

St James Parish

2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford, BC V2T 5E1
Telephone: 604.864.8800 | E-mail: parish.stjames@rcav.org |
Website: stjamesabby.com

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 16, 2025
33rd 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
CWL	Rosalina Cole (778.598.8465)
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)
Ministry of Lectors	Ilona Payne
Music Ministry	Nicholas Roy,
Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.226.6964)
Pro-Life Coordinator	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
School Building Committee	Rod Griffiths
Catechism	Mother Cynthia (250-488-3368)
Camino Committee	Mike Girard (604-226-9477)

CATECHISM

Rosary Club: Ages 5– 12

Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays
3:00– 4:30pm

Ages 13– 17 Thursdays
3:00pm to 4:30pm

EDUCATION

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

604.852.1788

stjameselementary.ca

Principal: Onika Bryson

**St John Brebeuf Regional High
School**

604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca

Principal: Gianni Bittante

Catholic Pacific College

604.888.7727

catholicpacific.ca



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 15 *St. Albert the Great*

9:00am: ◇ Int: : Marcellina

4:30pm: ◇ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, November 16 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Bev Dodd & family

11:00am: ◇ Int: Liza Williams

4:30pm: ◇ Int: † RIP Gerlinde & Hilda Paller

Monday, November 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

9:00am: ◇ Int: † RIP Delyse Tomaseli

Tuesday, November 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Thanksgiving– Puray family

Rosary Club 3:00-4:30pm

Wednesday, November 19

9:00am: ◇ Int: † RIP Teresa Gares

Rosary Club 3:00-4:30pm

OCIA 6:30pm

Thursday, November 20

9:00am: ◇ Int: Maxine Leslie

Teen Rosary Club 3:00– 4:30pm

Holy Hour Adoration 7pm

Friday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00am: ◇ Int: † RIP Eleanor Abeywickreme

Saturday, November 22 *St. Cecilia*

9:00am: ◇ Int: : Louis Lozano

4:30pm: ◇ Int: Alanet McKinnon

Sunday, November 23 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

9:00am: ◇ Int: † RIP Emiliano Rodriguez

11:00am: ◇ Int: Missa Pro Populo

4:30pm: ◇ Int: † RIP Giorgio Venturi

Stewardship Reflection

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

Copyright © 2024 Archdiocese of St. Louis

CREDO

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART 1– Faith; Believing Truly The Creed in General

Section 2: God the Son and Redemption

THIRD ARTICLE OF THE CREED

Chapter 10: The Life of Christ

Doctrine of Jesus

362. How did Jesus Christ demonstrate the perfection of His doctrine?

The moral principles He taught are the most beautiful that can be conceived,, and He illustrated them by the supreme holiness of His life.

363. How was Our Lord regarded as a teacher?

His teaching possess divine authority, and not the mere authority of human learning: "He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes" (Mt 7:29). As an example he stood as a perfect and universal model of all virtues. His life, like His doctrine, was without spot or stain. Without fear of contradiction, He could say to His enemies: "Which of you shall convict Me of sin?" (Jn 8:46).

Works of Jesus

364.How did Christ publicly confirm His doctrine ?

By miracles and prophecies. A *miracle* is a sensible effect that is produced by God outside the natural order. A *prophecy* is a knowledge of hidden things, particularly the foretelling of future events with a precision impossible to human reason alone.

365. Which of Our Lord's miracles are specifically mentioned in the Gospel?

Several exorcisms, miracles upon the natural world, physical healings, and resurrections. "But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself count not contain the books that would be written.

366. What are the prophecies of Our Lord about?

His Person, His disciples, the Jewish people, the history of the Church, and the end times.

367. What prophecies pertain to His Person?

Principally those of His Passion, his death on the Cross, and His Resurrection.

