

St James Parish

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Church will be open daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm

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 26th, 2026
Feast of St. James the Greater

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.
Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 9am
Holy Hour Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm with Confessions during and afterwards if needed
Confession: Monday to Saturday 8:30am—8:55am
Fridays and Saturdays at 10am
Baptisms, Marriages & Communion to the Sick Contact Fr Felix: fmin@rcav.org
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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 Felix, 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 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

Monday, July 27

9:00am: ♦ Int: Rudy & Monique van Berkel

Tuesday, July 28

9:00am: ♦ Int: †RIP Andre John Marzsal

Wednesday, July 29 *Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9:00am: Gabe Nielsen

Thursday, July 30 *St. Peter Chrysologus*

9:00am: ♦ Int: Winsome Rauch

Adoration/Holy Hour 7:00pm

Friday, July 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

9:00am: Alan & Karen Keras

Saturday, August 1

9:00am: ♦ Int: Wojciech & Zanna Szuminski

4:30pm: ♦ Int: Nicholas Dunford

Sunday, August 2 *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am: ♦ Int: Eva Goritsas

11:00am: ♦ Int: Missa Pro Populo

4:30 pm : ♦ Int: Mary Mellecker

Stewardship Reflection

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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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

534. To what higher authority did Our Lord make the apostles themselves subject?

To Simon Peter, whom He placed at their head as the first Supreme Pontiff, or pope.

535. Why was the authority given to Peter and the apostles not to end with them?

Because it was not conferred for them personally, but for the Church which was to endure through all ages. Apostolic and divine authority is therefore transmitted to the bishops as successors of the apostles, and to the pope as Successor of St. Peter.

536. Which prerogatives of the apostles were intransmissible to their successors, the bishops ?

Their immediate divine inspiration and miraculous assistance; for, "they knew the whole plenitude of the Faith distinctly in one intuitive glance. They proclaimed new revealed truths. In so doing, whether by word of mouth or in writing, they were divinely assisted. They could thus augment the treasure of Tradition and of Holy Scripture. They founded the church wherever they went, whether free or in chains. They confirmed everything with miracles."

537. What are the three parts, or states, of the Church?

1. The *Church Militant*, composed of its members on earth;
2. The *Church Suffering*, composed of all the souls in purgatory;
3. The *Church Triumphant*, composed of those in heaven.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

Sunday 26

1Kgs 3: 5-12
Ps 119
Rom 8: 28-30
Mt 13: 44-52

Monday 27

Jer 13: 1-11
Deut 32
Mt 13: 31-35

Tuesday 28

Jer 14: 17-22
Ps 79
Mt 13: 36-43

Wednesday 29

Jer 15: 10-21
Ps 59
Jn 11: 17-27

Thursday 30

Jer 18: 1-6
Ps 146
Mt 13: 47-52

Friday 31

Jer 26: 1-9
Ps 69
Mt 13: 54-58

Saturday 1

Jer 26: 11-24
Ps 69
Mt 14: 1-12

Sunday 2

Is 55: 1-3
Ps 145
Rom 8: 35-39
Mt 14: 13-21

CONFESSION TIME CHANGE: Weekdays from 8:30am to 8:55am (strict). The confessional has been moved to its original room. The line up for confession will be the last pew by the confessional.

ST. JAMES PARISH FEAST DAY Please join us for light reception after 11am Mass to celebrate our patronal feast day and to welcome Fr. Felix Min to our Parish.

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.

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.

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 early and secure your spot. Register and learn more at rcav.org/mens-retreat

MOMENTUM - SINGLE MOTHERS SUMMER PICNIC All Catholic single mothers are invited to join Momentum for their Vancouver Area Summer Picnic. Come enjoy an afternoon of friendship, faith, and fun with other single mothers and their children. Lunch will be provided. At Central Park in Burnaby. August 15 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org

FUNERAL for Helen Nelson is Thursday, July 30 at 11:00am at St. Ann's Parish

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY – Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Baby.

'I am SIX MONTHS old, and I am developing quite beautifully now. My weight is nearly 2 pounds. I now respond to sounds by moving or by increasing my pulse. My lungs are well developed, and I would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time. My finger and toe prints are visible, and my eyelids begin to part and open. Please do not forget to continue to pray for me. Abortion is legal throughout all nine months, and my mom might still feel pressure to abort me. We pray that the Lord, who rescues the life of the poor from the power of the wicked, will send his angels to guard and protect all our spiritually adopted unborn babies.

THE MEN'S RETREAT: ANCIENT PATH Men ages 19+ are invited to The Men's Retreat: Ancient Path on September 11 to September 13, 2026! This retreat will invite you to gain clarity on how to move through the world that will bring you to a place of peace and ease in how you hold your life. Build meaningful brotherhood with other men pursuing the same path, step away from the noise, and find rest for your soul in the mountains. This weekend is an opportunity to reflect, pray, and reconnect with what matters most. **Registration closes on Friday, August 21.** This is a popular retreat which typically sells out each year, so you are encouraged to register. Register and learn more at rcav.org/mens-retreat

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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