

# St James Parish

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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 26, 2023**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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

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

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

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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 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

**Monday, November 27**

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Laszlo

**Tuesday, November 28**

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Laszlo

3:00pm *Rosary Club*

**Wednesday, November 29**

School Mass 9am ◊ Int: Discovery Leadership Club

6:00pm *OCIA Meeting*

**Thursday, November 30** *St. Andrew, Apostle*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Greg Hargrave

3:00pm *Sacrament Enrichment*

*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

**Friday, December 1** *First Friday*

9am ◊ Int: Thanksgiving for mercies & blessings received

6:30pm *First Friday Mass with Q&A afterwards*

**Saturday, December 2** *First Saturday*

9am ◊ Int: Magdalene Roddis

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Christabel Mahesan & Lionel Rosairo

5:30pm *Rosary Devotion and Potluck Dinner*

**Sunday, December 3** *1st Sunday of Advent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

11:00am: ◊ Int: Ocon family

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Laszlo

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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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

#### **486. What must be done to avoid war?** 2315-2317; 2327-2330

Because of the evils and injustices that all war brings with it, we must do everything reasonably possible to avoid it. To this end it is particularly important to avoid: the accumulation and sale of arms which are not regulated by the legitimate authorities; all forms of economic and social injustice; ethnic and religious discrimination; envy, mistrust, pride and the spirit of revenge. Everything done to overcome these and other disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war.

#### THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

#### **487. What responsibility do human persons have in regard to their own sexual identity?** 2331-2336; 2392-2393

God has created human beings as male and female, equal in personal dignity, and has called them to a vocation of love and communion. Everyone should accept his or her identity as male or female, recognizing its importance for the whole of the person, its specificity and complementarity.

#### **488. What is chastity?** 2337-2338

Chastity means the positive integration of sexuality within the person. Sexuality becomes truly human when it is integrated in a correct way into the relationship of one person to another. Chastity is a moral virtue, a gift of God, a grace, and a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

### Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3
Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17	Dan 1: 1-6, 8-20 Dan 3	Dan 2: 3, 9, 10, 27-45	Dan 5: 1-28 Dan 3	Rom 10: 9-18 Ps 19	Dan 7: 1-14 Dan 3	Dan 7: 15-27 Dan 3	Is 63: 16-17; 64: 1-8 Ps 80
Ps 23	Lk 21: 1-4	Dan 3	Lk 21: 12-19	Mt 4: 18-22	Lk 21: 29-33	Lk 21: 34-36	1Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37
1Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46		Lk 21: 5-11					

**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](http://www.projectadvance.ca) noting St. James Parish as your parish.

**RIP** Please remember in your prayers, Rene Vella, an old parishioner of St James who passed away. Funeral is Nov. 30 at 11am at St. Mary's Parish, Chilliwack followed by interment at St. Mary's cemetery, 46080 Promontory Rd, Chilliwack.

**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.

**LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST** Join the Knights of Columbus as they light up the nativity scene. Procession and carolling. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30pm with refreshments afterwards.

**MUSIC AS PRAYER – Concert Hall as Liminal Space: Sacred Music in Our Time (CPC<sup>3</sup> Lecture)** Dr. David Squires will be discussing Sacred Music, not contemporary or popular Christian music. He will be focusing on composers that include Olivier Messiaen, Arvo Pärt, James MacMillan, Henryk Górecki, and exploring ideas from Jeremy Begbie, among a few others along the way. There may also be live music! All are welcome to join on November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Catholic Pacific College in Langley. Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** The CSO Baroque Ensemble, Belle Voci and professional soloists present Handel's Messiah, conducted by Paula DeWit, This best-loved oratorio includes favourites such as "Hallelujah" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound". Together they present this glorious oratorio, a musical rite of the holiday season.

