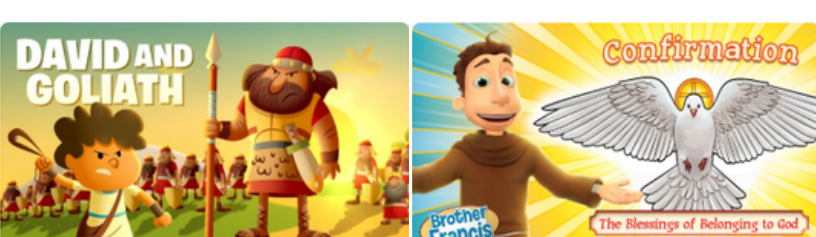
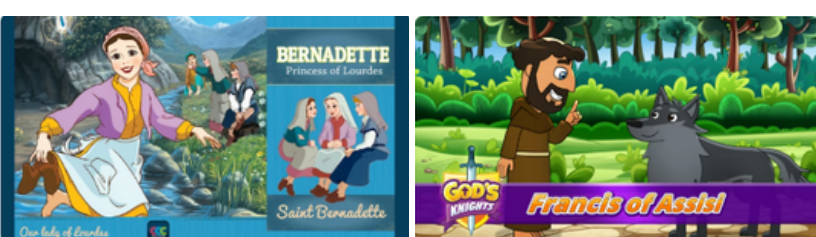
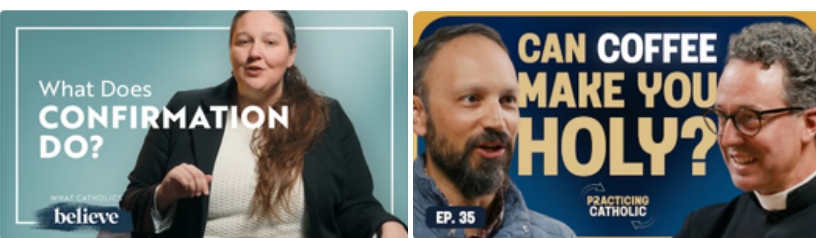


Trending this Week on Formed



**Sunday Donations
May 2 - 3, 2026**

Sat. 5 pm \$649 from 30 envelopes = \$21.63 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$2423 from 25 envelopes = \$96.92 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$1275 from 35 envelopes = \$36.43 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$1050 from 26 envelopes = \$40.38 avg.
 Grand Total: \$5397 + \$458.45 loose = \$5855.45

May 9 - 10, 2026

Sat. 5 pm \$695 from 25 envelopes = \$27.80 avg.
 Sun. 9 am \$958 from 34 envelopes = \$28.18 avg.
 Sun. 11 am \$530 from 23 envelopes = \$23.04 avg.
 Sun. 4 pm \$940 from 17 envelopes = \$55.29 avg.
 Grand Total: \$3123 + \$410.60 loose = \$3533.60

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."



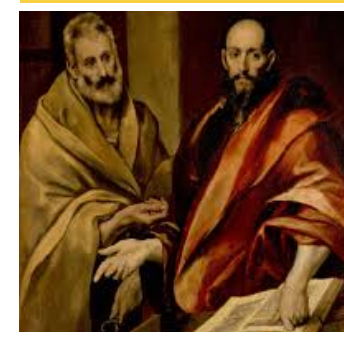
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 17TH 2026



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: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving His apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is His body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or the memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.



Jesus, Reign Over Me Today

Jesus, Reign Over Me Today by Gayle Somers

The Ascension presents a paradox: Jesus leaves His apostles for Heaven, but He assures them He is always with them. What kind of departure was this?

Today's Gospel records the end of Jesus' forty days of post-Resurrection appearances and teaching. The account of what actually happened during those days is quite spare. We know that although Jesus appeared to His friends, His relationship with them was not as it had been before. He appeared and disappeared. He was often not immediately recognizable. Things had changed. As we work our way through today's readings, we see that an even bigger change was about to take place.

