

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 17, 2023
Third 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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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
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Thursdays at 3:00pm
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mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com
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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 16

9am ◊ Int: Sadie Roddis
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 7:00pm Advent Adoration

Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Wayne Cole
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Steve Freel

Monday, December 18

9am ◊ Int: Preston Reid

Tuesday, December 19

9am ◊ Int: Barbara Lyn Cheese

Wednesday, December 20

9am ◊ Int: Carla Humprey
 7:00pm Advent Penitential Service

Thursday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

9am ◊ Int: : † RIP Daniel De La Garza
 Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, December 22

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Rose Quach Thi Hong

Saturday, December 23

9am ◊ Int: : † RIP Tia Maria Abreu
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 7:00pm Advent Adoration

Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving– Galbiati
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Maureen Grudner

Sunday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity Mass

4:00pm Syro Malabar Mass
 6:30pm Live Nativity

7:00pm ◊ Int: Alan Keras

9:00pm: ◊ Int: Family of Catherine & Richard Lee Wah

Monday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

12:00 Midnight: ◊ Int: Keras Family
 10:00am: ◊ Int: Melanie Keras
 12:00 Noon ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 4:30pm: ◊ Int:

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

497. When is it moral to regulate births? 2368-2369; 2399

The regulation of births, which is an aspect of responsible fatherhood and motherhood, is objectively morally acceptable when it is pursued by the spouses without external pressure; when it is practiced not out of selfishness but for serious reasons; and with methods that conform to the objective criteria of morality, that is, periodic continence and use of the infertile periods

498. What are immoral means of birth control? 2370-2372

Every action— for example, direct sterilization or contraception— is intrinsically immoral which (either in anticipation of the conjugal act, in its accomplishment or in the development of its natural consequences) proposes, as an end or as a means, to hinder procreation.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”
 - 1Thes 5: 16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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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 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24
Is 61:: 1-11 Lk 1 1Thess 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28	Jer 23: 5-8 Ps 72 Mt 1: 18-24	Judges 13: 2-25 Ps 71 Lk 1: 5-25	Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 Ps 24 Lk 1: 26-38	Zeph 3: 14-18 Ps 33 Lk 1: 39-45	1Sam 1: 24-28 1Sam 2 Lk 1: 46-56	Mal 3: 14; 4: 5-6 Ps 25 Lk 1: 57-66	2Sam 7: 1-16 Ps 89 Rom 16: 25-27 Lk 1: 26-38

RIP Mr. John Boulton. Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. with the Funeral Mass following on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m - both at Sts. Joachim & Ann Roman Catholic Church, 2827-273 Street, Aldergrove, B.C. Reception follows Mass below in the church hall.

MEMORY TREE As you have noticed the Jesse tree in the foyer during this beautiful Advent season, now you are invited to take part in its new meaning on Christmas Eve. It will become a "Memory Tree". During these days leading up to Christmas all are invited to bring a small photo of a deceased loved one or an ornament with their name written on it and place it in the box provided. On Christmas Eve the tree will be decorated and blessed by Fr. Ashley. At each Holy Mass of the Christmas season these souls and their families will be prayed. A beautiful way of uniting the ones we can't see but hold so dear.

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Nicholas', Langley	Tuesday, Dec 19th @ 6:30pm
St. James'	Wednesday, Dec 20th @ 7pm
St. Joseph's, Mission	Dec 20, 21, 22nd @ 6pm - 7pm

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

News from the Children

Rosary Club has prayed 2170 Hail Marys for you this season.

On Christmas Eve at 6:30pm some of us are bringing the Scriptures of the birth of Jesus to life with our Live Nativity. We've learned what the people we are portraying were truly like and hope you can join us as we really need you to come and sing to make it complete.

All of us kids in the Sacramental Enrichment group have remembered you in prayer and hope you are praying for us as we soak in the richness of our sacraments. Fr. Ashley heard the confessions of all 11 of us this week. We rejoiced with Annie, Anneliese and Aariyana as they made their First Holy Confession!

Us younger ones from Sunday's Little Church hope you have enjoyed the Jesse tree in the foyer. We decorated it for you after we learned the Bible stories from Miss Catherine. "Come, Lord Jesus".

SIMBANG GABI Simbang Gabi is a devotional tradition that involves a series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and in honour of Mother Mary. All are invited to attend daily until Saturday, Dec. 23. See the list of participating parishes within our Archdiocese at rcav.org/Christmas.

FIAT SNOWSHOE Come spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and have fun outdoors on Saturday, January 6! We will meet at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and start with mass at 9am then drive to Cypress for the snowshoe up Black Mountain. The trail is a 5.3km snowshoe loop with a beautiful view at the top. All women aged 18-35 are welcome? There is no cost. Please pack a bagged launch and bring your snowshoes. If you need help with snowshoes or a ride contact Sr. Mary Martha at smmhetzler@rcav.org. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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