

# 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 28, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

## 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,
<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  
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 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

### Monday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Luis Mendez

### Tuesday, April 30 *St. Marie de L'Incarnation*

9am ◊ Int: Gerard Roddis

Rosary Club 3:00pm

### Wednesday, May 1 *St. Pius V*

9am ◊ Int: † RIP Ambrose Walton

### Thursday, May 2 *St. Athanasius*

9am ◊ Int: Marianne Pelletier

Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm

Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm

### Friday, May 3 *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*

9am ◊ Int: Vanessa Nelson

### Saturday, May 4 *Bl. Marie-Leonie Paradis*

9pm ◊ Int: Lina Cano

4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Catherine Nash

### Sunday, May 5 *6th Sunday of Easter*

9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

11:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving— Narcisa & Robert Schmidt

4:30pm: ◊ Int: David Kish

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 John 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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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

#### GUIDES FOR PRAYER

#### 564. How are the saints guides for prayer ? 2683-2684; 2692-2693

The saints are our models of prayer. We also ask them to intercede before the Holy Trinity for us and for the whole world. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. In the communion of saints, throughout the history of the Church, there have developed different types of *spiritualities* that teach us how to live and to practise the way of prayer.

#### 565. Who can educate in prayer? 2685-2690; 2694-2695

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and "spiritual direction" constitute a school of and a help to prayer.

#### 566. What places are conducive to prayer? 2691; 2696

One can pray anywhere but the choice of an appropriate place is not a matter of indifference when it comes to prayer. The Church is the proper place for liturgical prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Other places also help one to pray, such as a "prayer corner" at home, a monastery or a shrine.

#### CHAPTER THREE

#### THE LIFE OF PRAYER

#### 567. What times are more suitable for prayr? 2697-2698; 2720

Any time is suitable for prayer but the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer: morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the Rosary, the feasts of the liturgical year.

#### 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 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5
Acts 9: 26-31 Ps 22 1Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8	Acts 14: 5-18 Ps 115Jn 14: 21-26	Acts 14: 19-28 Ps 145 Jn 14: 27-31	Acts 15: 15: 1-6 Ps 122 Jn 15: 1-8	Acts 15: 7-2Ps 96 Jn 15: 9-11	1Cor 15: 1-8 Ps 19 Jn 14: 6-14	Acts 16: 1-10 Ps 100 Jn 15: 18-21	Acts 10:25-48 Ps 98 1Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27 at St. Ann's Parish!

**SJB's 3RD ANNUAL BEAR BRAWL OBSTACLE COURSE FUNDRAISER**, presented by Topline Electric Motors, Friday, May 3rd on the SJB campus. 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](http://www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear_brawl). Parishioners without family members at SJB can donate directly at <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/support-sjb>

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

**MOMENTUM SINGLE MOTHERS' RETREAT** All Catholic single mothers are invited to attend a two-night retreat, with or without their children. There will be talks for mothers (childcare provided), family time, children's activities, and time for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Momentum, the retreat will be held from May 24-26 at Charis Camp in Chilliwack. Cost is \$150/family (with or without children). **Registration deadline: Monday, May 6.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://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 May 4 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**MAiD INFORMATION SESSION** 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. Angelina Ireland, Executive Director of the Delta Hospice Society, and Father Mark Miller, bioethicist, guest speakers. Friday, May 3, 7:00pm. at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley. More info: [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://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](http://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. Learn more and buy tickets via [rmsvancouver.ca/events](http://rmsvancouver.ca/events).

**DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER INFORMATION MEETING** Do you have a desire to grow in holiness by way of Carmelite spirituality? This event will help you follow the example and teachings of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux and many other Carmelite saints. On Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. at the rectory basement of Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver. To register, please email Norma Lo at [nvlo9@hotmail.com](mailto:nvlo9@hotmail.com).

**MAYFAIR 2024, VANCOUVER COLLEGE** Join us for a day filled with delicious international food, midway fun, music, raffles and bazaars, and opportunities to forge new friendships and make cherished family memories! Mayfair is one of Vancouver College's primary fundraising and community-building events each year. The campus undergoes a delightful transformation into an old-fashioned spring fair, with modern updates to offer enjoyable activities for parents, children, and grandparents alike. On Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. at Vancouver College. Learn more at [vcmayfair.com](http://vcmayfair.com).

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