

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 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

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 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

Monday, April 8 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Denis McGuire

Tuesday, April 9
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Antonio Abreu
Rosary Club 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 10
School Mass 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Joseph Britto

Thursday, April 11 *St. Stanislaus*
 9am ◊ Int: Denis McGuire
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, April 12
 9am ◊ Int: Sterling Nash Bradly

Saturday, April 13 *St. Martin I*
 9pm ◊ Int: † RIP Joseph Lorenzo
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased of Bauer family

Sunday, April 14 *3rd Sunday of Easter*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Allan & Arnold Hoffart
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Ava Schigas

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” -Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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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 IN THE AGE OF THE CHURCH

549. How does the Holy Spirit intervene in the Church’s prayer? 2623, 2625

The Holy Spirit, the interior Master of Christian prayer, forms the Church in the life of prayer and allows her to enter ever more deeply into contemplation of and union with the unfathomable mystery of Christ. The forms of prayer expressed in the apostolic and canonical writings remain normative for Christian prayer.

550. What are the essential forms of Christian prayer? 2643-2644

They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

551. What is “blessing”? 2626-2627; 2645

The prayer of blessing is man’s response to God’s gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts.

552. How can adoration be defined? 2628

Adoration is the humble acknowledgement by human beings that they are creatures of the thrice-holy Creator.

553. What are the different forms of the prayer of petition? 2629-2633; 2646

It can be a petition for pardon or also a humble and trusting petition for all our needs either spiritual or material. The first thing to ask for, however, is the coming of the Kingdom.

554. In what does the prayer of petition consist? 2634-2636; 2647

Intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It conforms us and unites us to the prayer of Jesus who intercedes with the Father for all, especially sinners. Intercession must extend even to one’s enemies.

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 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13	Sunday 14
Acts 4: 32-35 Ps 118 1Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31	Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 Ps 40 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38	Acts 4: 32-37 Ps 93 Jn 3: 7-15	Acts 5: 17-26 Ps 34 Jn 3: 16-21	Acts 5: 27-33 Ps 34 Jn 3: 31-36	Acts 5: 34-42 Ps 27 Jn 6: 1-15	Acts 6: 1-7 Ps 33 Jn 6: 16-21	Acts 3: 13-19 Ps 4 1Jn 2: 1-5 Lk 24: 35-48

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 beginning with Statue arrival at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9am. 10am onwards—visits throughout the day; 11:30am and 1:00pm Elementary school to visit. 7:00pm Holy Hour followed by Enrollment in the Brown Scapular.

BIKE CAMP PEDALHEADS is a Vancouver-based organization which conducts Bike Camps in the Lower Mainland for children between the ages of 3 and 12. The Bike Camp is a learn-to-ride camp known for taking kids from training wheels to two wheel to road riding. The camp combines a fun group setting with specialized equipment and tailored cycling lessons to build confidence. Beginning July 2, 2024, PEDALHEADS will be renting the upper car park (off Gardner Avenue) to conduct week-long camps for 6 weeks. As part of the rental arrangement, PEDALHEADS has donated **3 FREE BIKE CAMPS** to the parish. All children of families registered in St. James between the ages of 3 and 12 years are eligible to enter for an opportunity to win a Bike Camp. Entry forms are available on the table in the foyer and **MUST** be returned to the church **NO LATER THAN Sunday, April 28, 2024.**

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN OUR FAITH-FILLED CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

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We invite all parish families to explore the enriching opportunities available at our school. To learn more, visit our website at www.stjameselementary.ca or call the office 604-852-1788. Join our school family at St. James and St. Ann's Elementary School, where faith, learning, and community come together to create an exceptional educational experience. We can't wait to welcome you!

ST. JOHN BREBEUF is looking for event sponsors for the annual Bear Brawl - this is a great way to promote your business while supporting your Catholic regional high school. For more information, please visit <https://stjohnbrebeuf.ca/bear-brawl> or email sponsorship@stjohnbrebeuf.ca

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY "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"

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.

SPRING 2024 GALA, CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE (CPC)

All young adults and CPC alumni are invited to join us for the Catholic Pacific College Student Association's Spring Gala! There will be dinner, a toonie bar, live music, a photo booth, and dancing. On Saturday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish. Cost is \$25. Please come in formal attire. Learn more and buy tickets via beholdvancouver.org/events.

FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD Saturday, April 20, 7:00pm We encourage all the youth to attend— San Pedro Calungsod— Patron of Migrant and Youth. Potluck dinner. More information please call Rosalina Cole 778-598-8465

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/> All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. Please support our regional Catholic school. Thank you for making a pledge.

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