

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

November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (604.859.8465)
Finance Committee Gerard Roddis
First Saturday Rosary Elizabeth Ocon
Knights of Columbus Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Music Ministry Daniel Ancil, Charles van Aert, Nicholas Roy, Paula DeWit,
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
Sacrament Enrichment
Thursdays at 3:00pm
Mother Cynthia
motherecynthiasjms@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, November 4 *St. Charles Borromeo*

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Victor Daniel Escalante

4:30pm ♦ Int: Missa Pro Populo

First Saturday Rosary Devotion & Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 5 *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ♦ Int: Jeanne Hellier

11:00am: ♦ Int: † RIP Anastase Goritsas Sr.

4:30pm ♦ Int: Maria Laszlo

Monday, November 6

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

Tuesday, November 7

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

3:00pm Rosary Club

Wednesday, November 8

9am ♦ Int: † RIP Felicita Portalupi

6:00pm OCIA Meeting

Thursday, November 9 *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

9am ♦ Int: Jacob Leslie

3:00pm Sacrament Enrichment

Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, November 10 *St. Leo the Great*

9am ♦ Int: Julie Veer

Saturday, November 11 *St. Martin of Tours,*

Remembrance Day

9am ♦ Int: Anita Quinn

4:30pm ♦ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, November 12 *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ♦ Int: Jeanne Hellier

11:00am: ♦ Int: Mother Cynthia

4:30pm ♦ Int: Missa Pro Populo

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." -Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART THREE: LIFE IN CHRIST

Section Two: The Ten Commandments

CHAPTER TWO

"YOU SHALL LOVE NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF"

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT:

YOU SHALL NOT KILL

475. When are scientific, medical, or psychological experiments on human individuals or groups morally legitimate?

2292-2295

They are morally legitimate when they are at the service of the integral good of the person and of society, without disproportionate risks to the life and physical and psychological integrity of the subjects who must be properly informed and consenting.

476. Are the transplant and donation of organs allowed before and after death? 2296

The transplant of organs is morally acceptable with the consent of the donor and without excessive risks to him or her. Before allowing the noble act of organ donation after death, one must verify that the donor is truly dead.

477. What practices are contrary to respect for the bodily integrity of the human person? 2297-2298

They are: kidnapping and hostage taking, terrorism, torture, violence, and direct sterilization. Amputations and mutilations of a person are morally permissible only for strictly therapeutic medical reasons.

478. What care must be given to the dying? 2299

The dying have a right to live that last moments of their earthly lives with dignity and, above all, to be sustained with prayer and the sacraments that prepare them to meet the living God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

*Maria Laszlo, Norm Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan,
Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme,
James Hargrave, Joyce Walker*

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
Mal 1: 14-2: 8-10 Ps 131 1Thes 2: 7-13 Mt 23: 1-12	Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69 Lk 14: 12-14	Rom 12: 5-16 Ps 131 Lk 14: 15-24	Rom 13: 8-10 Ps 112 Lk 14: 25-33	Ez 47: 1-12 Ps 46 Jn 2: 13-22	Rom 15: 14-21 Ps 98 Lk 16: 1-8	Rom 16: 3-27 Ps 145 Lk 16: 9-15	Phil 4: 6-9 Ps 72 Mt 5: 1-12

DONATION ENVELOPES— As a missionary, Mother Cynthia is not paid for her work here at the parish; therefore coloured envelopes are available in the foyer for parishioners to donate towards Children's Ministry and Mother Cynthia. Tax receipts will be issued, please ensure your name is on the envelope. Rosary club children will include your prayer intention if you fill out the intention form that is in each envelope.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sunday November 12th in the High School. This is the weekend of Remembrance Day, we wish to pay respect to those who gave their lives and our veterans who fought for our freedom by donating the net proceeds of the breakfast to the Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF OPEN HOUSE Thurs. November 23rd 6pm - 8pm. We extend a special invitation to families with school age children in Grades 4-7! Please encourage your friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners to come and see our secondary school in action! Applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year will be available at the Open House, at the school or parish offices, and on our website (www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca). Completed applications for new students due Feb 1st, 2024.

CWL Membership Dues St. James CWL is an inactive council, however, existing members still need to pay National Dues. 2023 National Fees: \$25
2024 Provincial Fees: \$10
2024 Diocesan Fees: \$5
2024 Insurance Fees: \$0.50
2024 Total Fees: \$40.50

If you missed last year you can catch up by paying \$81 for both years. If you are inactive and want to reactivate for 2024, it's the same amount, \$40.50.

Any group of members can reactivate the council by gathering and holding a meeting, see the national policy manual at <http://www.cwl.ca>. Please send your payment to the Parish Office, payable to "St James Parish", with Attn: CWL by Tuesday, December 12th. If you need to update your address or other contact information, please let the parish office know. The St. James CWL administrator is Heidi Calzavara, if you have questions, please contact via the parish office.

Life Compass Workshop Retreat for Men This retreat workshop aims to help men eradicate passivity and build life purpose and meaning. This workshop is facilitated by Brett Powell and his son, Jacob. On Saturday, November 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Grounds Coffee House on the campus of St. Patrick's Parish in Maple Ridge. Space is limited to 50. **Enjoy early bird rate until Wednesday, November 8.** Learn more and register at buildmylifecompass.com.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES If you have a child who will be receiving sacraments this year please contact Mother Cynthia to register your child. This will ensure you are notified of dates and information. Email: mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com or call 250-488-3368

SJB REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY & GRANDPARENTS' LUNCH Thursday, November 9th, 2023 Join the students of St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School for a special Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am on Thursday, November 9th. Grandparents are invited to stay for a special luncheon following the assembly. Space is limited to grandparents only. Call the school at 604-855-0571 to reserve your space.

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT DAY This event is for volunteers and anyone who is interested in learning more about the Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. There will be a presentation on Trauma Informed Care, with time for reflection and a keynote address by Archbishop Miller. Saturday, November 25, 9 am- 2pm, St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey. Free and open to all aged 19 and above. Lunch will be provided. **Registration deadline: Thursday, November 16.** Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PRO-LIFE IN OUR PARISH! Once again, Christmas cards with traditional Christmas themes to help **keep Christ in Christmas**, will be available after the 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 4:30pm (Sunday) Mass on Sunday, November 12 and 19, 2023. These quality cards, with many new designs, are at the same great price of **\$8.00 for a pack of 10 cards**. For more information, or to order, contact Monica Roddis at 604.853.7985 or email monicamary@shaw.ca. Your support is much appreciated!

DATE NIGHT All married couples, including mentor and mentee couples under the Witness to Love Program, are invited to join us for a joy-filled dinner of celebration and encouragement. It's a time set aside to: • Have intentional marriage-strengthening conversations • Learn and laugh with other couples with the same values • Hit pause and make space for your relationship, allowing the grace of God to shed wisdom and light to see each other in a new way. Cost is \$30/couple. On Thursday, December 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. **Registration deadline: Thursday, November 30.** Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

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