

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

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

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,
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

604.852.1788
stjameselementary.ca
Principal: Julia Lee

St John Brebeuf Regional High School

604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca
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, April 20

9pm ◊ Int: Denis McGuire
4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Georgina Lavoie

Sunday, April 21 *4th Sunday of Easter*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Lilia Fausto,
First Communion— St. James Rosary Club Children
11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased of Hoffert & Bulla families
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Monday, April 22

9:00am: ◊ Int: Fr. Richard Zanotti

Tuesday, April 23 *St. George, St. Adalbert*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Patricia Quinn
Rosary Club 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 24 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

Elementary School Mass 9am ◊ Int: Gus Pelletier

Thursday, April 25 *St. Mark*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP St. Josephine Burgess
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, April 26 *Our Lady of Good Counsel*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Patrick Carey

Saturday, April 27

9pm ◊ Int: † RIP Pathma de Silva
1:00pm First Communion at St. Ann's Parish for

St. James & St. Ann's Elementary School

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Christabel Mahesan & Lionel Roairo

Sunday, April 28 *5th Sunday of Easter*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Dong Nguyen
11:00am: ◊ Int: Katerine Pelletier
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." -John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

CHAPTER TWO

THE TRADITION OF PRAYER

THE WAY OF PRAYER

In the Church are there different ways of praying ? 2663

In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith. It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is always related to Jesus Christ.

560. What is the way of our prayer? 2664; 2680-2681

The way of our prayer is Christ because prayer is directed to God our Father but reaches him only if we pray— at least implicitly— in the name of Jesus. His humanity is in effect the only way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to our Father. Therefore liturgical prayers conclude with the formula: Through our Lord Jesus Christ."

561. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer? 2670-2672; 2680-2681

Since the Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer and "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (*Romans* 8: 26), the Church exhorts us to invoke him and implore him on every occasion: "Come Holy Spirit!"

562. How is Christian prayer Marian? 2673-2679; 2682

Because of her singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray to Mary and with Mary, the perfect 'pray-er', and to "magnify" and invoke the Lord with her. Mary in effect shows us the "Way" who is her Son, the one and only Mediator.

563. How does the Church pray to Mary? 2676-2678; 2682

Above all with the *Hail Mary*, the prayer with which the Church asks the intercession of the Virgin. Other Marian prayers are the *Rosary*, the *Akathistos* hymn, the *Paracletis*, and the hymns and canticles of diverse Christian traditions.

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 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28
Acts 4: 7-12 Ps 118 1Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18	Acts 11: 1-18 Ps 42 Jn 10: 1-10	Acts 11: 19-26 Ps 87 Jn 10: 22-30	Acts 12:24-13: 5 Ps 67 Jn 12: 44-50	1Pt 5: 5-14 Ps 89 Mk 16: 15-20	Acts 13: 26-33 Ps 2 Jn 14: 1-6	Acts 13: 44-52 Ps 98 Jn 14: 4-14	Acts 9: 26-31 Ps 22 1Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S SCHOOL ZUMBATHON (Friday, April 26) Students are asking for your support. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for the first phase of fundraising for a new playground at our school. You can make a pledge online :<https://www.stjameselementary.ca/zumbathon/>

APPLICATIONS OPEN: The Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary recognizes high school students making a difference in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Two Grade 12 students will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each for their post-secondary schooling. **Application deadline: Monday, May 13.** Learn more and apply at rcav.org/youth-ministry.

SJB'S 3RD ANNUAL BEAR BRAWL OBSTACLE COURSE FUNDRAISER, presented by Topline Electric Motors, Friday, May 3rd on the SJB campus. This unique community-building event transforms the school field into a 12 station obstacle course and brings students, staff, and parents together to show school spirit while competing for all the glory! This is our only fundraising event of the year, and students are each collecting pledges in hopes of raising \$25,000. In addition to supplementing the school's operating budget, the money raised will go towards our school-wide goal of an Outdoor Student Courtyard.

Help support SJB and Catholic education by pledging a student now at www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear_brawl. Parishioners without family members at SJB can donate directly at <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/support-sjb>

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY "Last chance before the course begins! Do you want to explore more on Theology of the Body, led by local experts? Then this four-part course led by professors from Catholic Pacific College is for you! CPC joins with Our Lady of the Assumption Parish to bring you 4 evening classes on St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," Tuesdays from April 23 to May 14 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall. What does it mean to be a human person, one who is embodied and lives within time and space? How is the human body a path unto God? Only \$100 for all four sessions. Register at catholicpacific.ca/tob"

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT "We are much better off when we can finally allow someone else to see our life with their perspective and through a lens that is not our own." -CEK We are quick to judge, shame and condemn ourselves for our role in the abortion decision. Handing your story over to someone who cares about you and can help you see things differently, how God sees you with all His love and mercy, is sometimes the beginning of healing. Why wait? 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.

MAiD INFORMATION SESSION The most vulnerable individuals are facing potential risks within the current well-funded and structured MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) system. However, there are proactive measures we can take.

This information session will offer resources to empower individuals to choose life until its natural conclusion. The talk also covers ethical treatment in the care of the dying, the meaning of a good death in Christian tradition, the spiritual journey of dying, and the importance to society in the care for the dying. Hosted by the St. Nicholas Catholic Women's League, the free session will have Angelina Ireland, Executive Director of the Delta Hospice Society, and Father Mark Miller, bioethicist, as guest speakers.

On Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley. For more information, please visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER TEA This is a free opportunity for moms and their daughters to meet and spend an afternoon with religious sisters of different communities over tea and treats, with activities organized by the Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

On Saturday, May 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall in Port Coquitlam. There's an option to go to the Saturday Vigil Mass after the event at 5 p.m. **Registration deadline: Saturday, May 4.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

SWEET SURRENDER: THE JOY OF ENTERING GOD'S WILL - Easter Retreat for Divorced and Separated The word surrender doesn't usually evoke excited anticipation or desire in us. And yet, our faith tells us that surrendering our will to the Lord is the central path to life and fulfillment in Him. In this retreat, we'll explore what surrender really means and explore concrete, real-world ways to come into direct contact with our Lord and His will, while discovering the joy and peace that true surrender brings.

On Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Children's Corner

Please pray for our Rosary Club Children who are receiving their First Communion

Aisbhy Griffiths

Aariyana Lal

Anneliese Bowie

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