

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

March 17, 2024
5th 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
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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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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Thursdays at 3:00pm
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ST JAMES THE GREATER

PROTOMARTYR OF THE APOSTLES

PRAY FOR US !

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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 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

Monday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Amanda van Geest

Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9am ◊ Int: Benoit Wauthy
Rosary Club 3:00

Wednesday, March 20

9am ◊ Int: Sr. Elizabeth

Thursday, March 21

9am ◊ Int: Benoit Wauthy
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration 7pm
Lenten Penitential Service 7pm

Friday, March 22

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Robert Hazelton
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Saturday, March 23

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Peter Penik
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Caralee Arendt

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am: ◊ Int: Blanca Hluskova
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Seamus Duggan

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." -Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

CHAPTER ONE

THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

THE REVELATION OF PRAYER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

538. In the Old Testament, what relationship do the king and the temple have to prayer? 2578-2580; 2594

The prayer of People of God developed in the shadow of the dwelling place of God—the Ark of the Covenant, then the Temple—under the guidance of their shepherds. Among them there was David, the King “after God’s own heart,” the shepherd who prayed for his people. His prayer was a model for the prayer of the people because it involved clinging to the divine promise and a trust filled with love for the One who is the only King and Lord.

539. What is the role of prayer in the mission of the prophets? 2581-2584

The prophet drew from prayer the light and strength to exhort the people to faith and to conversion of heart. They entered into great intimacy with God and interceded for their brothers and sisters to whom they proclaimed what they had seen and heard from the Lord. Elijah was the father of the prophets, of those who sought the face of God. On Mount Carmel he achieved the return of the people to the faith, thanks to the intervention of God to whom he prayed: “Answer me, O Lord, answer me!” (1Kings 18:37)

540. What is the importance of the Psalms in prayer? 2579, 2585-2589, 2596-2597

The Psalms are the summit of prayer in the Old Testament: the Word of God become the prayer of man. Inseparably both personal and communal, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, this prayer sings of God’s marvellous deeds in creation and in the history of salvation. Christ prayed the Psalms and brought them to fulfilment. Thus they remain an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church suited to people of every condition and time.

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 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24
Jer 31: 31-34 Ps 51 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33	Dan 13: 1-64 Ps 23 Jn 8: 1-11	2Sam 7: 4-16 Ps 89 Rom 4: 13-22 Mt 1: 16-24	Dan 3: 13-24, 49 -50, 91-95 Dan 3 Jn 8: 31-42	Gen 17: 3-9 Ps 105 Jn 8: 51-59	Jer 20: 7-13 Ps 18 Jn 10: 31-42	Ez 37: 21-28 Jer 31 Jn 11: 45-56	Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7 Ps 22 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14:1 – 15: 47

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 23, 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. Throughout the three hours, there will be times of gentle song and times of reverent silence, accompanied by the beautiful ambiance of candlelight. 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).

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.

St. Joseph's Bereavement Support Group St. Joseph's Bereavement Support Group is hosting a nine-week program for those seeking support in the devastating loss of a loved one. The support group will help participants find ways to grow emotionally and spiritually even in the midst of grief and mourning.

Every Thursday, starting April 4, from 9:30am to 11:30am at St. Joseph's Parish in Langley. Cost is \$35. The fee includes book and materials. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events

Living Stations of the Cross All are welcome to join in walking in the footsteps of Jesus on his journey to the Cross. Presented by the youth of Sacred Heart Parish, Delta, a cast of actors, singers and readers will lead us through each of the fourteen stations situated all around the beautiful parish grounds. Good Friday, March 29, 10:30am in front of the monastery steps and end at 11:15am in front of the church. beholdvancouver.org/events.

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28	3:00pm Latin 7:00pm
Good Friday, March 29:	12:00 noon Latin 3:00pm
Holy Saturday, March 30	12:00 noon– Blessing of Easter Foods 9:00ppm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, March 31	9:00am 11:00am 4:30pm Latin

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024 *"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime."* - Pope Francis
On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Registrations received by Friday, April 19, will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.

With Christ in Sorrow: Ignatian Contemplation and Holy Hour *"Turn to Jesus Crucified, and let him be both the basis and source of your contemplation."* - Saint Jean de Brébeuf
At the beginning of the Holy Week of the Lord's Passion, come and enter into the Paschal Mystery by praying with Scripture and meditating on the events that redeemed us and showed us the great and abounding love and example that Christ set for us. Hosted by the Jesuit Vocation Committee in Vancouver, our afternoon will be guided by Father Edmund Lo, and will include prayer time with Eucharistic Adoration.
On Palm Sunday, March 24, 4:30pm to 6:00pm at St. Monica's Parish in Richmond. All men aged 19-39 are welcome! Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Lenten Penitential Services:

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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