

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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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,

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

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604.852.1788
stjameselementary.ca
Principal: Julia Lee

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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**Children's Catechesis
Children of Joseph & Mary
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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 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

Monday, April 1

9:00am: ♦ Int: Joe Leslie

Tuesday, April 2

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Diane van Tunen

Rosary Club 3:00

Wednesday, April 3

9am ♦ Int: Regina Pelletier

Thursday, April 4

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Peter Penik

Friday, April 5 *First Friday*

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Eugene Campbell

Saturday, April 6 *First Saturday*

9pm ♦ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

4:30pm ♦ Int: † RIP Lionel Milete

First Saturday Rosary Devotion & Potluck

Sunday, April 7 *2nd Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy*

9:00am: ♦ Int: Magda Szollosi

11:00am: ♦ Int: Fr. Richard Zanotti

4:30pm: ♦ Int: Missa Pro Populo

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:22

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing, "Alleluia!" Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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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

545. Why is our prayer efficacious? 2615-2616

Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (*John 16:24*).

546. How did the Virgin Mary pray? 2617, 2618, 2622, 2674, 2679

Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people.

547. Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel? 2619

Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the *Magnificat* (*Luke 1: 46-55*) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfilment of the divine promises.

PRAYER IN THE AGE OF THE CHURCH

548. How did the first Christian community in Jerusalem pray? 2623-2624

At the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles* it is written that in the first community of Jerusalem, educated in the life of prayer by the Holy Spirit, the faithful "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers" (*Acts 2:42*).

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 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6	Sunday 7
Acts 10: 34-43 Ps 118 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-18	Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16 Mt 28: 8-15	Acts 2: 36-41 Ps 33 Jn 20: 11-18	Acts 3: 1-10 Ps 105 Lk 24: 13-35	Acts 3: 11-26 Ps 8 Lk 24: 35-48	Acts 4: 1-12 Ps 118 Jn 21: 1-14	Acts 4: 13-21 Ps 118 Mk 16: 9-15	Acts 4: 32-35 Ps 118 1Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

TOUR The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima spread throughout the world and continues today. Sculpted by Jose Thedim, the "Michelangelo of Portugal," the statue has been traveling internationally since 1947 and will be at St. James Parish on Monday, April 15 in the evening (more info to come). Read more about the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com

APPLICATIONS OPEN: YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

BURSARY 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. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/youth-ministry.

Official Enshrinement of San Pedro Calungsod The Cebuano Society of Canada, in collaboration with the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, invites devotees and all faithful to witness the official enshrinement of St. Pedro Calungsod, Filipino patron saint of migrants and youth. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and Bishop Julito Cortes, D.D., of Dumaguete, Philippines, will preside over the Holy Mass. On Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish in Richmond.

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



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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.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON: CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES SUMMER OUTREACH Hope on the Horizon is an outreach program designed to introduce young adults aged 19-30 to the life of a street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others and bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For two weeks, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. In addition, there will be human, apostolic, spiritual and intellectual formation. We will also enjoy recreational activities together.

From August 6 to 21 in Vancouver. Program fee is \$650, including food and accommodation. Candidates will receive mentorship on how to raise funds for the program fee. Sponsors will be issued a tax receipt. **Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 30.** Learn more and register at catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon.

Children's News

No Rosary Club and

Sacrament Enrichment during Holy Week.

We will meet back again April 2 and 4.

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