

# St James Parish

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## Welcome to the St James Community

A warm welcome to all, especially those who have recently moved to this area. Please introduce yourself to Fr Ashley; he will be glad to meet you. Kindly register in the parish so that we may serve you more efficiently (registration forms in the foyer or on website). Thank you!

Pastor:	Rev. William Ashley
Deacons:	Rev. Alan Cavin Rev. Larry Gorman
Parish Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault
Parish Office Hours:	Monday-Friday : 8.30am-3.00pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday (anticipated) @ 4.30pm Sundays @ 9am.   11am   6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday @ 8.00am Sat. & Public Holidays @ 9.00am
Reconciliation: ( Confession )	30 minutes before Sunday Masses 15 minutes before weekday Masses <b>School Confessions:</b> Fridays @ 9.20am
Baptisms:	Please contact the Parish Office.
Marriages:	Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to setting the wedding date.
Communion/Visiting the Sick	Please contact the Parish Office
Chaplet of Divine Mercy:	Fridays @ 11.00am
Eucharistic Adoration	Monday-Thursday: 7.00-8.00am Fridays @ 8.30-11am <b>School Adoration &amp; Rosary:</b> Fridays @ 9.20am



### Parish Groups & Contacts:

Adult Faith Formation	Deacon Alan Cavin (604.996.7042) & Hazelle Schenk	Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Altar Servers	Matthew Arendt (604.765.1264) Brandon Kealey (604.376.2610)	Men's Group	Russ Bouwman (604.856.3812)
Altar Guild	Cecilia Tsang (604.864.8800)	Music Ministry	Corinne McCarthy, Bob Buckham, Mark Sweeney, Daniel Anctil, Agnes Krammer.
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Sheila Hall (604.859.8684)	Parish Council	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
Children's Liturgy	Heidi Calzavara (604.859.9199)	Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.852.9311)
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)	Sodality of Mary, Queen of Apostles	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)
Filipino Ministry/Hospitality	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)	St Vincent de Paul Society	Kim McLellan (604.850.2217)
Finance Committee	Della Oberhoffner (604.864.8800)	Stewardship Committee	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)

### Educational Programmes:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Programme)	Connie Slomski (604.613.5665, slomski@telus.net)
Lifeteen	Richard Gumpal (youthministry.stjames@gmail.com)
Alpha/RCIA	Deacon Alan Cavin, Jacques Braconnier, Bob Buckham (604.864.8800)
St James & St Ann's Elementary School	Principal: Terri Sask (604.852.1788)
St John Brebeuf Regional High School	Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571)

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

9am ◊ Int: - RIP † Gerhard Bulla

11am ◊ Int: - Camille & Joan Cote, 40th Anniversary

6:30pm ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

8am *St. Frances Xavier* ◊ Int: - RIP † Kathleen Ewacha

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

8am *St. John Damascene* ◊ Int: - Josh Julien

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

8am ◊ Int: - Celine Dion

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

8am *St. Nicholas* ◊ Int: -RIP † Maureen Abeywickreme

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

8am *St. Ambrose* ◊ Int: - Cadrin Family

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

9am ◊ Int: - Monica Roddis

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - *Second Sunday of Advent*

◊ Int: RIP † Flora Navarro

**Sunday, December 9, 2018** *Second Sunday of Advent*

9am ◊ Int: - RIP † Concepcion Vallespin

11am ◊ Int: - RIP † Henry VanderBurgt

6:30pm ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE** is up this week. If you can help purchase a gift for our Christmas hampers, please take a tag off the tree, and bring the gift unwrapped to the church by Dec. 16

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** In keeping with tradition here at St. James we are inviting all the school age children to join the Christmas Eve Mass Children's Choir. Practices will be every Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:00 mass, starting this Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Laurelle Cree at 779-808-7857 or email to [laurellecree@gmail.com](mailto:laurellecree@gmail.com).

**PROJECT ADVANCE**

Our total so far is \$56,140. We thank the 78 families who have so generously contributed.

We look forward to even more generous donations as we seek to attain our goal of \$90,000.

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

*Luke 21:28*

*We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, his first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.*

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**2018 Advent Confession Schedule**

St. Joseph's, Langley	Dec. 13 at 7pm
St. Ann's, Abbotsford	Dec. 17 at 7pm
St. Nicholas', Walnut Grove	Dec. 18 at 7pm
St. James, Abbotsford	Dec. 18 at 8pm
Sts. Joachim & Ann, Aldergrove	Dec. 19 at 7pm
St. Joseph's, Mission	Dec. 19 at 7pm
St. Mary's, Chilliwack	Dec. 20 at 7pm
Our Lady of Good Hope	TBD
St. Anthony of Padua, Agassiz	TBD

**LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST** Join the Knights of Columbus in lighting up the Nativity on Tues. Dec. 4 at 7pm. Caroling and refreshments to follow.

