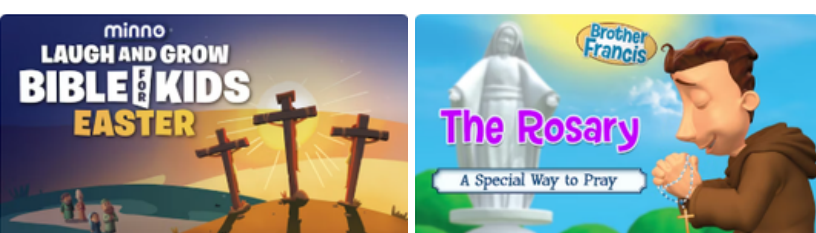
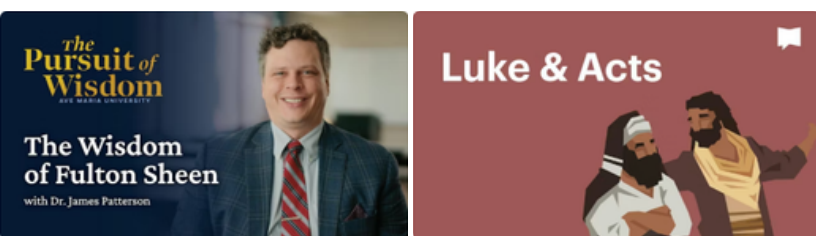
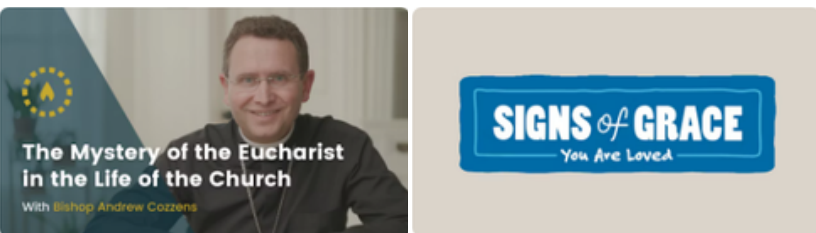


Trending this Week on Formed



**Sunday Donations
April 11 - 12, 2026**

Sat. 5 pm \$365 from 17 envelopes = \$21.47 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$852 from 36 envelopes = \$23.67 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$795 from 27 envelopes = \$29.44 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$575 from 28 envelopes = \$20.54 avg.
 Grand Total: \$2587 + \$269.40 loose = \$2856.40

April 18 - 19, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$705 from 31 envelopes = \$22.74 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$997 from 35 envelopes = \$28.49 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$725 from 23 envelopes = \$31.52 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$1190 from 24 envelopes = \$49.58 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3617 + \$383.55 loose = \$4000.55

In gratitude for your regular financial support!

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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.

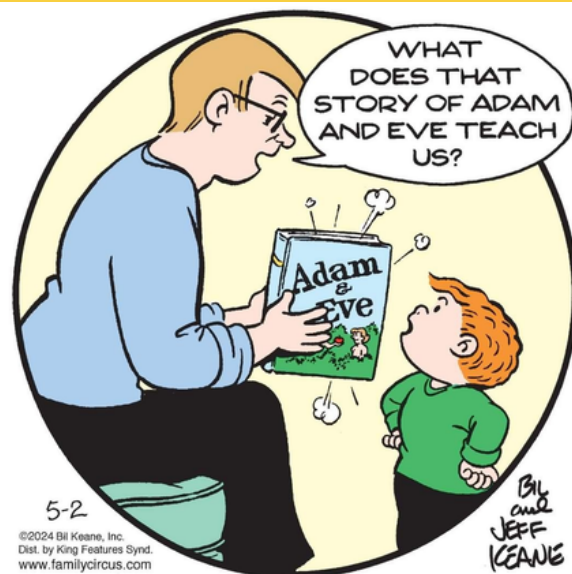
2026 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit or Credit Card

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 unable 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 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APR. 26TH 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



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.

Following the Voice of the Good Shepherd: Fourth Sunday of Easter By Gayle Somers

This reading is best understood within its context in John's Gospel. In the previous chapter is the account of Jesus' healing of the man born blind, a Lenten lectionary reading. Recall that it was a lesson about spiritual sight and blindness. The simple blind Jewish man whom Jesus healed was able to see and worship Jesus as the Messiah. The Pharisees who interrogated him, however, wanted nothing to do with Jesus: "We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from" (Jn. 9:29).

