

# St James Parish

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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

**February 4, 2024**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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 (778.598.8465)
<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>	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

604.852.1788  
stjameselementary.ca  
Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca  
Principal: Gianni Bittante

### Catholic Pacific College

604.888.7727  
catholicpacific.ca

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

Tuesdays at 3:00pm  
Thursdays at 3:00pm  
Mother Cynthia  
mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com  
250-488-3368



## 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, February 3** *St. Blaise and St. Ansgar*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Edward John McKeown

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Shawn Rossiter

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

**Sunday, February 4** *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Nancy Vella

11:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Antony Paller

**Monday, February 5** *St. Agatha*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Ellen & Shane Lambert & family

**Tuesday, February 6** *St Paul Miki & Companions*

9am ◊ Int: Gabrielle Himschoolt Millen

*Rosary Club 3:00*

**Wednesday, February 7**

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

*OCIA/RCIA 6:00pm*

**Thursday, February 8** *St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine*

*Bakhita* 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Wayne Cole

*Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm*

*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

**Friday, February 9**

9am ◊ Int: Tara Gaudet

**Saturday, February 10** *St. Scholastica*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Alberto Comacho

4:30pm ◊ Int: Brennan Galbiati

**Sunday, February 11** *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Victoriano Laranio

11:00am: ◊ Int: Cecilia Wauthy

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” -Mark 1:35, 38*

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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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

**519. In what way do Christians participate in political and social life ?** 2442

The lay faithful take part directly in political and social life by animating temporal realities with a Christian spirit and collaborating with all as authentic witnesses of the Gospel and agents of peace and justice.

**520. By what is love for the poor inspired?** 2443-2449; 2462-2463

Love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes and by the example of Jesus in his constant concern for the poor. Jesus said, “Whatever you have done to the least of my brethren, you have done to me” (*Matthew 25:40*). Love for the poor shows itself through the struggle against material poverty and also against the many forms of cultural, moral, and religious poverty. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy and the many charitable institutions formed throughout the centuries are a concrete witness to the preferential love for the poor which characterizes the disciples of Jesus.

#### THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT:

#### YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR

**521. What is one’s duty toward the truth ?** 2464-2470; 2504

Every person is called to sincerity and truthfulness in acting and speaking. Everyone has the duty to seek the truth, to adhere to it and to order one’s whole life in accordance with its demands. In Jesus Christ the whole of God’s truth has been made manifest. He is “*the truth*”. Those who follow him live in the Spirit of truth and guard against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

### 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 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10	Sunday 11
Job 7: 1-7 Ps 147 1Cor 9: 16-23 Mk 1: 29-39	1Kgs 8: 1-13 Ps 132 Mk 6: 53-56	1Kgs 8: 22-30 Ps 84 Mk 7: 1-13	1Kgs 10: 1-10 Ps 37 Mk 7: 14-23	1Kgs 11: 4-13 Ps 106 Mk 7: 24-30	1Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19 Ps 81 Mk 7: 31-37	1Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34 Ps 106 Mk 8: 1-10	Lev 13: 1-2; 45-46 Ps 32 1Cor 10: 31– 11: 1 Mk 1: 40-45

**CHANGE OF DATE (FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> ) FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Due to a function being held at the High School, the February Pancake Breakfast put on by the Knights of Columbus has been changed from February 11<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will still be served at 10 AM allowing parishioners to attend after the 9 AM mass and before the 11 AM mass. A portion of this and all pancake breakfasts go to support a child in Africa through Chalice.

**PARKING LOT** Please note that on February 10 & 11 there will be a film crew using the south parking lots. Please use the parking lot off Gardner Road. St. John Brebeuf High School apologizes for any inconvenience.

**ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER** Movie: Monsters, Inc. Feb 09, 2024 at 6:00 pm, doors open 5:30pm. In the School Gymnasium. Cost: \$5 per person, \$25 per family (5 or more) Concession stand will include pizza, hot dogs, smokies, popcorn, candy and more!

**THE DAUGHTERS OF SAINT PAUL BOOKS & MEDIA** is bringing a Book Fair to St James School and Parish, Abbotsford, on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th)! The Book Fair will be set up in the vestibule of the Church from 9:30am to 4:00pm. All are welcome! Come and peruse a wonderful selection of Catholic books for children, youth & adults including Bibles, prayerbooks, Bible Stories, storybooks, graphic novels, lives of the saints, spirituality, Lenten titles, First Communion and Confirmation. Cash, Debit/Interac, Visa, and Mastercard will be accepted.

**VOCATION LIVE-IN** There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW** Attention all families with children ages 9-14 who like basketball and fun times: The Knights of Columbus Council 6767 is pleased to be returning with our annual Basketball Free Throw Competition. The event takes place at St. James and St. Ann's Elementary School, Monday, February 26, 2:30pm to 4pm. Latecomers are welcome. This competition is open to all boys and girls age 9-14 as of Feb.26. Each competitor will get 15 shots from the 15ft Free Throw line for older children or 12 feet for those younger. Just like the Olympics, we have some beautiful Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals for the top three in each age and gender. We hope to see lots of young people at this fun event. For questions or information feel free to contact 604-996-0867.

