

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

Relics in the Altar: St James the Greater, St John Gabriel Perboyre, St John Paul II,
St Margaret Bourgeoys, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Stanislaus Kostka,
and St Theresa of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face

On the south wall of the church: Relic of the True Cross attached to the large crucifix
Above the Tabernacle: Replica of the Veil of the Holy Face of Jesus of Manoppello
In the Tabernacle: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

July 5th., 2026
14th 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
Kitchen Hospitality	Debbie Styles
Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Music Ministry	Nicholas Roy,
Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.226.6964)
Pro-Life Coordinator	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
School Building Committee	Rod Griffiths
Youth Ministry	Nathan (604-789-2317) or email: stjamesyouthabby.com

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

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604.888.7727
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ST JAMES THE GREATER
PROTOMARTYR OF THE APOSTLES
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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 4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal, BVM

9:00am: †RIP Mohammed Adams

4:30pm: † Int: Catherine Wood

Sunday, July 5th. 14th. Sunday in Ordinary

9:00am: †RIP Charles Goetken St.

11:00am: † Int: Misa pro Populo

4:30 pm : † Int: Alexandra Golda

Monday, July 6 St. Maria Goretti

9:00am: †RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am: †RIP Carmel O'Reilly Halfpenny

Wednesday, July 8

9:00am: †RIP Louise Young

Thursday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

9:00am: †RIP Tracy Holmes

Adoration/Holy Hour 7:00pm

Friday, July 10

9:00am: †RIP Louise Young

Saturday, July 11 St. Benedict

9:00am: † Int: Melanie Kesas

4:30pm: †RIP Maria Laszlo

Sunday, July 12 15th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: † Int: Michelle Draayers

11:00am: Misa pro Populo

4:30 pm : † Int: Leroy Mellecker

Stewardship Reflection

July 5, 2026 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

In the Gospel, Christ gives thanks to the Father for those who are humble for it was to them that the Father was revealing the Kingdom of God to. Humility is an important virtue to foster especially in the work of stewardship, for with humility we can see how much God is generous to us and how much we need Him. With humility, we can ask the Lord to help us carry our burdens, and He will make them light.

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CREDO

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH
BY BISHOP ATHANASIUS SCHNEIDER

PART 1– Faith; Believing Truly The Creed in General Section 3: God the Holy Spirit and Sanctification

EIGHTH ARTICLE OF THE CREED

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Chapter 15: The Holy Spirit

Mission of the Holy Spirit

NINTH ACRTICLE OF THE CREED

I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints.

CHAPTER 16: The Church and the Communion of Saints

The Catholic Church in General

522. Then Christ and His Church are one, and yet distinct?

Yes. "The Divine Redeemer and the society which is His Body form but one mystical person, that is to say, to quote St. Augustine, *the whole Christ* (see Enar. In Psalm 17, no.51). Christ and His Mystical Body are in a wonderfully intimate union. Nevertheless, thy are distinguished one from the other as Bridegroom from Bride."

523. How can we describe the relationship of Christ to His Church?

"Christ espoused His Church as a *wife*, He loves her as a *daughter*, He provides for her as a *handmaid*, He guarded as a *virgin*, He fences her around like a *garden*, and cherishes her like a part of His *own body*. As a *head* He provides for her, as a *root* He causes her to grow, as a *shepherd* He feeds her, as a *bridegroom* He weds her, as a *propitiation* He pardons her, as a *sheep* He is sacrificed, as a *bridegroom* He preserves her in her beauty, as a *husband* He provides for her support."

524. When was the Church born?

"The Church was born from the side of our Saviour on the Cross like th new Eve, mother of all living."

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

*Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan,
Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Karina & Luis & Luke Mendez*

Sunday 5

Zec. 9.9-10
Ps 145
Rom. 8.9, 11-13
Matt. 11.25-30

Monday 6

Hos. 2.14,15b-16,19-20
Ps 145
Matt. 9.18-26

Tuesday 7

Hos. 8.4-7, 11-13
Ps 115
Matt. 9.32-38

Wednesday 8

Hos. 10.1-3, 7-8,12
Ps 105
Matt. 10.1-7

Thursday 9

Hos. 11.1,3-5b,8c-9
Ps 80
Matt. 10.7-15

Friday 10

Hos. 14.1-9
Ps 51
Matt. 10.16-23

Saturday 11

Isaiah. 6.1-8
Ps 93
Matt. 10.24-33

Sunday 12

Isaiah 55.10-11
Ps 65
Rom. 8.18-23
Matt. 13.1-23

PARISH PICNIC:

On July 5th there will be a Farewell parish picnic organized by the Knights of Columbus for Fr. Ashley at 12:30pm after the 11am Mass

UPCOMING CWL EVENTS:

July 26th, 11am Welcome Father Min

July-August, have a great summer everyone, we meet again in September

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FATHER ASHLEY'S NEW ADDRESS:

Rev. William Ashley
21277 Dewdney Trunk Road
Maple Ridge, BC
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VOCATION LIVE IN: There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of July 4-5 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Employment Opportunities:

Administrative Assistant, Archbishop's Office
The Archdiocese of Vancouver is hiring an Administrative Assistant to support the day-to-day workflow of the Archbishop's Office. This includes sorting incoming correspondence, responding to inquiries, liaising with parishes, coordinating the Archbishop's travel arrangements, and other related duties and projects. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.

Manager of Family Services, Gardens of Gethsemani
Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hiring a Manager of Family Services to provide strategic and pastoral leadership to their advisors, ensuring families receive attentive, respectful, and high quality service during times of need. Through mentorship, collaboration, and a strong ministry mindset, the Manager will help foster meaningful relationships with families, parishes, and the broader community. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers. Learn more and apply at rcav.org/careers.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN :

ALL baby bottles were due to be returned by Father's Day. If you still have the baby bottle you signed out, please return it to the parish office as soon as possible or place in the Offertory basket at Mass. Thank you.

New School Program for September:

St. John Brebeuf High School is excited to introduce a new Textiles program for our students for the 2026-2027 school year, and we need your help to bring it to life!

If you have any sewing or textile supplies gathering dust in your basement, spare room or garage, we would happily take it off your hands and find it a new home at our school. We are currently looking for items such as:

Sewing machines

Sergers

Thread

Fabric

Knitting needles

Other textile and sewing supplies

Donations can be dropped off at the St. John Brebeuf school office during regular school hours. (2747 Townline Road, Abbotsford). Thank you for helping us create this exciting hands-on learning opportunity for our students.

For more information, please contact Anne Fronteddu at:

afronteddu@stjohnbrebeuf.ca.

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery Open House:

You're invited to St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery for our annual Open House.

Learn about funeral home pre-planning and cremation services

Meet a funeral home to learn about pre-planning and cremation services

Meet with an advisor to arrange your burial options at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

Join a historic tour at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy light refreshments throughout the day

As part of this Open House, take advantage of 10% down payment and 0% interest for up to 24 months on plots and services. This special financing offer is available for a limited time.*

Although all traditional plots are sold out, cremation in-ground plots and spaces in St. Peter's columbarium are available.

Come and learn how you can set aside your sacred space in this beautiful and historic cemetery.

Saturday, July 11, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cemetery, New Westminster. Learn more at stpeterscemetery.ca/events.

Venezuela Earthquakes:

Following the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, please consider donating to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Every dollar donated for Venezuela until July 14 will be matched by the Government of Canada.

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

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