

# 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

**January 28, 2024**  
**4th 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, January 27** *St. Angela Merici*

9am ◊ Int: Valerie Gaudet

4:30pm ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday, January 28** *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Mary Magdalene Ndawa

11:00am: ◊ Int: Jen Spicer

4:30pm: ◊ Int: Sophie Chapman

**Monday, January 29**

9:00am: ◊ Int: Michael & Miranda Pelletier

**Tuesday, January 30**

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Juanito Puray

*Rosary Club 3:30*

**Wednesday, January 31** *St. John Bosco*

9am ◊ Int: Amber Marie Leslie

*OCIA/RCIA 6:00pm*

**Thursday, February 1**

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Francis

*Sacrament Enrichment 3:30pm*

*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

**Friday, February 2** *The Presentation of the Lord*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Jimmy Hayden

*First Friday Mass 6:30pm with Q&A Following*

**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

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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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

**515. What responsibility does the State have in regard to labour ? 2431**

It is the role of the State to guarantee individual freedom and private property, as well as a stable currency and efficient public services. It is also the State's responsibility to oversee and direct the exercise of human rights in the economic sector. According to circumstances, society must help citizens to find work.

**516. What is the task of business management? 2432**

Business managers are responsible for the economic and ecological effects of their operations. They must consider the good of persons and not only the increase of profits, even though profits are necessary to assure investments, the future of the business, employment, and the good progress of economic life.

**517. What are the duties of workers? 2435**

They must carry out their work in a conscientious way with competence and dedication, seeking to resolve any controversies with dialogue. Recourse to a non-violent strike is morally legitimate when it appears to be the necessary way to obtain a proportionate benefit and it takes into account the common good.

**518. How is justice and solidarity among nations brought about? 2437-2441**

On the international level, all nations and institutions must carry out their work in solidarity and subsidiarity for the purpose of eliminating or at least reducing poverty, the inequality of resources and economic potential, economic and social injustices, the exploitation of persons, the accumulation of debts by poor countries, and the perverse mechanisms that impeded the development of the less advanced countries.

### 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 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4
Deut 18: 15-20 Ps 95	2Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16: 5-13 Ps 3	2Sam 18: 9-30; 19: 3 Ps 86	2Sam 24: 2-17 Ps 32 Mk 6: 1-6	1Kgs 2: 1-12 1Chron 29 Mk 6: 7-13	Mal 3: 1-4 Ps 24 Lk 2: 22-32	1Kgs 3: 4-13 Ps119 Mk 6: 30-34	Job 7: 1-7 Ps 147 1Cor 9: 16-23 Mk 1: 29-39

**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)

**ENDOW'S GOD IS LOVE STUDY** All women are invited to join us for an Endow study based on Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *God is Love*. This inspiring letter calls us back to the foundational truths about love. Join us for a break in your day to learn and study alongside other women in the community. We will meet for eight Wednesday sessions from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the St. James Church meeting room, February 14th to May 28th. Cost is \$20 USD for a digital copy and \$40 USD for a hard copy. Visit [endowgroups.org](http://endowgroups.org) for more information. Contact Eileen Gaudet to register at [eileenmgaudet@gmail.com](mailto:eileenmgaudet@gmail.com).

**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.

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Equip yourself with a library of resources and exercises

Bring daily prayer starters into your time with Jesus

Enroll today at: [liferestoration.ca/identity-course](http://liferestoration.ca/identity-course).

**EVENING OF LITERATURE: *Sagittae Angelorum* Book Launch** Enjoy a fine evening of poetry, short stories, and performed playwrights at the book launch of *Sagittae Angelorum* (*Arrows of Angels*), a literary collection authored by Lucas Smith, Jeremy Joosten, Dominic Nootebos, and Joelle Joosten from Catholic Pacific College. The book is edited by their mentor, Father David Bellusci. There will be live cello music and refreshments. All are welcome!  
On Friday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley.

**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 [griegtograncelowna.org](http://griegtograncelowna.org).

**NET CANADA DO SOMETHING AMAZING RETREAT:** Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-30 and trying to figure out what's next in your life? Come see if a year on mission is for you! NET Canada invites you to our Mission Discernment Night in Vancouver, BC, on Saturday, January 27th from 7-9pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish! Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and praise and get a glimpse into what a year on mission with NET Canada would look like! Interested or know someone who would be? Register at [netcanada.ca/apply](http://netcanada.ca/apply)! Have questions? Email [recruit@netcanada.ca](mailto:recruit@netcanada.ca) or call/text 613-292-9991!

**THE THUNDER COMMUNITY AT ST. JAMES AND ST. ANN'S SCHOOL** would like to our to our parish communities to join us for our next Community Building Night. Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be attending the Abbotsford Canucks Home game at Abbotsford Centre. Tickets are \$28 each with chances to win prizes. EVERYONE is welcome! Purchase your tickets through <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Stjames7>

## 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 it's 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 the weather.

God Bless, MC

*Pregnant? Need to talk? Hurting from a past abortion?*

*For confidential and compassionate help, text: "HOPE" to 393939 or go to "onlinecare.ca"*

**TOGETHER FOR GOOD MARRIAGE WORKSHOP** In partnership with FamilyLife Canada, we are offering the Together for Good Marriage Workshop that will give you tools, exercises and guided conversations to help you and your partner grow a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage.

Saturday, March 2, 9:30am to 4:00pm at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Cost is \$60 per couple. **Enjoy an early bird rate of \$50 per couple when you register by Friday, February 2.** Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### **PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL**

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. The next Mass and Vigil takes place on Saturday, February 3 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver at 9:00 am. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**MERCY FROM AGE TO AGE: FROM LONELINESS TOWARD A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER** You've probably heard of John Paul II's theology of the body. But have you heard of Pope Francis' theology of aging?

Pope Francis is convinced that the alliance between generations will save the human family. Come discuss and explore your role in promoting and living out this intergenerational solidarity. This workshop with Amanda Achtman and Nicole Scheidl will focus on the pope's catechesis that seeks inspiration in the Word of God on the meaning and value of old age. On Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$5. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**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).

**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)

**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](https://chabc.rcav.org/wds2024).

**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](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).



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