

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 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

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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

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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 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: † RIP Deceased members of Schuck family
4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Seamus Duggan

Monday, March 25

9:00am: ◊ Int: Michael Schigas

Tuesday, March 26

9am ◊ Int: Wayne Harrison
Rosary Club 3:00

Wednesday, March 27

School Mass 9am ◊ Int: Vincent & Cherish Pelletier

Thursday, March 28

7pm ◊ Int: † RIP Anne & Jim Goddard
8pm to Midnight Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Friday, March 29 *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

3:00pm ◊ Int: † RIP Jack Walls
Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm

Saturday, March 30 *Holy Saturday*

9pm ◊ Int: Rudolf Golda

Sunday, March 31 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Steve Leslie
11:00am: ◊ Int: Rudolf Golda
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Logan Schigas

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” -Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

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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

PRAYER IS FULLY REVEALED AND REALIZED IN JESUS

541. From whom did Jesus learn how to pray? 2599; 2620

Jesus, with his human heart, learned how to pray from his mother and from the Jewish tradition. But his prayer sprang from a more secret source because he is the eternal Son of God who in his holy humanity offers his perfect filial prayer to his Father.

542. When did Jesus pray? 2600-2604; 2620

The Gospel often shows Jesus at prayer. We see him draw apart to pray in solitude, even at night. He prays before the decisive moments of his mission or that of his apostles. In fact, all his life is a prayer because he is in a constant communion of love with the Father.

543. How did Jesus pray during his passion? 2605-2606; 2620

The prayer of Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane and his last words on the cross reveal the depth of his filial prayer. Jesus brings to completion the loving plan of the Father and takes upon himself all the anguish of humanity and all the petitions and intercessions of the history of salvation. He presents them to the Father who accepts them and answers them beyond all hope by raising his Son from the dead.

544. How does Jesus teach us to pray? 2608-2614; 2621

Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the *Our Father* but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one’s enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

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 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 31
Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7 Ps 22 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14:1- 15: 47	Is 42: 1-7 Ps 27 Jn 12: 1-11	Is 49: 1-6 Ps 71 Jn 13: 21-38	Is 50: 4-9 Ps 69 Mt 26: 14-26	Ex 12: 1-14 Ps 116 1Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15	Is 52: 13- 53: 12 Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5: -9 Jn 18: 1-19: 42	Gen 1:1-2:2 Is 55: 1-11 Ex 14: 15-31; 5:20 Ez 36: 16-28 Rom 6: 3-11 Mk 16:1-8	Acts 10: 34-43 Ps 118 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1- 18

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.

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 7:00pm
Confessions— 6:30pm and after Mass

Good Friday, March 29: 3:00pm
Confessions— 2:30pm and after Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30
Confessions— 11am
12:00 noon— *Blessing of Easter Foods*
4:00pm Syro Malabar Mass
9:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm Latin



Sip your coffee or tea from your very own St. James mug, taking pride in the beautiful Eucharistic community of your parish. At just \$20 each you can promote the blessings we enjoy every day. And “there you have it!”



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked. On Good Friday, March 29, there will be a special collection to support the Church of the Holy Land. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever. Donations can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/holy-land.

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. It is a safe setting for sharing your experience, expressing concerns, working through emotions, experiencing spiritual growth, and feeling a sense of belonging. Every Thursday, starting April 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Langley. Cost is \$35. The fee includes book and materials. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Lenten Penitential Services:

St. Anne: Monday, March 25th, 2024 @ 7pm
St. Mary, Chilliwack: Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 @ 7pm

Children's News

No Rosary Club and
Sacrament Enrichment during Holy Week.
We will meet back again April 2 and 4.

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

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

A COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO INFERTILITY Navigate infertility with practical resources and faith filled support through this two-part webinar series:

Session 1: The Suffering of Infertility

Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE, will speak on some of the deeper questions that may arise from the cross of infertility: Why is this happening to us? How are we a family without children? How can this not affect our marriage?

Dr. Jonathan Yang, MD, CCFP, will give an informational presentation on: "What is normal, and when should I reach out for help?"

Session 2: Is There Hope?

Deacon Martin and Lora Cayer will share their testimony with a focus on how their relationship and faith has been affected by the long-term cross of infertility.

Dr. Paul Yong, MD, PhD, FRCSC will give a presentation on treatments for infertility, in addition to sharing some personal testimony about his family's experiences with infertility and adoption.

On April 10 & 17, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

VANCOUVER LIFE SOLDIERS: FRIDAY NIGHT ROSARY Join us as we gather weekly for a powerful rosary session to pray for unborn babies who are in danger of being aborted. On Fridays, starting March 29, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join via beholdvancouver.org/events.

9TH ANNUAL GALA REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY OF VANCOUVER Join us for a wonderful evening in the company of seminarians and friends! The gala will help raise funds necessary to continue the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver. On Friday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Included in the ticket is your entry, door prize, access to the silent auction, and a buffet dinner. **Early Bird Discount: Save until Monday, April 1!** Use codes GALADINNER for an individual ticket or GALADINERTABLE for a table of 10. Learn more and buy tickets via beholdvancouver.org/events.

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! The next Mass and vigil takes place on April 6, 8:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in North Vancouver. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ESTATE AND MEMORIAL PLANNING WEBINAR This free online presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Next session is on Thursday, April 4, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at rccav.org/events.

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. family.rcav.org/mam.

SAVE THE DATE: ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity to make your dreams come true as Archbishop Miller, CSB, celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. It will be a beautiful community celebration that will cost very little for the individual couples! For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at rabella@rcav.org or 778-512-9163.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat "I said her name out loud for the very first time. I have not been to Confession in 10 years, and I thought I was fine. What a gift I have been given, going to Confession now. I am so happy now. I am at peace and more importantly, now I know my child is at peace. I am empty of all pain. Now I can begin to forgive myself." - Testimonial from retreat
Do you know what it would feel like to feel peace again? Your Rachel's Vineyard™ team understands that yearning and invites you to join them on the next retreat. The gift of His mercy and peace is awaiting you. Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ from May 24 to 26. For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: info@pacscanada.org.



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