

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 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

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 (778.598.8465)
Finance Committee	Gerard Roddis
First Saturday Rosary	Elizabeth Ocon
Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Music Ministry	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

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stjameselementary.ca
Principal: Julia Lee

St John Brebeuf Regional High School

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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 17

9am ◊ Int: Susanna Farimha
4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Barb Guppy

Sunday, February 18 *1st Sunday of Lent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Banaber Le Tan Hai
Pancake Breakfast at SJB School, 10am
11:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving: Daisy & Brennan Galbiati
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Monday, February 19

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Cheri Turcotte

Tuesday, February 20

9am ◊ Int: Roland & Judy Pelletier
Rosary Club 3:00

Wednesday, February 21 *St. Peter Damian*

9am ◊ Int: Monique

Thursday, February 22 *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

9am ◊ Int: Monique Rymenhout
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, February 23 *St. Polycarp*

9am ◊ Int: Louise Young
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 24

9am ◊ Int: Dorothy O'Reilly
4:30pm ◊ Int: Meghan & Alex Kotai

Sunday, February 25 *2nd Sunday of Lent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Jacqui Jeanotte
11:00am: ◊ Int: Tom McLoughlin
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." -Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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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 EIGHTH COMMANDMENT:
YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR

How is one to use the means of social communication ? 2493-2499; 2512

The information provided by the media must be at the service of the common good. Its content must be true and—within the limits of justice and charity—also complete. Furthermore, information must be communicated honestly and properly with scrupulous respect for moral laws and the legitimate rights and dignity of the person.

526. What relationship exists between truth, beauty and sacred art ? 2500-2503

The truth is beautiful, carrying in itself the splendour of spiritual beauty. In addition to the expression of the truth in words there are other complementary expressions of the truth, most specifically in the beauty of artistic works. These are the fruit both of talents given by God and of human effort. *Sacred art* by being true and beautiful should evoke and glorify the mystery of God made visible in Christ, and lead to the adoration and love of God, the Creator and Saviour, who is the surpassing, invisible Beauty of Truth and Love.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT:
YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE

527. What is required by the ninth commandment ? 2514-2516; 2528-2530

The ninth commandment requires that one overcome carnal concupiscence in thought and in desire. The struggle against such concupiscence entails purifying the heart and practicing the virtue of temperance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Marilyn Cook, Trish Parkin, Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
Gen 9: 8-15 Ps 25 1Pet 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15	Lev 19: 1-18 Ps 19 Mt 25: 31-46	Is 55: 10-11 Ps 34 Mt 6: 7-15	Jon 3: 1-10 Ps 51 Lk 11: 29-32	1Pet 5: 1-4 Ps 23 Mt 16: 13-19	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130 Mt 5: 20-26	Deut 26: 16-19 Ps 119 Mt 5: 43-48	Gen 22: 1-18 Ps 116 Rom 8: 31-37 Mk 9: 2-10

PANCAKE BREAKFAST February 18th. Breakfast will 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.

HALLOW APP- the #1 App for Christian & Catholic Prayer Meditation Join Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie and Fr. Mike Schmitz for the Lenten Challenge. 90 Day free trial.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES If you have any religious articles that you are no longer using, please do not give to any thrift shop as they will be discarded. Please bring to St. James and we will add them to the donation gift cupboard in foyer

SECOND COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY This Sunday's second collection supports our retired priests who have dedicated their entire life to the Church. Generous support from the community ensures a comfortable living environment, quality medical care, and other essential services for our retired priests. You can make a tax-deductible donation to St. Joseph's Society in-person at the parish or online at rcav.org/joseph.

PAPAL VISIT 2022: The Catholic Church and the Four Steps of Reconciliation Pope Francis' historic visit in July of 2022 to apologize for the Church's role in residential schools and answer the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action was rich in symbols, stories, and steps. Every night of the visit, Dr. Niigaan Sinclair was a voice on national and international media documenting the visit and the four steps the Pope modeled to evoke reconciliation in the Catholic Church in Canada. Dr. Niigaan Sinclair is Anishinaabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and a professor at the University of Manitoba, where he holds the Faculty of Arts Professorship in Indigenous Knowledge and Aesthetics in the Department of Indigenous Studies. He is an award-winning writer, editor and activist. The free talk will be held on Thursday, February 29, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's College in Vancouver. Learn more and register . a beholdvancouver.org/events.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT *"God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?"* - St. Francis de Sales

Sometimes that is all one can do after a loss due to abortion: little steps in the right direction. Take heart! That is the beginning of your healing! You are not alone as you walk, and you will not be alone on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat[™]. Join us! Why wait? Our next Rachel's Vineyard[™] Retreat is on May 24-26. For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: info@pacscanada.org.

THE LONGEST SABBATH LENTEN RETREAT This scripture-based morning retreat invites us to accompany the disciples as they enter into the mystery of Holy Saturday. Retreat Director Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div., will offer inspiring insights on these experiences and how they speak to us in our own faith journeys. The retreat engages scripture, poetry, art, and music, along with quiet time for personal prayer and small group spiritual conversation. All are welcome! On Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish in Vancouver. Online option available. Cost is according to a sliding scale of fees, starting at \$40. Free childcare available with advance registration. **Registration deadline: Friday, March 1.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events. (Undergraduate students may email parish.smark@rcav.org to register.)

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 until Palm Sunday, March 24, as we pray together for an end to the injustice of abortion. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Children's News

St. James children can be seen striving for holiness in the photos displayed in the foyer. The Children's Rosary Club would like to share their excitement of reaching 3100 Hail Mary's prayed to date. These children are making a difference in the world with their sacrifices, prayers and evangelization. I ask you to please keep these little souls in your daily prayers.

The season for Sacrament celebrations is in sight and we ask you to remember these children by name in your Mass prayers. They are part of the Sacrament Enrichment lessons on Thursdays.

Baptism: Annie Deisman

First Holy Communion: Annie Deisman, Aariyana Lal, Anneliese Bowie, Rosalie Grimard, Aishby Griffiths, Evangeline Musseau

Confirmation: Isaiah Lal, Ishiko Tinitigan, Jenna Parido, Levi Dunford

Thank you for being an important part of the children's Faith journey.

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