

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 19th, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

P A R I S H D I R E C T O R Y

Pastor: Rev. Felix Min

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 8:30am
Fridays and Saturdays at 10am

Baptisms, Marriages & Communion to the Sick Contact the Parish Office

Altar Servers Fr Min

Altar Guild Janet Griffiths

CWL Rosalina Cole (778.598.8465)

El Shaddai Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)

**Filipino Ministry/
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Finance Committee Gerard Roddis

First Saturday Rosary Elizabeth Ocon

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Prison Ministry Bob Buckham (604.226.6964)

Pro-Life Coordinator Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)

**School Building
Committee** Rod Griffiths

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EDUCATION

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School**
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Principal: Onika Bryson

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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ST JAMES THE GREATER
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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 18 *BVM*

9:00am: †RIP: The Dirckze Family

4:30pm: ◇ Int: Mass pro Populo

Sunday, July 19 *16th. Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: †RIP: Anne Tymko

11:00am: †RIP: Leslie Gough

4:30 pm : ◇ Int: Witold Doniec

Monday, July 20 *St. Apollinaris*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Lindsay Oonk

Tuesday, July 21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Fabio Szuminski

Wednesday, July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene*

9:00am: †RIP Shaun Rossiter

Thursday, July 23 *St. Bridget*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Pierpaolo Szuminski

Adoration/Holy Hour 7:00pm

Friday, July 24 *St. Sharbel Makhluf*

9:00am: †RIP Timothy Rossiter

Saturday, July 25

9:00am: ◇ Int: Jaden Legate

4:30pm: ◇ Int: Missa pro Populo

Sunday, July 26 *St. James, Apostle*

9:00am: ◇ Int: Una Gaughan

11:00am: ◇ Int: Fr. Ashley

4:30 pm : ◇ Int: Margaret Peter

Stewardship Reflection

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to heaven!

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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

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 Mission of the Church

530. What is the mission of the Church on earth?

The Catholic church alone bears the divine authority and mandate to teach, govern, and sanctify all men in Jesus Christ until He returns in glory.

531. Are there widespread errors about the mission of the Church today?

Yes. Many mistakenly believe the Church's mission to be one of improving the temporal welfare of man, as if the Son of God became incarnate to establish a humanitarian service organization for combatting poverty, disease, or environmental pollution. Others mistakenly look for a "new humanity" in which "a real and lasting peace will only be possible on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and...shared responsibility in the whole human family," where the Church merely "works for the advancement of humanity and of universal fraternity."

532. Can human solidarity be put at the same level with divine charity and life in the Holy Spirit?

No. divine charity is supernatural and therefore belongs to life in the Holy Spirit, whereas human solidarity is only a natural virtue and therefore belongs to natural life.

533. How is the authentic mission of the Church carried out?

By a threefold power which Jesus Christ conferred upon the apostles during His public ministry: 1. To *teach* revealed truth; 2. To *sanctify* souls, above all through the administration of the sacraments; 3. To *govern* the faithful by promulgating good laws for them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
Wisd 12:13-19 Ps 86 Rom. 8.26-27 Matt. 13.24-43	Micah 6: 1-8 Ps 50 Mt 12: 38-42	Micah 7: 14-20 Ps 85 Mt 12: 46-50	Song of Songs 3: 1-4 Ps 63 Jn 20: 1-18	Jer 2: 1-13 Ps 36 Mt 13: 10-17	Jer 3: 14-17 Mt 13: 18-23	2Cor 4: 7-15 Ps 126 Mt 20: 20-28	1Kgs 3: 5-12 Ps 119 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52

RIP Please keep in your prayers Helen Nelson. She was a long time parishioner at St. James and she passed away Wednesday morning. Funeral arrangements to be made.

ST. JAMES PARISH FEAST DAY PICNIC On Sunday, July 26 the CWL will be hosting a welcoming ceremony for our New Pastor, Fr. Felix Min following the 11 am mass. Additionally we will be celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron, St. James. All are welcome to join us for a celebration and light lunch will be served. More information contact Rosalina Cole 778 598 8465

CATHOLIC FAMILY SUMMIT 2026: Join with other families from around the Archdiocese to discover on the beauty and power of God's Word through activities for all ages. The day will also include a Eucharistic procession, anticipated Sunday Mass, and dinner. The cost for this event is \$15/adult and \$10 for children 5 and older; families are capped at \$65 each. Saturday, August 8, 1:00 pm to 7:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver. Learn more and register by July 24 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

IMAGO 2026 – National Catholic Campus Conference: This three-day conference is designed to help young people discover their identity in Christ, grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and be equipped to live as missionary disciples in today's world. The conference is open to young adults aged 18–25, including university and college students, young professionals, and anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God and a vibrant Catholic community. At Trinity Western University, Langley. July 24 - 26. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org

PILGRIMAGE TO THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO St. Joseph's Parish, Mission, invites you to the historic Fraser River Heritage Park on August 15 to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of Our Lady at 1:00 p.m. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Richard Smith. After the Mass, there will be a procession to the grotto where the rosary will be prayed, followed by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! Please bring your own picnic lunch and chairs. Confessions will be heard on site at 10:00 a.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org

YOUNG ADULT HIKE AND MASS - St. Mark's Summit All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join a Hike and Mass hosted by the Young Adults of Vancouver (YAV), in partnership with the Jesuits of Canada! The group will be hiking St. Mark's Summit on July 18 at 9 am. Father Edmund Lo, a visiting Jesuit priest, will be celebrating Mass on this hike. Come and invite your friends! Carpooling can be arranged upon registration. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org

ORDINATION OF JEROME ROBLES TO THE DIACONATE With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces the Ordination of Jerome Robles to the Diaconate.

The ordination will take place through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Richard W. Smith. It will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The faithful are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for Jerome as he prepares to serve the Church as a deacon.

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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DIOCESAN 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.

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.

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