

# Universal Papal Day Prayer for Peace in the East

At today's General Audience, Pope Leo XIV announced a Vigil for Peace to be held at St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Rome time, (Saturday April 11th 9:00 a.m. Vancouver time).

In communion with the Holy Father, I ask that a special intention for peace be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses this weekend. You may wish to use one or all of the following:

- For nations at war, that hostilities may cease and reconciliation prevail, we pray to the Lord.
- For families, separated by war, that they may be safely reunited, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who suffer from acts of war, that they may be delivered from strife and find peace, we pray to the Lord.

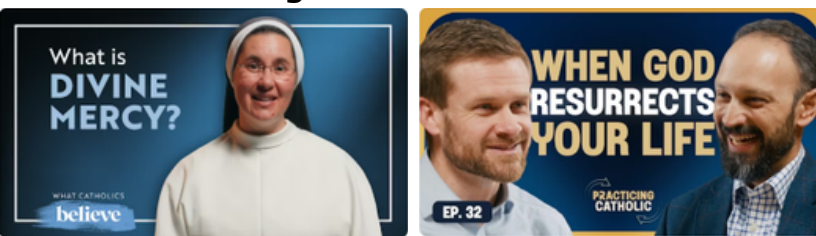
I also encourage parishioners to join spiritually in this Vigil for Peace by participating in the live broadcast. Pray for Peace on Saturday April 11th at 9:00 am Pope Leo XIV has invited the faithful around the world to unite in prayer for peace through a special Vigil for Peace at St. Peter's Basilica this Saturday at 6:00 pm Rome time (9:00 am Vancouver time). In a world marked by conflict and suffering, this Vigil is an opportunity for us to come together in prayer, asking the Lord to soften hearts, guide leaders, and bring an end to war. All are encouraged to join by tuning in live:

[youtube.com/@VaticanNewsEN/live](https://www.youtube.com/@VaticanNewsEN/live)

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Richard W. Smith  
Archbishop of Vancouver

## Trending this Week on Formed



### Sunday Donations March 21 - 22, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$1935 from 28 envelopes = \$69.11 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$756 from 34 envelopes = \$21.63 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$1105 from 32 envelopes = \$34.53 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$572 from 18 envelopes = \$31.78 avg.  
Grand Total: \$4368 + \$232.40 loose = \$4600.40

### March 28 - 29, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$680 from 25 envelopes = \$27.20 avg.  
Sun. 9 am \$822 from 38 envelopes = \$21.63 avg.  
Sun. 11 am \$1415 from 33 envelopes = \$42.88 avg.  
Sun. 4 pm \$775 from 22 envelopes = \$35.23 avg.  
Grand Total: \$3692 + \$488.35 loose = \$4180.35

**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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# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) APR. 12TH 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**

## SUNDAY READINGS: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"We have seen the Lord!" The risen Lord appeared 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 into 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!"



**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.*

## Eastertide 2026

Dear parishioners,

An important Lenten devotion is to pray the Stations of the Cross that relive Good Friday morning and afternoon. In the old city of Jerusalem one walks the actual places where our Lord received and carried His cross. The three falls mark out the three curved on the path to Calvary. Then Stations 10-14 take place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: where He is stripped, nailed, dies, placed in Mary's arms and then laid in the Sepulchre.

Also, it is from the Holy Sepulchre that true Easter joy comes to us. He rises from the dead; never to die again. St. Augustine proclaimed: "We are Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song." As a priest it is a privilege to sing the Triple Alleluia at the Easter Vigil, after the proclamation of the Pauline Reading (Rom. 6:5): "For if we have been united with Him (in baptism) in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." This 'Alleluia' has been silent (fasted) throughout the whole season of Lent; it now fittingly echoes throughout Eastertide!

Of special note at the Masses of Easter, generally, we renew our vows of baptism and then we are sprinkled with the Easter Baptismal Water of renewal. In our parish after the 'Vidi Aquam' we also sing "The strife is O'er, the battle done, now is the Victor's triumph won. O let the praise of God be sung: Alleluia."

Throughout all the 8 days (Octave) of Easter, we have at Mass the sharing of the 4 Gospel Narrative's last chapter(s) that account the Easter Event. Thus, we have Easter Monday proclaiming Matthew 28; Tuesday, John 20; Wednesday, Luke 24; Thursday, Luke 24 continued; Friday John 21 and Saturday Mark 16.

Then on the Octave Day of Mercy Sunday the Gospel of John 20 continues accounting the week later visit of our Risen Lord and his dialogue with St. Thomas after the institution of the Sacrament of Penance.

The Easter Season concludes with Ascension and then at Pentecost where this same Gospel of John 20 account is repeated with the receiving of the Holy Spirit (at Pentecost) for the forgiveness of sins.

Surely, we see how driven (passionate) our Lord is to share the fruits of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection as forgiveness being paramount and of the highest priority by these first words of His, after he rose from the dead!

Unlike a mystery novel, reading the last chapter (resurrection account) of the 4 gospels is helpful to see why everything else in the gospel is said and done before.

As people of Faith, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord are so close to our hearts. These days have seen war affecting the Holy Land and the Christian sites there; including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. May our hearts and prayers rise up for them especially during these days! May those who have an influence move forward courageously to bring out peace. For this is our Lord's Easter message: "Peace be with you!"

This is our greatest consolation: "God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8) and St. Peter: "In His own body brought your sins to the cross... By His own wounds you were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24).

Indeed, His resurrection is our resurrection and more.

It is through the Eucharist that St. Paul's words to the Philippians (3:21) come about: "He will transform our lowly bodies into copies of His own glorious body." And, the best of the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1000 (how fitting!): quotes St. Irenaeus (+202): "Our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of (bodily) resurrection."

