

St James Parish

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Canonically Erected: July 28, 1993

First Mass: August 1, 1993

Dedication of the Church: Rosary Sunday October 4, 2014

Parish Feast Day: Solemnity of St James the Greater: July 25th

November 19, 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

P A R I S H D I R E C T O R Y

Pastor:	Rev. William Ashley
Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault
Parish Office Hours:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30 am- 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday Anticipated Mass @ 4:30pm Sunday @ 9am and 11am Latin Mass @ 4:30pm. Church will be open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Saturday 9am
Holy Hour	Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm with Confessions
Confession:	Monday to Saturday at 8:45am Fridays and Saturdays at 10am
Baptisms, Marriages & Communion to the Sick	Contact the Parish Office

Altar Servers	Fr Ashley
Altar Guild	Janet Griffiths
Civic Affairs Committee	Marc Vella, James Hargrave
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)
Filipino Ministry/ Sodality of Mary	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)
Finance Committee	Gerard Roddis
First Saturday Rosary	Elizabeth Ocon
Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Music Ministry	Daniel Ancil, Charles van Aert, Nicholas Roy, Paula DeWit,
Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.852.9311)
Pro-Life Coordinator	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
School Building Committee	Rod Griffiths, Blanca Hluskova
Youth Ministry	Elizabeth Ocon,

EDUCATION

St James & St Ann's Elementary School

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stjameselementary.ca
Principal: Julia Lee

St John Brebeuf Regional High School

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

Catholic Pacific College

604.888.7727
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Children's Catechesis Children of Joseph & Mary Gr 1- 7 Catechesis

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Sacrament Enrichment
Thursdays at 3:00pm
Mother Cynthia
mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com
250-488-3368



ST JAMES THE GREATER
PROTOMARTYR OF THE APOSTLES
PRAY FOR US!
SANCTE IACOBE MAIOR,
ORA PRO NOBIS!

A warm welcome to St James the Greater Parish!
Say hello to Fr Ashley, our pastor.

Kindly register in the parish so that we may serve you more efficiently. Registration forms are available in the foyer or on the website.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles*

9am ◊ Int: Peter Roddis
4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Dora Chu

Sunday, November 19 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Monica Roddis
11:00am: ◊ Int: Cheri Turcotte
4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Monday, November 20

9am ◊ Int: Maxine Leslie

Tuesday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Eleanor Abeywickreme
3:00pm Rosary Club

Wednesday, November 22 *St. Cecilia*

9am ◊ Int: Nicholas Dunford
6:00pm OCIA Meeting

Thursday, November 23 *St. Clement I; St. Columban*

9am ◊ Int: Monica Roddis
3:00pm Sacrament Enrichment
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, November 24 *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Consuelo Chirito

Saturday, November 25 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Joyce & Frank Cole
4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Axel Vern Nielsen

Sunday, November 26 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Holy Souls
11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Maurice Grondin
4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Giorgio Venturi

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST

Section Two: The Ten Commandments

CHAPTER TWO

“YOU SHALL LOVE NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF”

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT KILL

483. When is it morally permitted to use military force? 2307-2310

The use of military force is morally justified when the following conditions are simultaneously present:

- the suffering inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- all other peaceful means must have been shown to be ineffective;
- there are well founded prospects of success;
- the use of arms, especially given the power of modern weapons of mass destruction, must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated.

484. In danger of war, who has the responsibility? 2309

This responsibility belongs to the prudential judgment of government officials who also have the right to impose on citizens the obligation of national defence. The personal right to conscientious objection makes an exception to this obligation which should then be carried out by another form of service to the human community.

485. In case of war, what does the moral law require? 2312-2314; 2328

Even during a war the moral law always remains valid. It requires the humane treatment of noncombatants, wounded soldiers and prisoners of war. Deliberate actions contrary to the law of nations, and the orders that command such actions are crimes, which blind obedience does not excuse. Acts of mass destruction must be condemned and likewise the extermination of people or ethnic minorities, which are most grievous sins. One is morally bound to resist the orders that command such acts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

*Trish Parkin, Norm Jeanotte, Sharon Graham,
Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle,
Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker*

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
Prov 31: 10- 31 Ps 128 1Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30	1Macc 1: 10-15, 41-64 Ps119 Lk 18: 35-43	2Macc 6: 18-31 Ps 3 Lk 19: 1-10	2Macc 7: 1, 20-31 Ps 17 Lk 19: 11-28	1Macc 2:15-29 Ps 50 Lk 19: 41-44	1Macc4: 36-37; 52-59 1Chron 29 Lk 19:45-48	1Macc 6: 1-13 Ps 9 Lk 20: 27-40	Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 Ps 23 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46

RIP Please remember in your prayers Maria Laszlo who passed away on Friday, Nov. 10. She was a long time parishioner of St. James Parish. Prayer Vigil Friday, Nov. 24 at 7:00pm. Funeral Mass Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11:00am at St. James.