**Upcoming Events**

- DEC. 3 (MON)** ◊ Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7pm
- DEC. 4 (TUES)** ◊ Light Up for Christ @7pm
- DEC. 8 (SAT)** ◊ Syro Malabar Mass @7pm
- DEC. 9 (SUN)** ◊ Breakfast with St. Nick at Pancake Breakfast ◊ El Shaddai @ 12:30pm
- DEC. 13 (THURS)** ◊ **HANDEL'S MESSIAH** @ 7:30PM
- DEC. 14 (FRI)** ◊ **Simbang Gabi** Tagalog/English Mass @ 7pm
- DEC. 17-19 (MON-WED)** ◊ **ADVENT PARISH MISSION**  
To be preached by Fr Emmerich Vogt, OP
- DEC. 20 (THURS)** ◊ **SWEENEY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** @ 7pm

**Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners**

*Felicisima Junos, Joseph Billerman, Bill Hireen, Liam McCarthy, Mirella Cervo, Rev. Anthony Boniface, Luka Volentier, James Hargrave, Roger Loiselle, Ian MacDougall, Julie Miller and Joyce Walker*

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

*For confidential and compassionate text: "HOPE" to 393939 or "onlinecare.ca"*

Eucharistic Adoration: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in St James Church *Monday-Thursday* from 7-8am before the 8am Mass and on Friday mornings at 8:30. Spend an hour adoring, praising and glorifying the Lord in the quietness of the morning.

**FRASER VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR** (ages 8-14) Alexander McCune, director. We are a group of 22 singers under the teaching and direction of Alexander McCune, meeting at St. James parish on Tuesday evenings to learn and practice together. We have spent a semester learning the basics of choral music, and now we will begin singing for mass at local parishes once a month. **Now is a good time for new members to join.** Membership is \$140 for the January-June season. Alexander: [alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com)

**Ordination of Deacon Guy Zidago and Felix Min** You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 12 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.

**SIMBANG GABI** Tagalog English Mass. Fri. Dec. 14 at 7:00pm. For more info call Rosalina Cole 604-859-8465.

**FAIR TRADE MARKET** Come help support our Fair Trade Market held from December 3-7 (12:30-1:15 pm) at Saint John Brebeuf High School. All products are made from artisans in third world countries and all proceeds go to the artisans. The products we will be selling are from Ten Thousand Villages, Bags by Courtney and Help Burkina Faso Canada. Prices range from \$5 and up (cash only).

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE** Join us as we celebrate life on Friday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30am and Mass is at 12:10pm.

**ST. JAMES PARISH ADVENT RETREAT** "Spiritual Healing" December 17-19 Monday through Wednesday. Two daily options: Morning Conference 8:30-9:30 following morning mass at 8am or Evening Conference 7:00-8:00pm. Confessions will be heard after the morning and evening sessions except Wednesday evening. Retreat given by Fr. Emmerich of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order. *Do your good feelings about yourself depend on being liked by others? Are your happiness and peace dependent on pleasing others? Do you freeze up emotionally when you are in conflict? Do you work or eat compulsively?* This Mission on Spiritual Healing can help you find the peace which the world cannot give- a peace which comes from a spiritual life led in union with Christ.



[youthministry.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:youthministry.stjames@gmail.com)

*Lifeteen tonight at 7:30pm!*

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** The seniors/grandparents of the parish are invited to attend a luncheon and a special performance of the St. James & St. Ann's School Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 19th. The doors will open at 12:00pm, lunch will be served at 12:15pm and the show will begin at 1:00pm. The school is located at 2767 Townline Rd. in Abbotsford, and admission is by donation. If you are planning on attending, please R.S.V.P. by calling the school at 604-852-1788 no later than Monday, December 17th so that we are able to plan and set up our gym accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

**HEART OF THE WORLD – An Ignatian Retreat for Young Adults** For men and women, ages 18-40, who would like to have an experience of Jesus Christ through Ignatian contemplation, and learn tools of discernment and prayer for everyday life. Friday, Nov. 30, at 6:30pm and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8:30am to 8pm at St. Peter's Parish, New Westminister. Led by retreat leader: Fr. John O'Brien, SJ. Cost: \$30 (Saturday lunch and dinner included). No overnight at site. To register visit <https://rcav.org/event/heart-of-the-world>