May the joy of Easter truly be ours, as we who experience anew our affiliation with these sacred sites that eternalize His wondrous Passion, Death, and Resurrection and with our brethren there!

Praise be Jesus Christ Risen from the dead for us!

Eastertide Blessings!

Fr. Ron Thompson

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, Apr. 12th - Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**MONDAY, Apr. 13th - Easter Ferial**

8:00 am - *Estella, Virgilio, & Yolly Santos+*

**TUESDAY, Apr. 14th - Easter Ferial**

4:00 pm - *Julie Davis+*

**WEDNESDAY, Apr. 15th - Easter Ferial**

8:00 am - *Pepe, Ana, & Ferdie Cultura+*

**THURSDAY, Apr. 16th - Easter Ferial**

8:00 am - *Ioanard & Ianna Aranda*

**FRIDAY, Apr. 17th - St. Kateri Tekakwitha +1680**

8:00 am - *Edwin Mo+*

**SATURDAY, Apr. 18th - Easter Ferial**

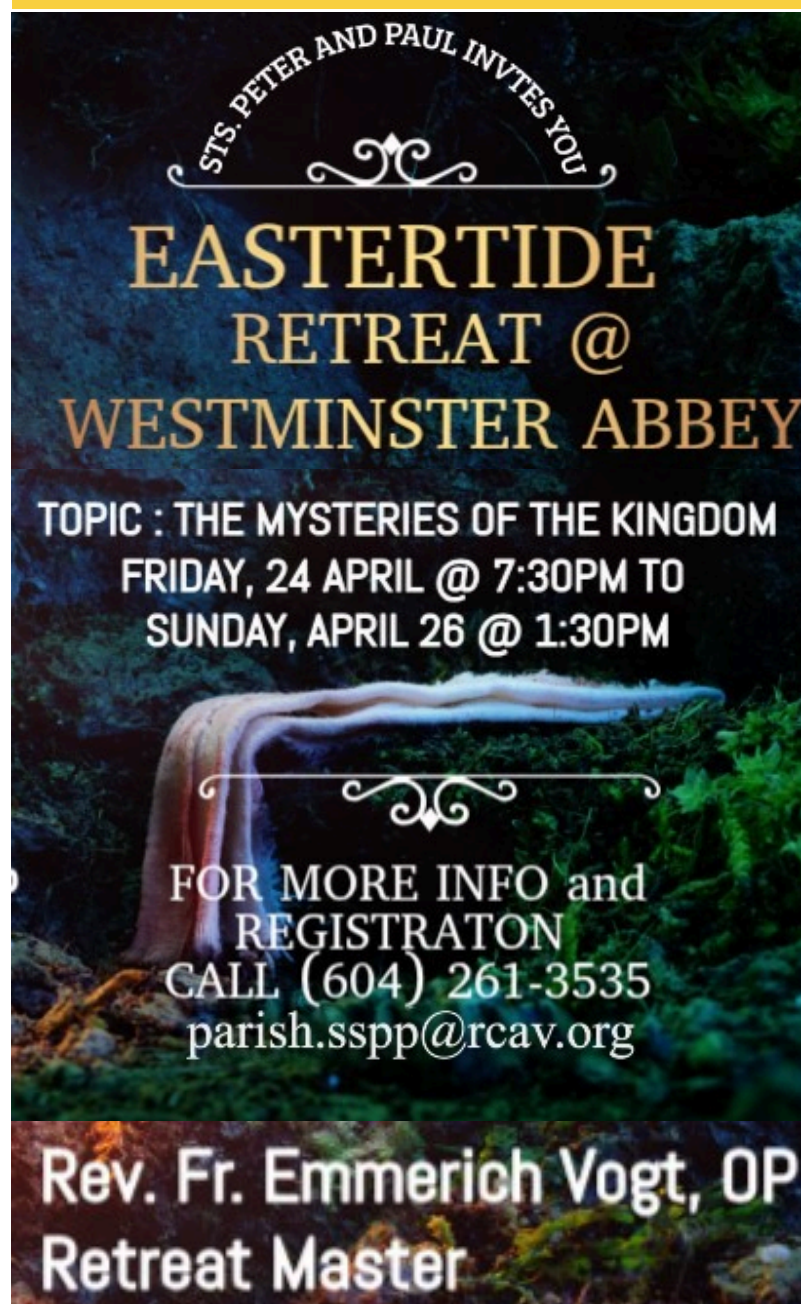
9:00 am - *Milroy Joseph+*

5:00 pm - *Andrea Brutton*

(Third Sunday of Easter)

### Divine Mercy Sunday:

Devotions today from 3 to 4 pm; 3 pm Chaplet, 3:30 pm Vespers of Divine Mercy and Benediction.



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# 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  
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Rev. Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP  
Retreat Master

## The Sacrament of Confirmation:

**Pentecost Sunday (May 24th) 9 am Mass** here at Sts. Peter and Paul. The Archbishop has delegated all Pastors to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Catholics baptized but not yet Confirmed. This Sacrament was instituted on the First Pentecost 33 AD. For anyone desiring to receive this Sacrament, please contact the parish office by this **Fri. Apr. 17th.** Fr Ron will contact you for preparation. "Receive this gift of the Holy Spirit!"

### Thank You:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who helped during Holy Week and Easter. To our dedicated volunteers, choir members, musicians, floral arrangers, lectors, altar servers, and everyone who offered their time. May God bless you abundantly for all that you do.

### 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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### The Door is Open:

Upcoming "The Door is Open" Sunday: **Apr. 19th.** Thank you! (No food items please).

#### Next First Friday Faith Studies:

Fri. May 1st at 10:30 am (Coffee at 10:15).

#### Next Men's Monthly Meeting:

Wed. May 6th at 7 pm in the Church.

### 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.

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