One of the special challenges in performing Messiah year after year is to keep the work sounding fresh, as if one had just discovered it. Those in attendance can expect to hear a more detailed, articulate style and quicker tempos based on Baroque dance rhythms and speech patterns. Sunday, December 10 at St. James' Parish, 7:30 p.m. Learn more and purchase tickets online for \$45 at [beholdvancouver.org/events/messiah](http://beholdvancouver.org/events/messiah)

**THE LADIES NOVEMBER RECOLLECTION** on Nov. 27th has been cancelled. The next Recollection will be on Dec. 18th.

**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](http://catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser)

**TAGALOG/FILIPINO MASS** at St. James Parish, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm. Celebrant Fr. Jun Reyes, Pastor of St. Judes Parish & Shrine Vancouver. Please join us in fellowship after the mass in the foyer. Please share your specialty for the Potluck. For information contact Rosalina Cole 604-859-8465

**SAVE THE DATE Pilgrimage to France/Spain with Fr. George** (When: September 6-20, 2024) **Informational meeting:** Date: Jan. 7, 2024 (after the 9am and 11am masses) Where: At St James Parish For more info - Dora Croner: 604-725-5350 Email: [doracroner@gmail.com](mailto:doracroner@gmail.com)

**THE SWEENEY SINGERS** are pleased to announce their upcoming **Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 19, 2023 - 7:30 pm** @ the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium. Concert is free of charge with a collection donated to the Abbotsford Food Bank.

### Advent Penitential Services

St. Mary's	Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 7pm
Sts Joachim and Ann	Wednesday, Dec. 13th @ 7pm
St. Joseph's, Langley	Thursday Dec 14th @ 7pm
Our Lady of Good Hope	Saturday, Dec 16th @ 10am – 12pm
St. Anthony's, Agassiz	Sunday, Dec 17th @ 4pm
St. Nicholas', Langley	Tuesday, Dec 19th @ 6:30pm
<b>St. James'</b>	<b>Wednesday, Dec 20th @ 7pm</b>
St. Joseph's, Mission	Dec 20, 21, 22nd @ 6pm – 7pm

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# Advent Retreats

## **HOLINESS IN ADVENT:**

### **A Time of Adoration with the Jesuit Saints**

You're invited to come and spend an hour of prayer, music, and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Reflection by Fr. Robert Allore, SJ on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish at UBC.

This season of Advent is an opportune time to spend time with God, holding fast to the "blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour", and to prepare our hearts for Christmas. As it is a month after the Feast of All Saints and Blesseds of the Society of Jesus, we would also be remembering in a special way, here at the Jesuit parish of St. Mark, their lives and the holiness that they have exemplified and ask for their intercession in our Advent journey. After Holy Hour, all are welcome to join for a pizza reception. Please register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events) to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Hosted by the Jesuit Vocation Committee in Vancouver.

## **ADVENT RETREAT:**

Choose the Better Part Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "*Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*" This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this retreat a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season.

Our keynote speaker is Fr. Mark McGuckin. Registration is only \$25. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm. Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## **FOLLOWING YONDER STAR**

Join us for a prayerful entry into the Advent season, journeying with the Magi as they follow the star, guided by their holy desire to encounter the Divine. This online morning retreat will engage scripture, poetry, Ignatian discernment tools, music, art, and quiet time for personal prayer and small group sharing. Takes place on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. online. Register online [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events). Registration is open until Friday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m.

## **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.

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](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## **GETTING READY FOR THE MESSIAH:**

### **the Jewish Roots of Advent**

Join us at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9. Dr. John Bergsma will be leading a parish mission. This will be an excellent and truly supernatural way to prepare for the birth of our Divine Saviour - Jesus Christ. There is no cost to attendance and a collection will be done during the mission.

The mission will begin with Mass on Friday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. (or 8:00 a.m.) to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Followed by a session including 30-minute break from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, December 9 will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the mission, 30 minute breaks, and Q&A from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## **CALLED AND SENT An Advent Parish Mission**

Fr. Francis Ching from the Companions of the Cross will be at St. Francis de Sales, preaching his mission entitled "Called and Sent" from Monday, December 4 until Friday, December 8 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. You will not want to miss this spiritually rejuvenating series. Come and join us!



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