

# 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 14, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Easter**



## P A R I S H   D I R E C T O R Y

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. William Ashley
<b>Secretary:</b>	Teresa Filiatrault
<b>Parish Office Hours:</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8.30 am- 4:00 pm
<b>Sunday Mass:</b>	Saturday Anticipated Mass @ 4:30pm Sunday @ 9am and 11am Latin Mass @ 4:30pm. Church will be open daily from 8:30am to 5:00pm
<b>Weekday Mass:</b>	Monday to Saturday 9am
<b>Holy Hour</b>	Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm with Confessions
<b>Confession:</b>	Monday to Saturday at 8:45am Fridays and Saturdays at 10am
<b>Baptisms, Marriages &amp; Communion to the Sick</b>	Contact the Parish Office

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Fr Ashley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Griffiths
<b>Civic Affairs Committee</b>	Marc Vella, James Hargrave
<b>El Shaddai</b>	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)
<b>Filipino Ministry/ Sodality of Mary</b>	Rosalina Cole (778.598.8465)
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Gerard Roddis
<b>First Saturday Rosary</b>	Elizabeth Ocon
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Charles van Aert, Nicholas Roy,
<b>Prison Ministry</b>	Bob Buckham (604.852.9311)
<b>Pro-Life Coordinator</b>	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
<b>School Building Committee</b>	Rod Griffiths, Blanca Hluskova
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	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 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

**Monday, April 15**  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Margaret Doniec

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 9am ◊ Int: Cecilia Pelletier  
*Rosary Club 3:00pm*

**Wednesday, April 17** *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*  
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Mary & Gerald Bjorgaard

**Thursday, April 18** *Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin*  
 9am ◊ Int: Dan Leslie and Mike Leslie  
*Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm*  
*Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm*

**Friday, April 19**  
 9am ◊ Int: Sebastian Schigas

**Saturday, April 20**  
 9pm ◊ Int: Denis McGuire  
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Georgina Lavoie

**Sunday, April 21** *4th Sunday of Easter*  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Lilia Fausto  
 11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased of Hoffert & Bulla families  
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” -*

*Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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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

#### **555. When is thanksgiving given to God?** 2637-2638; 2648

The Church gives thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father. For the Christian every event becomes a reason for giving thanks.

#### **556. What is the prayer for praise?** 2639-2643; 2649

Praise is that form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It is a completely disinterested prayer: it sings God’s praise for his own sake and gives him glory simply because he is.

#### CHAPTER TWO THE TRADITION OF PRAYER

#### **557. What is the importance of Tradition in regard to prayer?** 2650-2651

In the Church it is through living Tradition that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God how to pray. In fact prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of an interior impulse; rather it implies contemplation, study and a grasp of the spiritual realities one experiences.

#### **558. What are the sources of Christian prayer?** 2652-2662

They are: the *Word of God* which gives us “the surpassing knowledge” of Christ (*Philippians 3:8*); the *Liturgy of Church* that proclaims, makes present and communicates the mystery of salvation; the *theological virtues*; and *everyday situations* because in them we can encounter God.

### 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 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21
Acts 3: 13-19 Ps 4 1Jn 2: 1-5 Lk 24: 35-48	Acts 6: 8-15 Ps 119 Jn 6: 22-29	Acts 7: 51-8: 1 Ps 31 Jn 6: 30-35	Acts 8: 1-8 Ps 66 Jn 6: 35-40	Acts 8: 26-40 Ps 66 Jn 6: 44-51	Acts 9: 1-20 Ps 117 Jn 6: 52-59	Acts 9: 31-42 Ps 116 Jn 6: 53, 60-69	Acts 4: 7-12 Ps 118 1Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18

### **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 Enrolment 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!** Are you seeking a nurturing and faith-centered environment for your child's education? For the upcoming 2024-25 school year, we are excited to welcome new students into our Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 7 classes. We invite all parish families to explore the enriching opportunities available at our school. To learn more, visit our website at [www.stjameselementary.ca](http://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. 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://catholicpacific.ca/tob)"

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL** One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! The next Mass and vigil takes place on May 4 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**MAiD INFORMATION SESSION** The most vulnerable individuals are facing potential risks within the current well-funded and structured MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) system. However, there are proactive measures we can take. This information session will offer resources to empower individuals to choose life until its natural conclusion. The talk also covers ethical treatment in the care of the dying, the meaning of a good death in Christian tradition, the spiritual journey of dying, and the importance to society in the care for the dying. Hosted by the St. Nicholas Catholic Women's League, the free session will have Angelina Ireland, Executive Director of the Delta Hospice Society, and Father Mark Miller, bioethicist, as guest speakers. On Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley. For more information, please visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: TRUTH AS THE WAY TO LOVE - Easter Retreat** An Easter retreat from April 26 to 28 at Westminster Abbey in Mission. Retreat master: Father David Bel-lusci, OP. Cost is \$175/person or \$340/couple. For more information and to register, please contact the office of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish at 604-261-3535 or email [sspp@rcav.org](mailto:sspp@rcav.org).

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