

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

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



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
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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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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
Thursdays at 3:00pm
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ST JAMES THE GREATER

PROTOMARTYR OF THE APOSTLES

PRAY FOR US !

SANCTE IACOBE MAIOR,

ORA PRO NOBIS !

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, 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

Monday, January 8 *The Baptism of the Lord*

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Jean Pilla

Tuesday, January 9

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Dominic Vella

Rosary Club 3:30

Wednesday, January 10

9am ◊ Int: † RIP John Bolton

OCIA/RCIA 6:00pm

Thursday, January 11

9am ◊ Int: Gordon & Erin Pelletier

Sacrament Enrichment 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, January 12 *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

9am ◊ Int: Agnes Pangman

Saturday, January 13

9am ◊ Int: Noah Roddis

4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, January 14 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Dr. & Mrs. Kuruppu

11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP MaryLou Vella

4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Rudi Thoma

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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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 SEVENTH COMMANDMENT: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

505. What is the purpose of private property? 2404-2406

The purpose of private property is to guarantee the freedom and dignity of individual persons by helping them to meet the basic needs of those in their charge and also of others who are in need.

506. What does the seventh commandment require? 2407; 2450-2451

The seventh commandment requires respect for the goods of others through the practice of justice and charity, temperance and solidarity. In particular it requires *respect for promises made and contracts agreed to, reparation for injustice committed and restitution of stolen goods, and respect for the integrity of creation* by the prudent and moderate use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe with special attention to those species which are in danger of extinction.

507. What attitude should people have towards animals? 2416-2418; 2457

People must treat animals with kindness as creatures of God and avoid both excessive love for them and an indiscriminate use of them especially by scientific experiments that go beyond reasonable limits and entail needless suffering for the animals.

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 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13	Sunday 14
Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3: 2-6 Mt 2: 1-12	Is 55: 1-11 Is 12 Mk 1: 7-11	1Sam 1: 9-20 1Sam 2 Mk 1: 21-28	1Sam 3: 1-10, 19-20 Ps 40 Mk 1: 29-39	1Sam 4: 1-11 Ps 44 Mk 1: 40-45	1Sam 8: 4-22 Ps 89 Mk 2: 1-12	1Sam 9: 1-19; 10: 1 Ps 21 Mk 2: 13-17	1Sam 3: 3-19 Ps 40 1Cor 6: 13-20 Jn 1: 35-42

Please let the office know if there are any changes to your contact information— address and phone number. Tax receipts will be printed soon and should have updated information. Thank you.

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.

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.

NEW YEAR'S WORKSHOP ON BUILDING HABITS

If you are struggling to see how it might be possible to grow in your spiritual life, if you feel stuck in your walk with God, if you want to go deeper but you don't know how, you will discover much in this free workshop. Fr. John O' Brien's simple recommendations will not overwhelm you or require you to give up every spare moment in an already busy life. These habits will give you a framework on which to grow if your spiritual life has become a place of exhaustion and not rest. Set up for long-term spiritual resiliency on Thursday, January 11, at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR 2024

Dear brothers and sisters:

At the beginning of this new year, let us raise our hearts in gratitude to the good Lord for accompanying us on our journey through time. We thank God who never abandons us and always watches over the faithful of our local Church with his merciful love. With gentle persistence he is leading us beyond the constraints of time to eternity.

As time passes, we are continually amazed by how ultimately short and ephemeral life is. So often we ask ourselves: what's the meaning of our life, and what meaning, in particular, can we give to our days of toil and sorrow? This question permeates history, running through the heart of every generation and of every individual.

But there is an answer: it is written on the face of the Child born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. In "the fullness of time," God became man and remains among us today as the Living One, forever risen from the dead. He entered our history to free us from the slavery of sin and death, and to raise us to the dignity of being children of God.

With Jesus' Incarnation and Birth, time was, so to speak, forever "touched" by the Eternal God. The time we are now living is the definitive time of salvation and grace. That's why we can truthfully proclaim that 2024 will be yet another "Year of the Lord."

While we take our leave of the year that has just come to a close and set out for the new one, we once again entrust to the Lord his little flock, his Church in Vancouver, which is ever striving to be faithful to him. And let us implore Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, to intercede for us before the throne of mercy. With her, we are invited to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Sun rising on the horizon of humanity, who is the hope and Saviour of the world.

May the new year bring you and your families many blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

Children's News

Rosary club and Sacrament enrichment classes will start this week!

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

250-488-3368 or

mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com

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