

St James Parish

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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 School Confessions: 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 School Adoration & Rosary: Fridays @ 9.20am



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!

Parish Groups & Contacts:

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St John Brebeuf Regional High School	Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am ◇ Int: - RIP † Kay Dodd

11am ◇ Int: - RIP † Juanita Bayhon

6:30pm ◇ Int: - Missa pro populo

Monday, January 28, 2019

8am St. Thomas Aquinas ◇ Int: - Monique van Berkel

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

8am ◇ Int: - RIP † Kay Dodd

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8am ◇ Int: - RIP † Loretta Findlay

Thursday, January 31, 2019

8am St. John Bosco ◇ Int: -RIP † Kay Dodd

Friday, February 1, 2019

8am ◇ Int: - RIP † Kay Dodd

Saturday, February 2, 2019

9am The Presentation of the Lord ◇ Int: - Aubut Family

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - ◇ Int: -

Sunday, February 3, 2019

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am ◇ Int: - Frances Oberhoffner

11am ◇ Int: - Thanksgiving– Escudero Family

6:30pm ◇ Int: - Missa pro populo

CWL BURSARIES The CWL is offering several bursaries to graduating students. There is the Molly Boucher Provincial Bursary, BC & Yukon Life Members Art & Culture Bursary, the Vancouver Diocesan Council Bursary and the St. James CWL Bursary. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2019. Check the website www.vancouvercwl.ca for more information and application forms.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Please join us on Saturday, February 2nd, and every First Saturday evening of the month, after the 4:30 mass. We will pray the rosary and offer 15 minutes of mediation on the mysteries of the rosary, in reparation for sins against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Great graces are promised those who honour the Five First Saturdays Devotion, which Our Lady gave to Sister Lucia (of Fatima). A pot luck supper will follow.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE Thursday, February 7 6:00-8:00pm. Come spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with staff and students and see what exceptional education within a Catholic setting looks like. Application packages will be available January 15 on-line, from our elementary school or parish office. Applications forms are due back to SJB by Feb.13. For info visit: www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca / 604-855-0571

January 27, 2019
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Neh 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE, *CANDLEMAS* English Mass at 9am, Latin Mass at 11am with Blessing of Candles and Procession at both masses. Lifeteen will be participating at the 9am Mass. You are invited to bring candles of your own to be blessed.

22nd ANNUAL WINTER GALA DINNER & EVENING OF MUSIC March 2 at St. Ann's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:15pm. Presented by the Knights of Columbus, Chief Dan George Assembly #2057. Tickets: Adults- \$15/Under 13- \$7.50/Under 6 free. Proceeds to the Poor Clares Monastery in Mission. Tickets available at the parish office.

Upcoming Events

JAN. 27 (SUN) ◇ El Shaddai @ 12:30pm

JAN. 28 (MON) ◇ Women's Day of Recollection @ 10am

FEB. 2 (SAT) ◇ First Saturday Devotion after 4:30pm Mass

FEB. 6 (WED) ◇ St. Vincent De Paul Meeting @ 7pm

FEB. 7 (THURS) ◇ Discovery/Obedience Course @ 6:30pm

FEB. 9 (SAT) ◇ Syro Malabar Mass @ 7pm

FEB. 10 (SUN) ◇ Pancake Breakfast after 9am Mass

FEB. 11 (MON) ◇ Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:30pm

FEB. 13 (WED) ◇ School Mass @ 9am (no 8am mass)

FEB. 14 (THURS) ◇ Discovery/Obedience Course @ 6:30pm

FEB. 16 (SAT) ◇ CWL General Meeting @ 10am

FEB. 18 (MON) ◇ Family Day, Morning Mass @ 9am

Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners

Felicisima Junos, Joseph Billerman, Bill Hireen, 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.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME, LORD? Where are you going? Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco want to journey and accompany you on the way to the Lord. Come and play, pray, reflect, and cook together! For single Catholic women ages 18-35 discerning God's call in life. Feb. 16, 10am to Feb. 17, 4pm at Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, Surrey. To register, contact Sr. Antoinette Cendrone, FMA, at 604-363-0477 or srafma2419@gmail.com by no later than Feb. 13. <https://rcav.org/event/what-do-you-want-of-me-lord>

RETRouvaille VANCOUVER SPRING PROGRAM
Is Your Marriage in Crisis? – Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools needed for healthy, loving communication! Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which offers a three-phase program for married couples with difficulties. April 5 - 7. For info-Marc and Candice 604-530-6710 or at vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.retrouvaille.org and www.retrouvaillevancover.com

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR BOYS On the weekend of February 8 - 10, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

POUTINE AND VOCATIONS WITH FR. RODNEY
Young adults ages 18-35 are invited to St. Luke's Parish, Maple Ridge, Feb. 15th @ 7pm for a talk on Vocations followed by a Q&A period given by Fr. Rodney (Vocations director). Enjoy delicious poutine, meet other young adults, and have your questions about the religious life answered! The night begins with 7pm Mass in the church. Admission by donation. More info on Facebook and Instagram @stlukesyamin .