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be?**

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 Jesus tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For info on an upcoming weekend program, contact Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 or visit

[www.retrouvaillevancouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com) and [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**SAVE THE DATE- RESTORE THE BEAUTY: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** . To be held in next year in SurreyA venue and location in Surrey makes it easily accessible for more women to attend and experience this beautiful event. Event will be Friday, May 3, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 9am- 9pm More details coming soon! [www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference/](http://www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference/)

**Daily Mass Scripture Readings:**

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8	Sunday 9
Jer 33: 14-16 Ps 25	Is 2: 1-5 Ps 122	Is 11: 1-10 Ps 72	Is 25: 6-10 Ps 23	Is 26: 1-6 Ps 118	Is 29: 17-24 Ps 27	Gen 3: 9-20 Ps 98	Bar 5: 1-9 Ps 126
Thess 3: 12-4:2 Lk 21: 25-36	Mt 8: 5-13	Lk 10: 21-24	Mt 15: 29-37	Mt 7: 21-27	Mt 9: 27-31	Lk 1: 26-38	Phil 1: 3-11 Lk 3: 1-6

## ADVENT: A Blessed Liturgical New Year to all our Parishioners!

Here are a few suggestions for your Advent Season:

- 1) We switch to Year C of the lectionary which gives prominence to the Gospel according to Luke. You might want to acquire a copy of the excellent commentary on the Gospel of Luke by Pablo |Gadenz ( Baker Academic ) available at the Catholic store in Langley.
- 2) Put an Advent wreath in a prominent place in your home. The 4 candles represent the 4 Sundays of Advent: 3 candles are purple representing the 3 Sundays of Advent when purple vestments are worn by the priest: the first, second and fourth Sundays . The rose candle represents the third Sunday of Advent when rose vestments may be worn.
- 3) The Ember Days of Advent are the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the third week of Advent. The Ember Days are celebrated 4 times a year as periods of prayer for an increase of vocations to religious life and the priesthood, in thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth with which God has blessed us and as days of penance. The Ember Saturday of Advent was the only day in ancient times on which the popes ordained new bishops, priests and deacons. Pope St Leo the Great states in one of his homilies that the 4 sets of Ember Days are of Apostolic origin, that is, established by the Apostles themselves. They are described in the text of the new missal. While there is no obligation to do so, it could be another observance you might keep during the Advent Season by prayer for vocations and abstinence.
- 4) Set up a Jesse tree in your home.
- 5) Go to daily Mass
- 6) Attend Eucharistic Adoration- Monday to Thursday, 7 to 8 am and Fridays from 8 45 am to 11 am. Maybe you can't get to Mass but could drop by the church for our morning adoration.
- And 7) Don t forget the Parish Mission! Details elsewhere in the bulletin.

**FEASTS:** Many beautiful feasts are celebrated during Advent. Among them: St Nicholas on Dec 6th, the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady on Dec 8th and Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas on Dec 12th!

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“In Advent, the liturgy frequently repeats and assured us, as if to overcome our natural difference, that God 'comes' : He comes to be with us in every situation of ours, He comes to dwell among us, to live with us and within us; He comes to fill the gaps that divide and separate us; He comes to reconcile us with him and with one another. He comes into human history to knock at the door of every woman and every man of good will, to bring to individuals, families and people's the gifts of brotherhood, harmony and peace. This is why Advent is par excellence the season of hope in which believers in Christ are invited to remain in watchful and active waiting, nourished by prayer and by effective commitment to Love.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI!

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH: THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.**

Come and enjoy the combined forces of the **Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra**  
the **Chilliwack Children's Choir** and the *Belle Voci Choir*.

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**PARISH ADVENT MISSION: ' SPIRITUAL HEALING '**  
DECEMBER 17-19, 2018

Two ( **2** ) DAILY options :

Morning Conference @ **8.30-9.30 a.m.**

Evening Conference @ **7-8 p.m.**

( **DAILY MASS AS USUAL @ 8.00 a.m. )**

Confession **AFTER** the morning and evening conferences **except** Wednesday evening

**SOCIAL NIGHT**

Wednesday ( 19 December ) @ **8.00 p.m.**

' **Meet the Missionary** '

Come and meet Fr Emmerich Vogt, OP

— Refreshments and Snacks —

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### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS EVE ( 24 DECEMBER )

@ **5.30 p.m.**

with Children's Choir

@ **9.00 p.m.**

Latin Sung Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY ( 25 DECEMBER )

@ **12 midnight**

@ **10.00 a.m.**





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