

# 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

**March 10, 2024**  
**4th 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

604.852.1788  
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Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca  
Principal: Gianni Bittante

### Catholic Pacific College

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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, March 9** *St. Frances of Rome*  
 9am ◊ Int: Veronica & Scott van Vliet  
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Jimmy Hayden  
*Daylight Savings— Turn clocks ahead 1 hour*

**Sunday, March 10** *4th Sunday of Lent*  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo  
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving-34th Anniversary Arnel & Joy Tapay  
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Sharon Pfenniger

**Monday, March 11** *St. Casimir*  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Fr. Donald Neilson

**Tuesday, March 12**  
 9am ◊ Int: Alex & Jennie Pelletier & family  
*Rosary Club 3:00*

**Wednesday, March 13**  
 9am ◊ Int: Joshua Kotai

**Thursday, March 14**  
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Shaun Rossiter  
*Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm*  
*Eucharistic Adoration 7pm*

**Friday, March 15**  
 9am ◊ Int: Jenny Newell  
*Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm*

**Saturday, March 16**  
 9am ◊ Int: Tobias Doniec  
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Ann McCaffrey

**Sunday, March 17** *5th Sunday of Lent*  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Peter Penik  
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Fausto Munoz  
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” -  
 John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increased time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

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## COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PART THREE: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

#### Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

#### 534. What is prayer? 2558-2565; 2590

Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

### CHAPTER ONE

#### THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

#### 535. Why is there a universal call to prayer ? 2566-2567

Because through creation God first calls every being from nothingness. Even after the Fall man continues to be capable of recognizing his Creator and retains a desire for the One who has called him into existence. All religions, and the whole history of salvation in particular, bear witness to this human desire for God. It is God first of all, however, who ceaselessly draws every person to them mysterious encounter known as prayer.

#### THE REVELATION OF PRAYER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

#### 536. How is Abraham a model of prayer? 2570-2573; 2592

Abraham is a model of prayer because he walked in the presence of God, heard and obeyed him. His prayer was a battle of faith because he continued to believe in the fidelity of God even in times of trial. Besides, after having received in his own tent the visit of the Lord who confided his plan to him, Abraham dared to intercede for sinners with bold confidence.

#### 537. How did Moses pray? 2574-2577; 2593

The prayer of Moses was typical of contemplative prayer. God, who called to Moses from the burning bush, lingered in conversation with him often and at length, “face to face, like a man with his friend” (*Exodus 33:11*). In this intimacy with God, Moses attained the strength to intercede tenaciously for his people: his prayer thus prefigured the intercession of the one mediator, Christ Jesus.

### 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 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
2Chron 36: 14-23 Ps 137 Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21	Is 65: 17-21 Ps 30 Jn 4: 43-54	Ez 47: 1-12 Ps 46 Jn 5: 1-16	Is 49: 8-15 Ps 145 Jn 5: 16-30	Ex 32: 7-14 Ps 106 Jn 5: 18, 31-47	Wis 2: 1, 12-22 Ps 34 Jn 7: 1-2,	Jer 11: 18-20 Ps 7 Jn 7: 40-53	Jer 31: 31-34 Ps 51 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33

**COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY** *A Lenten Adoration Night to bring your burdens to the Lord and get filled up.*

You are invited to an evening of Candle-lit Adoration here at St. James Parish on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 pm - 9 pm. Come, spend some quiet time before the Lord and prepare your heart for Holy Week so you can fully receive Jesus when Easter arrives.

Stay for as little or as long as you like. Throughout the three hours, there will be times of gentle song and times of reverent silence, accompanied by the beautiful ambiance of candle-light. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle and bring it before Jesus.

Event and music will be facilitated by Jean-Paul and Mary-Rie de Fleuriot ([faithroom.ca](http://faithroom.ca)). We invite you to clear your calendar, invite your loved ones and come find rest in the Lord.

**EASTER FLOWERS** 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.

**CANADIAN-AMERICAN YOUNG ADULTS SNOWSHOE AT MOUNT BAKER (ARTIST POINT)** In the past, the young adults from the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Seattle area (specifically from University of Washington) have come together for an annual American-Canadian snowshoe. This year, Frassati Young Adults from Seattle have invited us to join them to continue the tradition. Joining us will be Fr. Chrysostom, OP, and the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Weather permitting, Mass will be celebrated at the top. All young adults aged 18-35 are welcome! On Saturday, March 23, at Artist's Point on Mt. Baker in Deming, WA, United States. **Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 19.** [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**WAY OF THE CROSS 2024** Walk the trails of Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver while meditating on the Passion of Christ with the Catholic faithful. Hosted by Communion and Liberation, it is a beautiful way to pray and worship together in a public space on Good Friday, March 29. Participants will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the fountain next to Bloedel Conservatory's parking area. [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** *"My tears are of joy and healing and not of sadness anymore. I am free and I am not alone."* - Testimonial

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For confidential information, call 604.525.0999.

: [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org).

**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. [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Lenten Penitential Services:

St. Joachim & Anne: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 @ 7:30pm

St. Anthony, Agassiz: Saturday, March 16th, 2024, @ 10am

St. Nicholas, Langley: Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

**St. James: Thursday, March 21 @ 7:00pm**

St. Joseph, Langley: Thursday, March 21st, @ 7pm

St. Anne: Monday, March 25th, 2024 @ 7pm

St. Mary, Chilliwack: Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 @ 7pm

### Children's News

Rosary Club (Tuesdays 3:00pm) and

Sacrament Enrichment (Thursdays 3:00pm)

Will still be on over spring break

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