If we remember that the Pharisees considered themselves to be the spiritual leaders of Judah, able to instruct the people in the fine points of the Mosaic Law and thus preserve their identity as God's people, we will comprehend why Jesus begins speaking in John 10 about sheep gates, shepherds, and flocks. The Pharisees repeatedly acted as blind guides for God's people, trying to insure a following for themselves. Jesus is about to expose them.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber" (Jn. 10:1). To make His point about the Pharisees, Jesus uses the well-known imagery of Israel as God's flock and God Himself as their Shepherd (read Ez. 34:11-16). Everyone willing to hear Jesus that day would have understood this metaphor. They knew that the sheepfold was where various flocks of sheep spent the night after a day of grazing. It consisted of a wall, to protect the flock from thieves and predators, as well as a gate.

The gatekeeper would admit the shepherds in the morning as they came to take their flocks back out to pasture. Each shepherd's flock responded to his call, because his voice was familiar to them. It was not a stretch for those listening to Jesus to understand that He was talking about God's relationship with His people and leaders who had been given charge of them.

They knew the beautiful prophecy from Isaiah: "He will feed His flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in His arms, He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young" (Is. 40:11). However, notice the blindness of the Pharisees: "Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what He was trying to tell them" (Jn. 10:6). So, what was He "trying to tell them"?

In the extended teaching of this chapter (some of which is not included in this reading), Jesus identifies Himself as both the sheep gate and the shepherd of Israel. The Pharisees were trying to lead God's people without entering the sheepfold through the gate of Jesus. No one can teach and nurture God's own flock apart from Jesus, because he is the Way, the Truth, the Life. The Pharisees believed the Law of Moses was an end in itself. Why would they need Jesus? The reality was that the Law pointed towards Jesus and was fulfilled in Him. Without Jesus, teachers of Israel robbed the flock, coming only to "steal and slaughter and destroy" (Jn. 10:10).

Jesus also describes how the sheep recognize the voice of the one who has properly entered the sheepfold and who calls to them in a familiar, trusted way: "...they do not recognize the voice of strangers" (Jn. 10:5). The sheep know they will find good pasture when they follow their true shepherd, not an impostor: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10).

Let us now follow, through all the other readings, this metaphor of sheep hearing their beloved shepherd's call. How do they recognize His Voice?

Possible response: Jesus, Good Shepherd, You (and You alone) will lead me into abundant life. I trust in You.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, Apr. 26th - Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 4:00 pm - *Parishioners*

MONDAY, Apr. 27th - Eastertide Ferial
8:00 am - *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, Apr. 28th - Eastertide Ferial
1:15 pm - *Vancouver College Spanish Mass*
4:00 pm - *Archbishop Richard Smith*

WEDNESDAY, Apr. 29th - St. Catherine of Siena +1380
8:00 am - *Alphonsus Hui+*

THURSDAY, Apr. 30th - St. Marie de l'Incarnation +1672
8:00 am - *Marion Chu Chong+*

FIRST FRIDAY, May 1st - St. Joseph the Worker+
8:00 am - *Rosemarie Wertschek+*
4:00 pm - *Derrick Scully+*

SATURDAY, May 2nd - St. Athanasius +373
9:00 am - *Msgr. D. Neumann+*
5:00 pm - *Aurora Reyes+*
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

SUNDAY READINGS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The image of the good shepherd has nothing to do with the saccharine sentimentality. Shepherds were important figures in the Palestinian landscape. They bore total responsibility for the flocks on which their people depended. They saw to it that the sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals safe from wild predators and human marauders, sometimes at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder that people of the Old Testament cast God Himself in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protector of the flock of Israel.

The Church found the perfect fulfillment of this image in the risen Christ, who had laid down His own life to become the very source of life for His people. He nourishes His flock with the word and the bread of life. In the mixed metaphors of today's gospel, He is the gate through which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil.

In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word is *episkopos*, more commonly translated "bishop." Although Christ is no longer visibly present to us as He was to His first hearers, He continues to nourish and to preserve His people through the Church's ministers. On Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:
Vespers at 3:30 pm and Mass at 4 pm. Join us for prayer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Next First Friday Faith Studies:

Fri. May 1st at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15).
Topic: A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension. Anyone interested, both men and women, are invited to join us for discussion.

First Friday Benediction and 2nd Mass:

Fri. May 1st with Adoration at 12 noon to 4 pm, Benediction at 3:45 pm, and 2nd Mass at 4 pm.

Next Men's Monthly Meeting:

Wed. May 6th at 7 pm in the Church.
Topic: Rabbi shocked by Jesus, Then This Happens.
Join us for discussion and refreshments.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Envelope Boxes:

The 2026 envelopes are available at the back right table 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.

2025 Tax Receipts:

Parish & Project Advance tax receipts for 2025 available for pick up left (east) side table of the vestibule.

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.