

# 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 21, 2024**  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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 7:00am to 7:00pm
<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>	
<b>Junior Rosary Club</b>	Mother Cynthia (250-488-3368)
<b>Camino Committee</b>	Mike Girard (604-226-9477)

## EDUCATION

### St James & St Ann's Elementary School

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stjameselementary.ca  
Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

### Catholic Pacific College

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### 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  
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**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 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

**Monday, July 22** *St. Mary Magdalene*  
9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Shawn Rossiter

**Tuesday, July 23** *St. Bridget*  
9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Tim Rossiter

**Wednesday, July 24** *St. Sharbel Makhlūf*  
9:00am: ◊ Int: Vito Doniec

**Thursday, July 25** *St. James, Apostle*  
9:00am: ◊ Int: Kim Pilla  
*Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm*

**Friday, July 26** *Sts. Joachim & Anne*  
9am ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Angela Abreu

**Saturday, July 27**  
9pm ◊ Int: † RIP Yolanda Torres  
4:30pm ◊ Int: Rudy & Monique van Berkel

**Sunday, July 28, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00am: ◊ Int: Mattijs Christiaanse  
11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Grace Hargrave  
4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

### Stewardship Reflection

*"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" —Mark 6:31*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

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## CREDO

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PART 1– Faith; Believing Truly *Lex credenda*

#### Section 1: God the Father and Creation

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth*

Chapter 1: God  
Existence of God

#### 13. What is the truth that the Creed teaches?

The existence of God.

#### 14. Who is God?

The one uncreated, pure, and perfect spirit, the source and master of all things, "Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, almighty, eternal, immeasurable, incomprehensible, infinite in understanding, will and every perfection."

#### 15. What is the meaning of the words: *I believe in God*?

They mean: 1. I believe that there is one true God, the beginning and end of all things; 2. I believe in all that He has revealed; 3. I abandon myself with love and trust to Him, as He is goodness itself.

#### 16. How do we know that God exists?

From both divine revelation and the light of natural reason: "There exists a twofold order of knowledge, distinct not only as regards their source, but also as regards their object. With regard to the source, because we know in one by natural reason, in the other by divine faith. With regard to the object, because besides those things which natural reason can attain, there are proposed for our belief mysteries hidden in God, which unless they are divinely revealed, cannot be known.

#### 17. How do we know God's existence from revelation?

Because God revealed Himself in various ways from the time of Adam, through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and finally took on a human nature to live on the earth, in the divine Person of Jesus of Nazareth.

#### 18. How do we know God's existence from reason?

By considering the order, quality, and intelligibility of created things, we can gain a certain knowledge of God's existence.

### Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28
Jer 23: 1-6 Ps 23 Mk 6: 30-34	Song of Songs 3: 1-4 Ps 63 Jn 20: 1, 11-18	Micah 7: 14-20 Ps 85 Mt 12: 46-50	Jer 1: 1-10 Ps 71 Mt 13: 1-9	2Cor 4: 7-15 Ps 126 Mt 20: 20-28	Sirach 44: 1-15 Ps 132 Mt 13: 16-17	Jer 7: 1-11 Ps 84 Mt 13: 24-30	2Kgs 4: 42-44 Ps 145 Eph 4: 1-6 Jn 6: 1-15

**ST. JAMES CAMINO - Spiritual Pilgrimage** Please pray for those pilgrims journeying on the St. James Camino this week!

**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](http://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](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**ARISE YOUTH RETREAT** All youth born in 2009 and 2010 (going into Grades 9 and 10 this September) are invited to the annual Arise Youth Retreat at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver on August 26-30!

By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants will learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities, presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. We will explore self-identity, how to build community connections, and how to make Jesus Christ the centre of our lives.

Learn more and register by Friday, July 26, as a school or parish group at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.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*

**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](http://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 recognize their value and to do so permanently. We invite everyone to consider how they can honour their grandparents and the elderly in their communities. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**JESUS HEALS 2024** Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus! Bring your struggles to *Jesus Heals*, a Shalom World Conferences healing service, and be transformed in body, mind, and soul. The event includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual talk, and special prayers for healing and blessing the sick.

Led by Dr. Roy Palatty, CMI, Spiritual Director of Shalom World and a gifted priest and global speaker, on the following dates: Mon. Aug. 5, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey; Tues. Aug. 6, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver; Thurs. Aug. 8, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster; Fri. Aug. 9, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta. This is a free event. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**LIVELOUD WORSHIP TOUR: SPLENDOUR** Experience the uplifting power of music and faith! The Liveloud Worship Tour is an advocacy dedicated to spreading God's love and the beauty of the Catholic faith through music. Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with soul-stirring melodies and inspiring messages. Whether deeply rooted in the Catholic faith or simply seeking a unique and uplifting experience, this event is for you! On Saturday, August 10, 4:00 p.m. at Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Ticket costs: Free for children aged 2 and under; \$15 for children aged 3-12; \$25 for adults. All are welcome! Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

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