

# 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 31, 2023**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

## 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,

## EDUCATION

### St James & St Ann's Elementary School

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Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

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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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**ST JAMES THE GREATER**  
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**PRAY FOR US!**  
**SANCTE IACOBE MAIOR,**  
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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 30** *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

9am ◊ Int: : Jordan Leslie

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Carmen Oonk

**Sunday, December 31** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Christel Bernemanh

11:00am: ◊ Int: Gene Filiatrault

1:00pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Mother Cynthia

**Monday, January 1** *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Christel Bernemanh

11:00am ◊ Int: Conor Nolan

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

**Tuesday, January 2** *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria del Refugio Hernandez

**Wednesday, January 3** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Consuelo Chirito

**Thursday, January 4**

9am ◊ Int: Nancy Vella

*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

**Friday, January 5** *First Friday*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Brennan Bos

**Saturday, January 6** *First Saturday*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

*First Saturday Rosary Devotion & Potluck, 5:30pm*

**Sunday, January 7** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Julie Lee

11:00am: ◊ Int:

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Moira Foott

### 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*

## 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

#### **501. What can spouses do when they do not have children?** 2379

Should the gift of a child not be given to them, after exhausting all legitimate medical options, spouses can show their generosity by way of foster care or adoption or by performing meaningful services for others. In this way they realize a precious spiritual fruitfulness.

#### **502. What are the offences against the dignity of marriage?** 2378-2391; 2400

These are: adultery, divorce, polygamy, incest, free unions (cohabitation, concubinage), and sexual acts before or outside of marriage.

#### THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

#### **503. What is set forth by the seventh commandment?** 2401-2402

The seventh commandment requires respect for the universal destination and distribution of goods and the private ownership of them, as well as respect for persons, their property, and the integrity of creation. The Church also finds in this Commandment the basis for her social doctrine which involves the correct way of acting in economic, social and political life, the right and the duty of human labour, justice and solidarity among nations, and love for the poor.

#### **504. Under what conditions does the right to private property exist?** 2403

The right to private property exists provided the property is acquired or received in a just way and that the universal destination of goods for the satisfaction of the basic needs of all takes precedence.

### Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6	Sunday 7
Gen 15: 1-6; 17: 3-5, 15;-16; 2: 1-7 Ps 105 Heb 11: 8-19 Lk 2: 22-40	Num 6: 22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	1Jn 2: 22-28 Ps 98 Jn 1: 19-28	1Jn 2: 29; 3: 1-6 Ps 98 Jn 1: 29-34	1Jn 3: 7-10 Ps 98 Jn 1: 35-42	1Jn 3: 11-21 Ps 100 Jn 1: 43-51	1Jn 5: 5-13 Ps 147 Mk 1: 4-11	Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3: 2-6 Mt 2: 1-12

**ENVELOPES**— 2024 Donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the foyer. If there is not a box of envelopes for you and you would like a box, please contact the office.

**THANK YOU!** St. James Parish thanks the children of Rosary Club who, through sacrifice and outreach, raised \$74.40 to donate towards our Project Advance goal.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** St. James Parish is in need of volunteers to help, when needed, with snow clearing and salting of the church entrances, the rectory and surrounding sidewalks. Please leave your name and contact phone number with the parish office. Thank you for your support.

**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 [smm-hetzler@rcav.org](mailto:smm-hetzler@rcav.org). Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### *New Year's Schedule*

**Saturday, Dec. 30th** 9am  
4:30pm (Anticipatory)  
**Sunday, Dec. 31st**— Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
9am  
11am  
1pm Latin  
4:30pm (Anticipatory)  
**Monday, Jan. 1st**— Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
(Octave Day of Christmas)  
9am  
11am  
4:30pm Latin

**THANK YOU!** A big thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for the Christmas season and make it look beautiful.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH VAZ** Join us for a spiritually enriching evening on Saturday, January 13, at St. Mathew's Parish in Surrey, as we come together for a Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m., followed by a Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Our celebrant for the Mass is Fr. Joseph D'Souza, Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Vancouver. Assisting him are Deacon Peter Gomes and Deacon Dileep Athaide.

This special event is organized by the Sri Lankan Catholic Community and the Vancouver Goan Association, reflecting the unity and diversity within our vibrant community.

Following the Mass, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship. Your contributions of food for the fellowship are greatly appreciated.

**SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM** Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### *Children's News*

Rosary club and Sacrament enrichment classes will start up again the week of January 7th.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mother Cynthia at

250-488-3368 or

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