomas Aquinas: "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity."

St. Catherine of Siena: "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

St. Francis de Sales: "You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."

Pope Francis: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Mar. 8th - Third Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, Mar. 9th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, Mar. 10th - Lenten Ferial

4:00 pm - *Betty & Lewis Wong*

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 11th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Maria & Fred Sze*

THURSDAY, Mar. 12th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Edmund Hensel+*

FRIDAY, Mar. 13th - Lenten Ferial

8:00 am - *Denis Kelly*

SATURDAY, Mar. 14th - Lenten Ferial

9:00 am - *Derrick Scully+*

5:00 pm - *Paul Ilija*

(Fourth Sunday of Lent)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The Door is Open:

Upcoming "The Door is Open" Sunday: **Mar. 15.** Thank you! (No food items please).

2026 Lenten Penitential Services by the Vancouver West Deanery:

St. Augustine - Tues. Mar. 10 at 7 pm

Immaculate Conception - Wed. Mar. 11 at 7 pm

Holy Name of Jesus - Thurs. Mar 12 at 7 pm

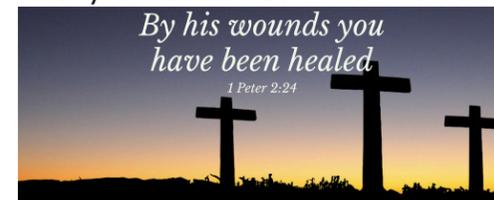
Sts. Peter and Paul - Wed. Mar 18 at 7 pm

St. John the Apostle - Wed. Mar 18 at 7 pm

St. Mark - Sun. Mar. 22 at 2:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Thurs. Mar. 26 at 7 pm

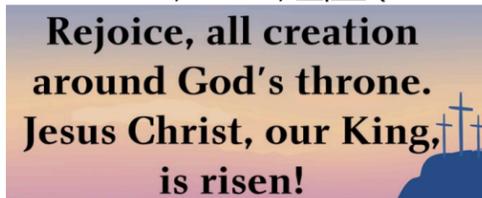
St. Anthony of Padua - Sun. Mar. 29 at 6:30 pm



Holy Week at Sts. Peter & Paul:

Palm Sunday: Mar. 28th at 5 pm, Mar. 29th at 9 am, 11 am, and 4 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thurs. Apr. 2nd at 7 pm
Followed by Adoration until 11 pm (no morning Mass)
Liturgy of Good Friday: Fri. Apr. 3rd at 12 noon, 3 pm
Easter: Vigil Sat. Apr. 4th at 8:30 pm
Sun. Apr. 5th at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm (no evening Mass).



LENLEN 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:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Booklets available at 1st station when the Church is open.

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. **N.B.** Copies of "The Practice of the Presence of God" are at the Chapel.

ONGOING:

Catechism Grade 1-7:

★ "PREP" Classes begin Tues. Jan. 13th at 4:30-5:30 pm in the Church. ★

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

★ RCIA Classes and Talks on the Faith: (This takes place in the Church) ★

Tuesdays at 7-8 pm from Jan. 20th to Mar. 17th (8 wks) Mar. 10th Topic: A Catholic Moral Vision, The Dignity of the Human Person.

All are welcome to learn more about the Faith and for the non-Catholics who want to become one.

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.