CATHOLIC PRESS COLLECTION February is Catholic Press Month. On Feb. 2-3, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously so we can continue to deliver this vital, award-winning publication to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.



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Lifeteen resumes Sunday, February 3 @7.30pm

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Non-Residential Weekend April 13-14, 2019 at the JPPII Pastoral Centre Designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. The communication skills learned on this weekend of discovery can deeply enrich your marriage. Register at www.rcav.org Questions: wmevancouverbc@gmail.com or Sharon & Glen 778 386 2908

MONEY MANAGEMENT AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR FAMILIES How do we stick to our monthly budget? How can we manage debt? Do you really need a will? **Join St. Ann's Family Group on Thursday, Feb.7 at 7pm in St. Ann's gym** for a presentation regarding finances and estate planning. Joseph ven der Buhs (Certified Financial Planner) and Emily Anderson (Lawyer at Linley Welwood LLP) will offer advice and support for families in this area. Q and A will follow their presentations and refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Childcare is available - *rsvp by Feb. 5th if you require childcare.* stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com.

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT Open to all men (age 16 and above). This is a silent retreat designed for spiritual discernment and formation. Confession and spiritual direction with the priests of Miles Christi from San Diego, CA. Space is very limited so register early March 15-17, 2019, at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Please inquire with application. For more info, visit <https://rcav.org/event/mens-silent-retreat>

Come Away With me – Women's Retreat Come away and discover how your relationship with God can be deepened by learning how to trust in God's word through prayer, discernment, music, and friendship. Speaker: Anne Wicks – Spiritual Companion, Retreat Facilitator and Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Hieu Nguyen. Friday, Feb. 15, 7 pm to Sunday, Feb. 17, 4 pm at Westminster Abbey, Mission. To register: Joanne McGowan at 604-946-2932 / mcgowanj@dccnet.com or Linda Dixon at 604-946-7268 / gldsd@eastlink.ca <https://rcav.org/event/come-away-with-me-womens-retreat>

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3
Neh 8: 2-10 Ps 19 1Cor 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-4:4:14-21	Heb 9: 15-28 Ps 98 Mk 3: 22-30	Heb 10: 1-10 Ps 40 Mk 3: 31-35	Heb 10: 11-18 Ps 110 Mk 4: 1-20	Heb 10: 19-25 Ps 24 Mk 4: 21-25	Heb 10: 32-39 Ps 37 Mk 4: 26-34	Mal 3: 1-4 Ps 24 Lk 2: 22-40	Jer 1: 4-19 Ps 71 1Cor 12: 31-13: 13

WHAT IS TIME?

By Monsignor Charles Pope • 22 January 2019

So often in funerals I hear proclaimed the familiar lines from the Book of Ecclesiastes, which speaks to the great mystery we call time; more on its text, in a moment.

If I were to ask you to define time, could you do it in a way that really satisfies? For example, some have defined time as “the measure of change”. Well, OK, but that doesn’t satisfy, does it? Ultimately time is deeply mysterious; our attempts to nail it down in words betray its depths more so than reveal it.

The ancient Greeks had at least three different words for time:

Chronos is close to what we call “clock time”. It answers the question of where we are on the scale used to note sequential time. For example, 3.00 pm refers to an agreed point in the middle of the afternoon.

Kairos is related to our concept of something being “timely”. There is often a particularly fitting or opportune moment for something. We might say “It was time to move on”, or “It was time to retire.”

Aeon refers to the fulness of time or to “the ages”. It is akin to our notion of eternity, not as an inordinately long time but as a comprehensive experience of all time summed up as one. Only God experiences this fully, but we can grasp aspects of it. For example, we can look back on our life as a whole and see how many different things worked to get us to where we are now. In so doing, we can come up with a comprehensive meaning to the events of the past. Although the future is hidden from us, we can still conceive of it and steer our lives intelligently toward it. God sees the past, present and future all at once. Thus, God alone has aeon in its full and perfect sense.

