

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

December 1, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



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

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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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
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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, 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

Monday, December 4 *St. Damascus*

9am ◊ Int: Elaine Bjorgaard

Tuesday, December 5

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Laszlo
3:00pm Rosary Club

Wednesday, December 6 *St. Nicholas*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme
 6:00pm *OCIA Meeting*

Thursday, December 7 *St. Ambrose*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Laszlo
3:00pm Sacrament Enrichment
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, December 8 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9am ◊ Int: St. James Parishioners

Saturday, December 9 *St. Juan Diego*

9am ◊ Int: Dakota Roddis
 4:30pm ◊ Int:

Sunday, December 10 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 11:00am: ◊ Int:
 4:30pm ◊ Int:

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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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 SIXTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

489. What is involved in the virtue of chastity? 2339-2341

The virtue of chastity involves an apprenticeship in self-mastery as an expression of human freedom directed towards self-giving. An integral and continuing formation, which is brought about in stages, is necessary to achieve this goal.

490. What are the means that aid the living of chastity? 2340-2347

There are many means at one’s disposal: the grace of God, the help of the sacraments, prayer, self-knowledge, the practice of an asceticism adapted to various situations, the exercise of the moral virtues, especially the virtue of temperance which seeks to have the passions guided by reason.

491. In what way is everyone called to live chastity? 2348-2350; 2394

As followers of Christ, the model of all chastity, all the baptised are called to live chastely in keeping with their particular states of life. Some profess virginity or consecrated celibacy which enables them to give themselves to God alone with an undivided heart in a remarkable manner. Others, if they are married live in conjugal chastity, or if unmarried practice chastity in continence.

492. What are the principal sins against chastity? 2351-2359; 2396

Grave sins against chastity differ according to their object: adultery, masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual acts. These sins are expressions of the vice of lust. These kinds of acts committed against the physical and moral integrity of minors become even more grave.

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 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9	Sunday 10
Is 63: 16-17; 64: 1-8 Ps 80 1Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37	Is 2: 1-5 Ps 122 Mt 8: 5-13	Is 11: 1-10 Ps 72 Lk 10: 21-24	Is 25: 6-10 Ps 23 Mt 15: 29-37	Is 26: 1-6 Ps 118 Mt 7: 21-27	Gen 3: 9-20 Ps 98 Eph 1: 3-12 Lk 1: 26-38	Is 30: 19-26 Ps 147 Mt 9: 35- 10: 1-8	Is 40: 1-11 Ps 85 2Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Dec. 10 at 10am with St. Nicholas. Come after 9am mass or before 11am for a visit with St. Nick and delicious pancakes, eggs, and sausages. In the SJB school gym.

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

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 p.m. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.

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
St. James'	Wednesday, Dec 20th @ 7pm
St. Joseph's, Mission	Dec 20, 21, 22nd @ 6pm – 7pm

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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 23- 4:30pm Anticipated Mass

Sunday, Dec. 24– 4th Sunday of Advent

9am and 11am

Sunday, Dec. 24– Christmas Eve

4pm Syro Malabar Mass

6:30pm Live Nativity with Carols

7:00pm Mass

8:30pm Christmas Carols

9:00pm Latin Mass

12 Midnight Mass

Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

12 Midnight Mass

10 am Mass

12 noon Mass

4:30pm Latin Mass

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