

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 10, 2023
Second 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

604.852.1788
stjameselementary.ca
Principal: Julia Lee

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604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca
Principal: Gianni Bittante

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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



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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 9 *St. Juan Diego*

9am ◊ Int: Dakota Roddis

4:30pm ◊ Int:

Sunday, December 10 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

10:00am Pancake breakfast with St. Nicholas at SJB

11:00am: ◊ Int: Fr. Ron Dechant

4:30pm ◊ Int: Fr. William Ashley

Monday, December 11 *St. Damasus I*

9am ◊ Int: Victoria Vella

7:00pm Tagalog Mass

Tuesday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Margaret Donnelly

3:00pm Rosary Club

Wednesday, December 13 *St. Lucy*

9am ◊ Int: Alleigh Kotai

6:00pm OCIA Meeting

Thursday, December 14 *St. John of the Cross*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Mary Meagher

3:00pm Sacrament Enrichment

Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, December 15

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Wayne Cole

Saturday, December 16

9am ◊ Int: Sadie Roddis

4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

7:00pm Advent Adoration

Sunday, December 17 *2nd Sunday of Advent*

9:00am: ◊ Int:

11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Wayne Cole

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Dave Freel

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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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

493. Although it says only "you shall not commit adultery" why does the sixth commandment forbid all sins against chastity? 2336

Although the biblical text of the Decalogue reads "you shall not commit adultery" (*Exodus* 20:14), the Tradition of the Church comprehensively follows the moral teachings of the Old and New Testament and considers the sixth commandment as encompassing all sins against chastity.

494. What is the responsibility of civil authority in regard to chastity? 2354

Insofar as it is bound to promote respect for the dignity of the person, civil authority should seek to create an environment conducive to the practice of chastity. It should also enact suitable legislation to prevent the spread of the grave offences against chastity mentioned above, especially in order to protect minors and those who are the weakest members of society.

495. What are the goods of conjugal love to which sexuality is ordered? 2360-2361; 2397-2398

The goods of conjugal love, which for those who are baptized is sanctified by the sacrament of Matrimony, are unity, fidelity, indissolubility, and an openness to the procreation of life.

496. What is the meaning of the conjugal act? 2362-2367

The conjugal act has a twofold meaning: unitive (the mutual self-giving of the spouses) and procreative (an openness to the transmission of life). No one may break the inseparable connection which God has established between these two meanings of the conjugal act by excluding one or the other of them.

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 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
Is 40: 1-11 Ps 85 2Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1:1-8	Is 35: 1-10 Ps 85 Lk 5: 17-26	Zec 2: 10-13 Jud 13 Lk 1: 39-47	Is 40: 25-31 Ps 103 Mt 11: 28-30	Is 41: 13-20 Ps 145 Mt 11: 11-15	Is 48: 17-19 Ps 1 Mt 11: 16-19	Sir 48: 1-11 Ps 80 Mt 17: 10-13	Is 61:: 1-11 Lk 1 1Thess 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

THANK YOU to all who supported the parish bake sale. Through your generosity you helped raise \$350 for the parish.

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.

COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY *An advent adoration night to bring your burdens to the Lord and get filled up.*

You are invited to an evening of Candle-lit Adoration here at St. James Parish on Saturday, December 16th from 7pm - 9pm.

If you are carrying a burden of any kind on your heart, or you are just feeling weary and needing to be filled up so you can fully receive the Lord when Christmas arrives, you are invited to join us next weekend for this time of Adoration.

Throughout the two hours there will be times of gentle song and times of reverent silence. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle and bring it before Jesus.

We know this is a busy time of year but invite you to clear your calendar, invite your loved ones and come find rest the Lord.

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.

Simbang Gabi Comissioning Mass Simbang Gabi is the nine-day devotional of Masses in anticipation of Christmas from December 15-23 at various parishes in the Archdiocese. The novena begins with a Commissioning Mass where representatives from each parish hosting Simbang Gabi are present. You are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass on Thursday, December 14 at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will bless the Parols (Christmas Lanterns) at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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

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.

WEEKEND GETAWAY MARRIAGE CONFERENCE We are excited to partner with [Family Life Canada](#) to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. The next getaway is Feb. 16-18, 2024 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC. The fee is usually \$299. Use promo code **RCAVVIC** to register for \$199. Accommodations for conference participants should be booked separately. Special room rate starts at \$209/night before January 26; rates may vary thereafter. Registration deadline is **Wed. Feb.14, 2024**. For info call Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or beholdvancouver.org/events

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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