The book of Ecclesiastes speaks beautifully to both **Kairos** and **Aeon**. In its most familiar lines it expresses the Kairos notion that there is a fitting time for all things:

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

...I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time ... (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a).

We can all sense the truth of these lines; certain things are fitting certain times. We are startled, grieved and even offended when things take place outside of our expectations. That we all have this sense is clear, but where it comes from is less so.

Chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes continues on to describe the much more mysterious concept of **Aeon**, the fulness of time: God has made everything appropriate to its time but has put the timeless into our hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. ... I recognise that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is, has already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by (Ecclesiastes 3:11-15).

Somewhere in our hearts is something that the world cannot and did not give us. It is something that is nowhere evident in the world, yet though not perceiving it, we still know it. This passage from Ecclesiastes calls it “the timeless”. We also refer to it as eternity, or even infinity. Perhaps most mysterious is this line: what is to be, already is. God is not waiting for my tomorrow. My tomorrow, even my whole future, has always been present and known to God. Scripture says,

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ... All of my days were written in your book before one of them ever came to be (Psalm 139:4,16). Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you (Jeremiah 1:5).

Indeed, God is not waiting for time to pass. For him, everything just is; all is eternally present to Him in a comprehensive “now”.

Where did this notion of the timeless come from? In speaking to it, God is appealing to something we somehow “know”, even if subconsciously. Our world is finite; time on this earth is serial. Things have a beginning, a middle and an end. We do not experience anything here of the timeless. Rather, everything is governed by the steady, unrelenting ticking of the clock (chronos). Every verb we use is time-based, rooted at some point in time and never able to break free from it. Everything is rooted in chronological time, but somewhere in our heart we can grasp “the timeless”. It is hard to put into words because we know it at a very deep level, but we **do** know it.

So, the experience of “forever” does not exist in this world or from it, but it is in our mind and heart! There is no way for us to engage in time travel here in this world, yet instinctively we know that we can somehow! Science fiction and fantasy often feature going back to the past or forward into the future. The world could not possibly teach us this because we are locked in the present and have never actually travelled in time, but somehow we know that we can do it.

Yes, we can paint a picture of eternity even if we have never experienced it. Look at the dot in the centre of your analog watch or clock. Let’s suppose that the current time is 2.00 pm, meaning that 10.00 am is in the past while 6.00 pm is in the future. Yet, at the centre dot, they are all the same. This is aeon; this is eternity, the fulness of time; this is a picture of timelessness, of all time equally present. This is where God lives and where, to some degree, we will one day dwell.

Where did we get it from? The world cannot give it, for the world does not have it. The world is finite, limited; it is time-bound, not timeless. Where did we get it? It’s from God. The mystery of time is caught up in the mystery of God.

Sacred Liturgy Conference- THE LIVING WATERS OF THE EUCHARIST **Schola Cantus Angelorum** is pleased to announce the seventh annual **Sacred Liturgy Conference** to be held in Spokane, Washington, May 28-31. It will take place at the state-of-the-art Hemmingson Centre on the campus of Gonzaga University. The liturgies will be held at the beautiful nearby Churches of St. Aloysius and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year’s theme is “**The Living Waters of the Eucharist**” and will focus on the Eucharist as the preeminent source of supernatural grace in both our personal lives and the world. Among the speakers will be Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop Thomas Daly, Bishop Robert Vasa, Msgr. Andrew Wadsworth and Dr. Peter Kwasniewski. A special conference session will include a pre-recorded interview with His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Zen from Hong Kong, China on the current state of the Liturgy in China. There will be four beautiful Gregorian liturgies including one celebrated in the ancient Dominican Rite. Early Bird Registration available through March 1, 2019

Stanford Gregorian Chant Workshop On January 28 and February 23, the Benedict XVI Institute’s Mary Ann Carry Wilson, an experienced teacher of chant and also a children’s chant specialist, will team up with eminent Stanford Prof. William Mahrt to offer workshops in Gregorian Chant on the Stanford campus. Everyone is welcome, space permitting: email mwilson@bxvi.org to apply or register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chant-workshop-at-stanford-tickets-55111358557>. A donation of \$10 to cover the cost of food and supplies is requested, payable at the door. Learn this ancient and moving language of the Church: Compline or Night Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours. The event will be held at the Braun Music Centre, Room 1003, located at 547 Lasuen Mall, Stanford, California.



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