Sunday 16

Malachi 4: 1-2

Ps 98

2 Thess 3: 7-12

Lk 21: 5-19

Monday 17

1Macc 1: 10-15,

41-43, 54-64

Ps 119

Lk 35-43

Tuesday 18

2Macc 6: 18-31

Ps 3

Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday 19

2Macc 7: 1, 20-

31

Ps 17

Lk 19: 11-28

Thursday 20

1Macc 2: 15-

29

Ps 50

Lk 19: 41-44

Friday 21

1Macc 4: 36-37,

52-59

1Chronicles 29

Lk 19: 45-48

Saturday 22

1Macc 6: 1-13

Ps 9

Lk 20: 27-40

Sunday 23

2Sam 5: 1-3

Ps 122

Col 1: 12-20

Lk 23: 34-43

RIP Please remember in your prayers, Teri Regts, who passed away Nov. 4, 2025. She was a long time member of St. James Parish community. Memorial mass to be held in Ontario.

ST. JAMES RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY is planning to launch a new pro-life initiative in January in which all parishioners will be able to participate. Details will be announced in December. To provide funds for the initiative, high quality Christmas cards with traditional themes to help **keep Christ in Christmas**, will be available after the 9:00am and 11:00am Mass. These quality cards are **\$10.00 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!

BOOK FAIR - Wednesday, November 19th - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. James and St. Ann's School. Come explore a selection of beautiful books — literature, poetry, biographies, historical works, picture books, and more! All are welcome. Online orders can be made [at https://classicaleducationbooks.ca](https://classicaleducationbooks.ca) using the code: **ann/james2025** at check-out. This will give credit to the school for any purchases made (*from Nov. 17th-23rd). Thank you for your support!

ROSARY FOR PEACE WITH ARCHBISHOP SMITH At Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11:00am to pray the Rosary for peace, especially for those suffering in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and around the world. Attend in person or join the livestream as we entrust our petitions to Mary, Queen of Peace. Consider making this part of your pilgrimage to the Cathedral during the Jubilee Year of Hope. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Free online screening of new Catholic film "Permission" Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn's new documentary film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* is now streaming for free online at permissionthefilm.com. Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands around the globe as "Fr. Bob," his life of holiness and passion has inspired many. The film offers a timely invitation to rediscover and renew the Church's mission and power through openness to the Holy Spirit. For information, contact production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Darlene & Paul Schmitke, Ken Humphries, Wayne Slater, Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker

UPCOMING FREE PUBLIC LECTURE at Catholic Pacific College! Wednesday, November 26, 7pm at the CPC building. "Christ is King" will be presented by CPC professor, Fr. David Bellusci, OP. Father will speak on Christ's kingship at three levels: the personal encounter with Christ, the building of Christ's kingdom on earth, and the eternal kingdom where Christ reigns as Everlasting King. This presentation celebrates the centenary of Pope Pius XI's encyclical, "Quas Primas" (1925-2025). Bring a friend! Free Registration: catholicpacific.ca/cpc3

ADVENT RETREAT 2025: BEAUTY IN BETWEEN If you serve in a parish, ministry, or movement, you know how easy it is to give endlessly without stopping to receive. This Advent, come away for a time of rest, prayer, and renewal in Christ's presence. Saturday, December 6, 9:00am- 4:00pm, Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in Aldergrove. Cost is \$35, including lunch. Learn more beholdvancouver.org/events.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF Support our regional secondary school by buying groceries with no extra cost to you! Buy Meridian Meats e-gift cards at face value at: <https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/sjbrss> The gift cards are emailed directly to you and can be used for their online store only, with the option of pick-up at your local Meridian Meats store, or next-day delivery right to your door (see delivery areas here: <https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/pages/delivery-areas-faq>). 30% of proceeds go directly to SJB. Order before November 30 to support SJB!