As Jesus prepares to depart for good, He assembles the "eleven disciples" at a mountain in Galilee. He is now only with His inner circle of companions. Interestingly, we see a combination of faith ("they worshipped") and doubt. Does this surprise us? It shouldn't. In fact, this detail should strengthen our confidence that this is a truly honest, human account of what happened that day. Aren't all of us, as we follow Jesus, curious admixtures of faith and doubt from time to time?

Jesus then makes a statement that is either true, or, if false, marks Him as a lunatic: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" (Mt 28:18). Of course, a man who has come back from the dead can reasonably make a claim like this. What does He want His disciples to do, in view of His great power? He wants them to go out to "all nations" and make more disciples. They are to offer the blessing of baptism, which washes away sin and initiates the believer into life in Christ. They are to teach believers to obey all that He had taught them. In other words, they are to preach a life of faith and the good works that issue from that faith to all the families of the earth. The scope of this plan recalls the promise God made to Abraham to bless the whole world through him (see Gen. 12:3). What an expansive mission!

Think about what this plan must have sounded like to the Eleven gathered there. They were a motley crew of mostly uneducated and certainly non-influential men—fishermen, a tax collector, a political zealot, etc. It is doubtful any of them had ever left the boundaries of their own nation. Were these men ready to change the world? Surely this scenario was far beyond their ability even to imagine.

Fortunately, Jesus said something else that made all the difference: "And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). The apostles could have, justifiably, been confused at this point. Was He leaving or staying? How could He be departing and yet promise to be with them? We will need to examine our other readings for more on this story.

Possible response: Lord Jesus, when I doubt You can use me to spread Your kingdom, help me remember that You started with just eleven disciples.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 17th - The Ascension of the Lord

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

MONDAY, May 18th (Victoria Day) - Eastertide Ferial

9:00 am - *Fermin Contaoe+*

TUESDAY, May 19th - Eastertide Ferial

4:00 pm - *Brian Wei Hao Huang*

WEDNESDAY, May 20th - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *John Allen Jr.+*

THURSDAY, May 21st - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *Warren Longpre*

FRIDAY, May 22nd - Eastertide Ferial

8:00 am - *Michael Page*

SATURDAY, May 23rd - Eastertide Ferial

9:00 am - *Andrew Patton+*

5:00 pm - *Mary Grace Aranda*

(Pentecost Sunday)

Project Advance 2026:

The office has already mailed out pledges for those in the past who have contributed to the Project Advance campaign; providing you an opportunity to consider again this year's pledge. This pledge may be mailed or placed in the collection basket anytime for the rest of this calendar year. Blank pledges are available in the vestibule throughout the year.

Also, volunteers will be available in the vestibule after Mass to assist if needed. The dates for volunteers are the weekends of:

May 16/17, May 23/24, May 30/31.

Thank you for your support. It means a great deal.

This Year's Endeavours:

The building of our new Parish Centre at 1450 W. 38th Ave. is necessary in order to meet our present and future needs. It will provide so many opportunities for parishioners to gather and celebrate and deepen our faith. We need a place to provide Funeral and Sacramental receptions, opportunities for retreats and recollections, regular gatherings after Sunday Mass, as well as other special annual events. Ongoing are the need to hold Catechism classes, as well as new Catholics, youth, young adults and seniors to gather.

Our Cartier Hall is up for sale at this time, the market is not in our favour. We still need more funds in order to move ahead with Construction. I would say, more than ever, your support is needed at this time. Without it, it would be difficult to secure a mortgage for the rest of the Construction cost.

Presently, we are re-visiting the size (cost factor) of our new Parish Centre and working with the city etc. as to how to move forward in this direction.

Thank you for your pledge this year!

Sunday Solemn Sung Vespers and Benediction:

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

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:

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

Thank you! (No food items please).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF

MOST REVEREND RICHARD W. SMITH,
ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER



OCT. 22 to NOV. 2, 2026 \$7,649.00 CAD
(Double occupancy)

Join us for 12 days in the Holy Land, Oct. 22 - Nov. 2, with the Most Reverend Richard W. Smith. Price includes airfare. For more information or land only price, please contact Lisa at Lisa@DJLtravel.ca or (604) 562-4567.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Session:

Sat. May 23rd at 10 am in Sts. Peter and Paul 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.

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.