

# St James Parish

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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

**May 5, 2024**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

## 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 8:30am to 5:00pm
<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>	Elizabeth Ocon,

## EDUCATION

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

604.852.1788  
stjameselementary.ca  
Principal: Julia Lee

### St John Brebeuf Regional High School

604.855.0571 | stjohnbrebeuf.ca  
Principal: Gianni Bittante

### Catholic Pacific College

604.888.7727  
catholicpacific.ca

### Children's Catechesis Children of Joseph & Mary Gr 1- 7 Catechesis

Tuesdays at 3:00pm  
Thursdays at 3:00pm  
Mother Cynthia  
mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com  
250-488-3368



## 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, May 4** *Bl. Marie-Leonie Paradis*  
 9pm ◊ Int: Lina Cano  
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Catherine Nash  
*First Saturday Rosary Devotion and Potluck, 5:30pm*

**Sunday, May 5** **6th Sunday of Easter**  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo  
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Thanksgiving– Narcisa & Robert Schmidt  
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: David Kish

**Monday, May 6** *St. Francois de Laval*  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

**Tuesday, May 7**  
 9am ◊ Int: Kim Family  
*Rosary Club 3:00pm*

**Wednesday, May 8** *Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine*  
*Elementary School Mass* 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Fausto Munoz

**Thursday, May 9**  
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Paige Fehr  
*Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm*  
*Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm*

**Friday, May 10** *St. John of Avila*  
 9am ◊ Int: Richard Doniec

**Saturday, May 11** *Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord*  
 9pm ◊ Int: Ann McCaffrey  
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP David Randall

**Sunday, May 12** **Ascension of the Lord**  
 9:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Claude Jamer  
 11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased of Harrison/Juarez families  
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” -John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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## COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PART THREE: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

#### Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

### CHAPTER THREE THE LIFE OF PRAYER

**568. What are the expressions of the life of prayer?** 2697-2699  
 Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart.

#### EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER

**569. How can vocal prayer be described?** 2700-2704; 2722  
 Vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the *Our Father* Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer.

**570. What is meditation?** 2705-2708; 2723  
 Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a step toward the union of love with our Lord.

**571. What is contemplative prayer?** 2709-2719; 2724; 2739-2741  
 Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit. St. Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, “in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us.”

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING OF OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

*Marilyn Cook, Trish Parkin, Norm & Jacqui Jeanotte, Sharon Graham, Una Gaughan, Gerry Lockwood, Roger Loiselle, Henry Abeywickreme, James Hargrave, Joyce Walker*

### Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
Acts 10:25-48 Ps 98 1Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17	2Tim 4: 1-5 Ps 96 Jn 10: 11-16	Acts 16: 22-34 Ps 138 Jn 16: 5-11	Acts 17:15–18:1 Ps 148 Jn 16: 12-15	Acts 18: 1-8 Ps 98 Jn 16: 16-20	Acts 18: 9-18 Ps 47 Jn 16: 20-23	Acts 18: 23-28 Ps 47 Jn 16: 23-28	Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 47 Ph 4: 1-13 Mk 16: 15-20

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Knights of Columbus will be having a Mother's Day pancake breakfast on May 12 between the 9 o'clock and the 11 o'clock masses.

Proceeds of this breakfast will be going to Chalice.

**ST. JAMES BAKE SALE** May 19 after 9am and 11am Masses. For more information contact Rosalina Cole 604-859-8465

**BIKE CAMP** Following the Tuesday morning Mass, Father Ashley made the draw for the 3 winners of the one-week Bike Camp offered to the parish by **PEDALHEADS** as part of the rental agreement for it to use the upper car park for bike camps beginning in July. The winners were:

Luca Nassif

Aishby Griffiths

Maria-Rose de Fleuriot

Certificates for the free bike camps can be picked up at the Parish Office. Information contained in the certificate will be required when registering online for a bike camp. Further details are available by contacting the Parish Office or Malcolm Roddis at 604-853-7985 or [mwroddis@shaw.ca](mailto:mwroddis@shaw.ca)

**Congratulations to the winners!**

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR FRATER ATHANASIUS CAPKO, OSB** All are cordially invited to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate of Frater Athanasius Capko, OSB, to be conferred by His Excellency Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Friday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. at Westminster Abbey Church in Mission.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** We are quick to judge, shame and condemn ourselves for our role in the abortion decision. Handing your story over to someone who cares about you and can help you see things differently, how God sees you with all His love and mercy, is sometimes the beginning of healing. Why wait? Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat from May 24 to 26! For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org).

**CALLED TO FREEDOM: IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT** Spiritual freedom is a key element for discernment and for movement in our spiritual journey.

We invite you to explore spiritual freedom through the lens of the spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola. This weekend retreat will offer inspiring inputs, periods of silence for personal prayer, small group spiritual conversation, and optional individual spiritual direction. We will engage art, music, poetry, scripture, film, and time in nature.

From May 31 to June 2 at the Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 24.** For schedule, costs, payment plan options, travel details and registration, please visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## May- the Month of Mary



As we begin our month of honoring with prayer our

Mother Mary, we invite you to recite a daily rosary this week for the intention of peace in the world. Our Blessed Lady will be crowned this Sunday as our Queen.

On May 12, Our Lady will be crowned with flowers as a reminder of her motherhood. This will be the intention for the daily rosary for that week.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER TEA** This is a free opportunity for moms and their daughters to meet and spend an afternoon with religious sisters of different communities over tea and treats, with activities organized by the Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

On Saturday, May 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall in Port Coquitlam. There's an option to go to the Saturday Vigil Mass after the event at 5 p.m. **Registration deadline: Saturday, May 4.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### **PREGNANCY, INFANT AND CHILD LOSS MEMORIAL MASS**

Join us for a special Mass on Saturday, May 18, 5:00pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey as we remember our little ones in heaven. There will be candles lit in their honor and we will have light snacks and a chance to connect after Mass.

For more information, please contact Brittany Garisto at [b.garisto@outlook.com](mailto:b.garisto@outlook.com) or visit [elizabethministrybc.ca](http://elizabethministrybc.ca).

**MAGNIFICAT SPRING 2024 LUNCHEON** In the words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth her gratitude for the wonderful action of God in her life.

Please join us at a brunch for all women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver where we will share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise of God. Following our brunch, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear our speaker's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Come, magnify the Lord and bring a friend to rejoice in His presence!

On Saturday, May 25, 11:00am to 2:00pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$30. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 17.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

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