TRUST: ADVENT MINI-RETREAT FOR MEN Trust is a men's mini retreat featuring Deacon Tim Kostamo, with food, fellowship, inspiring presentations on trust, an outdoor Rosary with Alan Grohovac, a Testimonies of Trust panel, prayer ministry, confession, and Mass, followed by a pilgrimage to Holy Rosary Cathedral. On Saturday, December 6, 12:30pm to 6:00pm. **Register by Dec. 5** at beholdvancouver.org/events.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR MEN The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises provide us with the necessary tools to discern spirits and recognize God's will for our sanctification in our everyday lives. The Ignatian Weekend Silent Retreat is a modified version of the Spiritual Exercises following St. Ignatius' 18th Annotation guidelines. Friday, Dec. 5 to Sunday, Dec. 7, at Westminster Abbey in Mission. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

UPCOMING CWL EVENTS:

Dec. 8, 7 pm – Advent Prayers, Abp. Em. Gagnon
Dec. 14, 9am to 3pm- Christmas Bazaar 9-3 school gym.
Jan. 12, 7pm– Regular meeting

Pregnant? Need to talk? Hurting from a past abortion?

For confidential and compassionate help, text: "HOPE" to 393939 or go to "onlinecare.ca"

JG ROOFING LTD.
Commercial • Agricultural • Residential

John Grimard

www.jgroofing.ca • 604.824.7663 • jg@jgroofing.ca

PROUDLY OWNED & OPERATED

Serving Our Catholic Community Since 1908

Kearney FUNERAL SERVICES
BURQUITLAM FUNERAL HOME

We believe that locally-based, family owned funeral homes are an important part of any community.

We are Here to Help

Fraser Valley 604 793 6581

Tonya Makuch **Rob McCormick** **Eugene Pizarro**
Fraser Valley Manager / Funeral Director Pre-Need Manager Pre-Need Advisor

You can help your family by Pre-Planning.
Pre-Planning allows you to make carefully-considered, pressure-free decisions that are the right choices for you.

Call today to ask about our FREE Pre-Planning guide booklet and how to save money by locking in costs. **236 416 0006**

Vancouver | Burnaby | New Westminster | Burquitlam | Cloverdale

www.kearneyfs.com www.burquitlamfuneralhome.ca

yms
YOUR MORTGAGE SOURCE™

Your home. Your business. Your trusted Advisors.
Financing Futures, One Home At A Time

Jeremy Luistro
Mortgage Broker
Residential and Commercial

www.luistromortgages.ca
#778-201-4210
e Jeremy@Luistromortgages.ca

People's Vote for:
Best Funeral Home

Amherst
Funeral & Cremation Services

The Best is Simply Affordable

Complete Church Funeral Package (with Rental Casket, Memorials, Cremation & Urn) \$4,330
Church Funeral Mass (w/ Burial) from \$2,995
Serving Vancouver & entire BC Lower Mainland

Vancouver: 1209-207 West Hastings Street
Coquitlam: 925 Sherwood Avenue

604.831.3023 (24 Hours/7 Days)
www.amherstcremation.com

Osteopathic Resolutions

Unit 303
15261 Russell Avenue
White Rock, BC
V4B 2P7

Pamela Rogers
Osteopathic Manual Practitioner / Physiotherapist
778 294-5949 osteopathresolutions.ca rpgaraphysio@shaw.ca

Gypsy
Rug Cleaners & Deodorizing Services

We Clean... & Deodorize...

- Carpets
- Upholstery
- Tile & Grout
- Commercial Floors
- Homes
- Apartments
- Vehicles
- Commercial Spaces

604-852-4030

Dignity

KEVIN CARMICHAEL
Location Manager
Funeral Director
604-854-5534 | 604-854-8386
kevin.carmichael@dignitymemorial.com

HENDERSON'S FRASER VALLEY FUNERAL HOME
34537 Marshall Road, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 1M1
www.hendersonabbotsfordfunerals.com

Educating the whole child to build a foundation for life

Call for your SCHOOL TOUR!

Catholic Education K-12
(Limited Spaces Available)
• Outdoor Kindergarten
• Before & After School Care available

St. James & St. Mary's School
stjameselementary.ca
(604) 852-1388

Accepting Student Applications K-12

St. John's School
stjohnsbet.ca
(604) 855-0571

2767 Townline Road, Abbotsford

Set aside your sacred space
CALL US TO BOOK AN ADVISOR TODAY

GARDENS OF Gethsemani
CATHOLIC CEMETERY

604-531-2141
15694 32 Avenue, Surrey, BC
info@rccav.org

Marian **Emily**