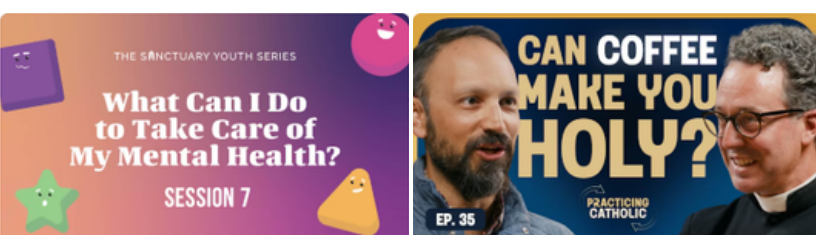


Trending this Week on Formed



**Sunday Donations
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

April 25 - 26, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$595 from 19 envelopes = \$31.32 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$1079 from 38 envelopes = \$28.39 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$1160 from 30 envelopes = \$38.67 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$450 from 14 envelopes = \$32.14 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3284 + \$341.90 loose = \$3625.90

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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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"This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it's the one Adam wore!"

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3RD 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.

You Will Do Greater Works Than These: Fifth Sunday of Easter

By Gayle Somers

In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the apostles as dense as they can possibly be, yet Jesus promises: "You will do the works that I do...and greater ones." Really?

Sunday's reading comes in the context of the Last Supper Discourse (Jn. 13-17), when Jesus speaks to the Twelve more directly than we have yet seen. His hour has almost arrived; the time for parables is over. The apostles understand that one of them will betray Jesus. They are deeply disturbed. Twice in the preceding chapter Jesus unsettles them with these words:

"Where I am going, you cannot come" (Jn. 13:33, 36). Now, Jesus seeks to comfort them.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me" (Jn. 14:1). Jesus does not want His experience of betrayal, denial, and departure to rob His friends of their peace. He is going to leave them, but He tells them He is going to prepare a place for them so that He can return to take them with Him. So far, so good. Surely these words brought the Twelve some kind of comfort. Then came the twist: "Where I am going you know the way" (Jn. 14:4).

What? The apostles were completely lost. Thomas speaks up for them: "Master, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?" (Jn. 14:5). Imagine how frustrating this must have been for men who were increasingly aware that trouble was approaching. They were looking for details, a named destination, and a plan to get there. Jesus confounds them with this strange statement.

Perhaps they found His answer even more mysterious: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:6). How can a Person be both a destination and the path to reach it?

Jesus gives the confused apostles the answer to this question, but, alas, they are too dense to grasp it. "If you know Me, then you will also know My Father. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him" (Jn. 14:7). The home Jesus would prepare for His followers was a dwelling place with God, and the "way" to that dwelling place was being revealed in Jesus: all His words, signs, wonders, and, definitively, His death and Resurrection would make it clear that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. To live and to die in Christ is the way home.

Philip makes clear that all this fell on deaf ears: "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn. 14:8). Even Jesus was surprised by this density: "Have I been with you so long a time and you still do not know Me, Philip?" (Jn. 14:9). The apostles had not yet fully grasped Jesus' relationship with the Father. It was going to take the Resurrection, Ascension, and descent of the Holy Spirit before they could understand these weighty words.

Nevertheless, while they were still embarrassingly dim, Jesus makes an astonishing promise to them: "I say, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these because I go to the Father" (Jn. 14:12). Remarkable!

We can feel the human weakness of the apostles—always thinking about the wrong thing, missing the point entirely. Yet, because Jesus is the Way (showing us how to live as men in the image and likeness of God), the Truth (teaching us what is true about God and man), and the Life (pouring His own glorified life into ours through the sacraments), it is He Who guarantees the future of His Church.

Can it really be that, through His followers, He will do even greater works than He did while He was on earth? To get there from this Gospel, we will need to see a breathtaking transformation of some sort in the other readings.

Possible response: Lord, I think sometimes You could say to me: "Have I been with you so long and you still do not know Me?" Please help me know You as You are.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY, May 4th - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *Dr. Brooke Herbert+*

TUESDAY, May 5th - Eastertide Ferial

4:00 pm - *C. Thompson+*

WEDNESDAY, May 6th - St. Francois de Laval +1708

8:00 am - *Benilda Paderes*

1:15 pm - *Vancouver College Mass*

THURSDAY, May 7th - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *Lourdes Leonio Aquino+*

FRIDAY, May 8th - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *Lourdes Leonio Aquino+*

SATURDAY, May 9th - Eastertide Ferial

9:00 am - *Luka Mark Erceg*

5:00 pm - *Sean Hirtle*

(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

SUNDAY READINGS: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Who does not cherish the desire for a home, a harbour of peace and refreshment? Jesus announces His departure in terms of that human desire. He is going before His disciples to prepare a place for them. "I am the Way" is as strange a proclamation as, "I am the Sheepgate" (John 10:7), but they help us examine the implications of the Easter experience.

"You know the way that leads where I go" (John 14:4). We are sympathetic with the misunderstanding of Thomas and Philip. They would like to specify the road and identify the place where they will see the Father. But there is no need for a map. Jesus is the way to the Father. We must follow Him. Whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life because He is one with God: He is in the Father and the Father is in Him.

Authentic Christian faith is not anonymous. We cannot believe in a faceless God. Christianity teaches us to recognize God in the face of Jesus of Nazareth. By identifying His face in the disfigured faces of those whose suffering He bore on the cross, we find our dwelling place in Him.

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

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

We ask that you join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Dr. Brooke Herbert and the comfort of all those who mourn. There will be no prayers the night before. Memorial Mass is on Mon. May 4th at 1 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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.

Adult Sacrament of Confirmation:

Any adult or teenager who has been baptized Catholic but has not been confirmed and would like to receive this Sacrament here on Sun. May 24th at the 9 am Mass, please contact the parish office (deadline Fri. May 15th).

The Door is Open:

"The Door is Open" Sunday: May. 17th.

Thank you! (No food items please).

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.

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.