THE PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN FOR 2023 will close at the end of this year. Our heartfelt gratitude to all who have donated. For all who have yet to donate, please prayerfully consider your pledge and remember, 'God will not be outdone in generosity'. Pledge forms will be available on the table in the foyer this weekend. Please complete a form and return it to the parish office or donate online at www.projectadvance.ca noting St. James Parish as your parish.

BAKE SALE- There will be a variety of baked goods on sale after the morning masses on Sunday, Dec. 3. All proceeds to be donated to the parish.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank all of those parishioners who attended the pancake breakfast on the 12th of November. We had stated that all proceeds would go to the Poppy Fund and through your generous efforts, the Knights will be making a \$200 donation to the Legions' Poppy Fund drive.

We invite everyone to attend the next pancake breakfast on 12 December after the 9 o'clock mass. Stay tuned for additional information.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF OPEN HOUSE Thurs. November 23rd 6pm - 8pm. We extend a special invitation to families with school age children in Grades 4-7! Please encourage your friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners to come and see our secondary school in action! Applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year will be available at the Open House, at the school or parish offices, and on our website (www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca). Completed applications for new students due Feb 1st, 2024.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE Celebrate the joy of the season at St. Augustine's Parish in Vancouver on Saturday, December 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a night of Mass, Dinner, Dancing, and Catholic community at the Catholic Young Adults Christmas Dinner Dance. The evening kicks off with 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine Parish, followed by dinner at 6:15 pm in the hall. The festivities continue with dancing until 11:00 p.m., so come dressed in your semi-formal attire ready to enjoy the spirit of the season with fellow young adults. Secure your spot by getting your tickets online at beholdvancouver.org/events. For inquiries, contact hrc.youngadults@gmail.com. Don't miss this opportunity to create lasting memories and strengthen your connection with the Catholic community!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PRO-LIFE IN OUR PARISH! Once again, Christmas cards with traditional Christmas themes to help **keep Christ in Christmas**, will be available after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 4:30pm (Sunday) Mass on Sunday, November 12 and 19. These quality cards, with many new designs, are at the same great price of **\$8.00 for a pack of 10 cards**. For more information, or to order, contact Monica Roddis at 604.853.7985 or email mon-icamary@shaw.ca. Your support is much appreciated!

CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE would like to invite you to our *Breakfast Fundraiser* hosted at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Monday morning, December 4. There will be Mass at 8am in the parish, and the program will begin at 9am. Our guest speaker is Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett, a member of our Board of Governors and Program Director for Faith Communities at Cardus. Fr. Deacon Andrew is a fantastic speaker and I know you will enjoy the morning program we have lined up. We will have live Sacred Advent Music, student testimonies, and a word from our founder, Tom Hamel. Tickets are \$30 each. Tables hold 6 people, so consider purchasing a table for \$180 and inviting friends. Deadline to register is November 27. Register at catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser

HIGHLY SPIRITUAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Mario Fernandes, OCD, to Oregon and Washington. Dec. 1-2-3, 2023 Price: CDN \$650.00 pp. For details and itinerary contact the Parish office or: info@aquinasinstitute.ca

WALKING IN THE WAY OF THE LORD: Attuning to God Advent Retreat for Divorced and Separated Join us as, Jody Garneau, through her life experience and formal education, leads participants through a process of self-awareness, healing, and growing in trust. Our desire is that participants will increase their ability to maintain boundaries, establish healthy relationships with others, and move forward with more integration and peace. By establishing a more profound level of interior peace, participants have the opportunity to be attuned to God and his vision of each person.

The day will start with Mass, then small group discussions, time for Adoration and Confession and a shared meal. Jody earned a BA from Thomas Aquinas College in California. After returning to Canada, Jody married and embarked on a 25-year adventure in parenting and homeschooling her four children. Jody earned a Masters in Clinical Counselling through Divine Mercy University (Virginia) where she was immersed in the study of psychological healing with an emphasis on trauma treatment. Saturday, December 9, 9:30am to 2:30pm at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. Registration is \$15. Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

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