

# 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

**February 25, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

## 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

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Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

### Catholic Pacific College

604.888.7727  
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### 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 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

### Monday, February 26

9:00am: ◊ Int: Marietta Dee

### Tuesday, February 27

9am ◊ Int: Sullivan Rhys Leslie

*Rosary Club 3:00*

### Wednesday, February 28 *St. Gregory of Narek*

9am ◊ Int: Bruce & Lisa Geddes

### Thursday, February 29

9am ◊ Int: Alex Himschoolt

*Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm*

*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

### Friday, March 1 *First Friday*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Laura Louise Eaton

*First Friday Mass 6:15pm*

*Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm*

### Saturday, March 2 *First Saturday*

9am ◊ Int: Dr. Jeff Lannon

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Santos Franco

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

### Sunday, March 3 *3rd Sunday of Lent*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

11:00am: ◊ Int: Venkataya family

4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Craig Bevis

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Here I am!" he answered.* -Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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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 NINTH COMMANDMENT:

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE

**528. What is forbidden by the ninth commandment ?** 2517-2519; 2531-2532

The ninth commandment forbids cultivating thoughts and desires connected to actions forbidden by the sixth commandment.

**529. How does one reach purity of heart ?** 2520

In the battle against disordered desires the baptised person is able, by the grace of God, to achieve purity of heart through the virtue and gift of chastity, through purity of intention, purity of vision (both exterior and interior), discipline of the imagination and of feelings and by prayer.

**530. What are the other requirements for purity ?** 2521-2527; 2533

Purity requires *modesty* which, while protecting the intimate centre of the person, expresses the sensitivity of chastity. It guides how one looks at others and behaves towards them in conformity with the dignity of the persons and their communion. Purity frees one from wide-spread eroticism and avoids those things which foster morbid curiosity. Purity also requires a *purification of the social climate* by means of a constant struggle against moral permissiveness which is founded on an erroneous conception of human freedom.

### 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 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 2	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3
Gen 22: 1-8 Ps 116 Rom 8: 31-37 Mk 9: 2-10	Dan 9: 3-10 Ps 79 Lk 6: 36-38	Is 1: 10-31 Ps 50 Mt 23: 1-12	Jer 18: 18-20 Ps 31 Mt 20: 17-28	Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1 Lk 16: 19-31	Gen 37: 3-28 Ps 105 Mt 21: 33-46	Micah 7: 14-20 Ps 103 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32	Ex 20: 1-17 Ps 19 1Cor 1: 18-25 Jn 2: 13-25

Please help decorate the church for Easter by donating flowers. You can donate a small Lily, large Lily, or flowering plants. Please bring to the church Monday March 25th to morning of Thursday March 28th.

**HUMBLER & EXALTED LENTEN RETREAT** Take a break from the demands of ministry and life, and dive into the heart of Lent.

Father James Hughes will give a reflection based on the Gospel of the day (Luke 18:9–14), offered through the lens of the Pharisee and tax collector, titled *Virtue Stands in the Middle*. With both personal reflection and small-group sharing, Father James will assist us to strengthen our work in the vineyard of the Lord - His ministry as leaders.

On Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey. Cost is \$25. **Registration deadline:**

**Wednesday, March 6.** All who lead and serve in ministry are welcome! Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**CENACULO (THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST)** Join us this Lent as we gather to watch *The Passion of the Christ*, brought to you by the Philippines Historama Society of BC and the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Let's come together in reverence and reflection, exploring the profound journey of Jesus who sacrificed His life for us. Don't miss this opportunity for a shared spiritual encounter during this sacred season!

On Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. For tickets and inquiries, please get in touch with Mike at 604-375-2138, or Marilou at 604-828-9856, or Carmelita at 604-551-4883.

**CREATED, REDEEMED AND CALLED BY LOVE: LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN** All women are invited to encounter Jesus during this two-day Lenten retreat: You are created. You are redeemed. You are called by love.

Retreat speakers are Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE, and Sr. Maria Serra Garcia, FSE. There is no cost for the retreat, but registration is required. From Friday, March 1, to Saturday, March 2 at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey. **Registration deadline: Monday, February 26.** Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**Save the Date**— Saturday, March 16 Annual Parish Spring Indoor/Outdoor Work Bee.

**SLEEP OUT 2024** Catholic Street Missionaries invites you to make a bold and courageous decision to join SLEEP OUT. You will be making a true sacrifice by experiencing what it's like to be homeless and spend one night outside in the cold. The reality is, there are many people who do sleep on the street and experience the discomfort that we often forget about. Change starts with us. Are you up for the challenge? From March 15-16 at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. **Registration deadline: Monday, March 11.** Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**WHO IS JESUS CHRIST FOR ME AS A MAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY?** This transformative event invites participants to explore the identity and impact of Jesus Christ in modern manhood through insightful talks, prayer, and fellowship. Dive into a deep reflection on faith and personal growth in an environment designed for spiritual exploration and discovery. Don't miss this opportunity for profound engagement with your faith alongside like-minded individuals.

The retreat will be led by Father Mark Gazin. All men aged 15+ are welcome! On Saturday, March 16, at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Children's News

We would like to thank you for using the small colorful envelopes for your donations towards Mother Cynthia and children's ministry. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

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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