

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

July 14, 2024
15th 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 7:00am to 7:00pm
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	
Junior Rosary Club	Mother Cynthia (250-488-3368)
Camino Committee	Mike Girard (604-226-9477)

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
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, July 13 *St. Henry*
 9pm ◊ Int: Laura Nolan
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Fr. Swann Kim

Sunday, July 14, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Ricardo & Juanito Puray
 11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Victor Abeywickreme
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Monday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Joe & Maxine Leslie

Tuesday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mt Carmel*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Jakob & Cecilia Paller

Wednesday, July 17
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Susanna Farinha

Thursday, July 18
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased members of the Dirkze family
Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, July 19
 9am ◊ Int: Peter Burkowsky & family

Saturday, July 20 *St. Apollinaris*
 9pm ◊ Int: Thanksgiving, Joy Tapay
 4:30pm ◊ Int: Jade Lennox Hodding

Sunday, July 21, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Matthew Dlugan
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Stewardship Reflection

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” — Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

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CREDO

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART 1– Faith; Believing Truly *Lex credenda* The Creed in General

12. Is it lawful to accept some articles of the Creed and reject others?

No. “Such is the nature of faith that nothing can be more absurd than to accept some things and reject others. Faiths, as the Church teaches, is ‘that supernatural virtue by which, through the help of God and through the assistance of His grace, we believe what He has revealed to be true, not on account of the intrinsic truth perceived by the natural light of reason, but because of the authority of God Himself, the Revealer, who can neither deceive nor be deceived’ (Council of Vatican I, Session 3, chap.3). If then it be certain that anything is revealed by God, and this is not believed, then nothing whatsoever is believed by divine faith...But he who dissents even in one point from divinely revealed truth absolutely rejects all faith, since thereby refuses to honour God as the supreme truth and the formal motive of faith. ‘In many things they are with me, in a few things not with me; but, in those few things in which they are not with me, the many things in which they are will not profit them’ (St. Augustine, *In Psal.* 54.19). And this indeed most deservedly; for they, who take from Christian doctrine what they please, lean on their own judgements, not of faith; and not ‘bringing into captivity every understanding unto the obedience of Christ’ (2Cor 10:5), they more truly obey themselves than God. ‘You who believe what you like, believe yourselves rather than the Gospel’ (St. Augustine, *Contra Faustum Manichaeum*, bk. 17,3).”

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21
Amos 7: 12-15 Ps 85 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6: 7-13	Is 1: 10-17 Ps 50 Mt 10: 34– 11: 1	Is 7: 1-9 Ps 48 Mt 11: 20– 24	Is 10: 5-16 Ps 94 Mt 11: 25-27	Is 26: 7-19 Ps 102 Mt 11: 28-30	Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38 Mt 12: 1-8	Micah 2: 1-5 Ps 10 Mt 12: 14-21	Jer 23: 1-6 Ps 23 Mk 6: 30-34

RIP Please remember in your prayers, Tom Spring, who passed away Tuesday, July 9. Prayer Vigil Wednesday, July 17, 7pm at St. James with Funeral Mass July 18 at 11:00am.

UPPER CAR PARK CLOSURE The Upper Car Park, adjacent to Gardner Avenue, will be **CLOSED, MONDAY to FRIDAY, July 2, 2024 through August 17, 2024**. Parishioners attending weekday Mass should park in the main car park or gravel area south of the driveway to the church.

ST. JAMES CAMINO - Spiritual Pilgrimage Join us for a pilgrimage in the spirit and tradition of the historic Camino de Santiago in Spain, hosted and led by St. James Parish. Expect a memorable experience of fitness, food, fellowship, and faith. From Tuesday, July 23 to Thursday, July 25. **Registration deadline: Thursday, July 18**. For inquiries, contact Teresa at stjamesabbotsford@gmail.com or 604-864-8800, or visit stjamescamino2024.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY We are in need of pretty china tea cups and tea pots! If you have any that you are no longer using and would like to donate them to St. James, please know they will be appreciated and enjoyed for ministry in the Parish.

We are also in need of religious articles for the cabinet in the foyer, so if you or someone you know has any items that could help someone grow in their Faith, please bring them to the office. If you need items picked up please contact Mother Cynthia at 250-488-3368

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.

The next Mass and vigil takes place on August 3, 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Mission. All are welcome! Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

GRIEF TO GRACE HEALING RETREAT Experience healing at Grief to Grace, a five-day overnight retreat with a program designed to combine the latest psychological tools for trauma treatment with a Catholic Christian perspective on the human person. Engage and care for your body, mind, and spirit in a holistic approach to healing.

From Tuesday, September 24 to Saturday, September 28. **Registration deadline: Thursday, August 15**. Retreat cost is \$1,500. Due to the confidential nature of this experience, the exact location will only be shared with those who are accepted into the program. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Archdiocesan Mass for Civilly Married Couples Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity as Archbishop Miller celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. It will be a beautiful community celebration that will cost very little for the individual couples! For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at rabella@rcav.org or 778-512-9163. On Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. **Registration deadline: Sunday, July 21**.

THE MEN'S RETREAT: PERFECT STORMS September 20–22, 2024 at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, B.C.

Through inspiring talks, the Sacraments, and outdoor adventures, Jake Khym (founder of Life Restoration Ministries) and Sam Blair (retired US Navy SEAL) will guide us through a prayerful weekend, helping us receive the perfect and transforming love of Jesus amidst life's storms. For more information and to register, visit liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY "Do not cast me off in my old age." —Psalm 71:9

The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, celebrated this year on July 28, 2024, is an important occasion for the life of our ecclesial communities. Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and fraternal society. The Holy Father invites us to recognise their value and to do so permanently, not just occasionally. It is not a matter of celebrating an anniversary once a year, but of making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. The successive generations of elderly people must be taken seriously, and the Church must give them appropriate pastoral attention. We invite everyone to consider how they can honour their grandparents and the elderly in their communities. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ESTATE & MEMORIAL PLANNING WEBINAR This free online presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your Will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Next session is on Thursday, August 1 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at rccav.org/events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Ken Humphries, Wayne Slater, Marilyn Cook, Trish Parkin, Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker

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