**GRIEF TO GRACE HEALING RETREAT** Grief to Grace is a retreat program to help those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse to find healing. Centered on Jesus Christ, the five-day program is facilitated by mental health professionals and will be held in Kelowna, B.C. from Tuesday, May 14, to Saturday, May 18. Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. For more information, please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403. Register at [griegtograce.org](http://griegtograce.org).

**IDENTITY COURSE by Life Restoration Ministries** Discover your God-given identity. Starting February 21, you can embark on a three-part journey that will guide you deeper into your true identity. Instructed by Jake Khym (MA), this course offers a fresh perspective on the journey of becoming.

- Participate in weekly Zoom teachings
- Engage in community discussions
- Equip yourself with a library of resources and exercises
- Bring daily prayer starters into your time with Jesus

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**Children's News**

**Sunday Gospel Time** for young children to learn the Faith at their level while parents are spiritually fed with the readings and homily. We provide this ministry to assist all members of the family to grow in the Faith and in holiness.

**Tuesday Rosary Club and Catechism** is embarking on a new season full of learning and living the Faith through understanding the Holy Mass and its unmeasurable value in their life.

**Thursday Sacrament Enrichment** group enjoyed learning the gift of Baptism and Holy Confession and will now be exploring the treasure of Holy Communion.

I ask you to please assist the children's Sacramental journey by sharing with them your experiences and memories of the Sacraments in your life. You can do this by emailing me what you would like to share and I will print it for them. We look forward to your participation. Email: [mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com](mailto:mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com)

As the numbers of families requesting Children's Ministry is rising there may be need for another day in the week to be offered, which I would love to do.

May I ask you to pray that St. Joseph will find an unfurnished basement suite close to St. James so I can live and serve daily without be hampered by the drive or weather.

God Bless, MC

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**STAR OF THE SEA PARISH'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION DINNER & CONCERT** featuring Fr. Rob Galea Star of the Sea Parish is celebrating their centenary with a dinner and concert featuring Father Rob Galea, Psalm 98 Music Ministry, and the Star of the Sea Parish Choir.

Father Rob is an ordained Catholic priest currently serving in Sandhurst, Victoria in Australia. He is the founder and executive director of FRG Ministry, a charity organization that ministers to over 1,400,000 people each year across the world. On Saturday, February 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Star of the Sea Parish Centre Hall in White Rock. Cost is \$35. **Registration deadline: Friday, February 9.** Register by calling the Star of the Sea Parish Office at [604-531-5739](tel:604-531-5739).

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS** As the church marks the World Day of the Sick on February 11, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The theme of this year's observance is "*It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.*" The best therapy for those who are ill, Pope Francis adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives. Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan St. Vancouver). Reception to follow. All are welcome! Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit [chabc.rcav.org/wds2024](http://chabc.rcav.org/wds2024).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE: NIGHTLY ROSARY** 40 Days for Life is an international-focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The Lenten campaign includes a nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. Join us on Zoom every night as we pray together for an end to the injustice of abortion, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, until Palm Sunday, March 24. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** This is a seven-week program that includes prayers, songs of praise, personal testimonies, and formal presentations by lay people and priests. The program is designed to bring each participant to a new and deeper relationship with Jesus. Its powerful spiritual experience helps believers to live their lives with joy and hope in a world which is so often opposed to the Spirit. This seminar is a good way to prepare for the Holy Week. Every Wednesday from February 21 to April 3, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Coquitlam. **Registration deadline: Friday, February 18.** To register, please contact Angie at 604-831-1057 or text Janet at 778-998-8098.

**RESTORE- A women's evening of worship and Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Joseph's, Langley. Mondays: February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27. 7pm Adoration & reflection; 7:45pm Benediction; 8pm Social & snacks. Open to women of all ages & stages! For information or to volunteer, please contact Tiffany at: 604-209-8269 or [tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.valle.anaya@gmail.com)

**MOMENTUM SINGLE MOTHERS LUNCH** This is an opportunity for women to gather, share, pray, and learn more about Momentum, a faith community for Catholic single mothers that offers retreats, as well as in-person and online gatherings. We will be joined by Claire Brown, who has been a single mother to her son since his birth in 2000. Claire is a co-founder of Momentum and a Professor at McGill University. On Saturday, February 24, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Learn more and register for free via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS** This is an intensive nine-month retreat geared for young adults seeking God's will in their life, with a focus on experiencing God. Normally, the Spiritual Exercises Retreat takes place intensively over the course of 40 days at a retreat house in silence and isolation. The "Daily Life" format is an adaptation made by St. Ignatius to allow people to pray the retreat whilst still continuing their daily lives. A person prays for one hour a day (at home) and they meet weekly with their retreat director to discuss and discern the presence and action of God in the past week's prayer. The retreat also involves attending instructional lectures about prayer methodology and content. The retreat is personalized for each individual, specific to their situation and issues; Each person gets their own retreat director. Hosted by the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver, the Spiritual Exercises has two essential parts, and will start on Tuesday, May 7. Application fee is \$100, with bursaries available. **Registration deadline: Thursday, February 15.** Register and see the full schedule via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** "*Find God in all things.*" - St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Yes, in the pain, shame and regret following your loss due to an abortion decision, you can find God as well. He wants nothing more than to hold you in His merciful arms and remind you that He has never stopped loving you and never will. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and give Him that chance to do so. The next retreat is May 24-26, 2024. For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org).



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