

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 12, 2024
The Ascension of the Lord

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 8:30am to 5:00pm
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
Civic Affairs Committee	Marc Vella, James Hargrave
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)
Filipino Ministry/ Sodality of Mary	Rosalina Cole (778.598.8465)
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First Saturday Rosary	Elizabeth Ocon
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Pro-Life Coordinator	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
School Building Committee	Rod Griffiths, Blanca Hluskova
Youth Ministry	Elizabeth Ocon,

EDUCATION

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Principal: Gianni Bittante

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

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Thursdays at 3:00pm
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mothercynthiasjms@gmail.com
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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 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 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
10:00am Pancake Breakfast at SJB School Gym
 11:00am: ◊ Int: † RIP Deceased of Harrison/Juarez families
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo

Monday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Laura Nolan

Tuesday, May 14 *St. Matthias, Apostle*
 9am ◊ Int: Alex Kotai
Rosary Club 3:00pm

Wednesday, May 15
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Fr. Roy McLeod

Thursday, May 16
 9am ◊ Int: Carol Bellevance
Sacrament Enrichment 3:00pm
Holy Hour Adoration 7:00pm

Friday, May 17
 9am ◊ Int: † RIP Tony Hayden

Saturday, May 18 *Vigil of the Pentecost*
 9pm ◊ Int: Louise Westerlaken
 4:30pm ◊ Int: † RIP Derrick Rossiter

Sunday, May 19 *Pentecost Sunday*
 9:00am: ◊ Int: Dan & Sarah Leslie
 11:00am: ◊ Int: Missa Pro Populo
 4:30pm: ◊ Int: † RIP Maria Toselli

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

-1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART FOUR: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Section One: Prayer in the Christian Life

CHAPTER THREE THE LIFE OF PRAYER

THE BATTLE OF PRAYER

572. Why is prayer a “battle”? 2725

Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray “battle” against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray.

573. Are there objections to prayer? 2726-2728; 2752-2753

Along with erroneous notions of prayer, many think they do not have the time to pray or that praying is useless. Those who pray can be discouraged in the face of difficulties and apparent lack of success. Humility, trust and perseverance are necessary to overcome these obstacles.

574. What are the difficulties in prayer? 2729-2733; 2754-2755

Distraction is a habitual difficulty in our prayer. It takes our attention away from God and can also reveal what we are attached to. Our heart therefore must humbly turn to the Lord. Prayer is often affected by *dryness*. Overcoming this difficulty allows us to cling to the Lord in faith, even without any feeling of consolation. *Acedia* is a form of spiritual laziness due to relaxed vigilance and a lack of custody of the heart.

575. How may we strengthen our filial trust? 2734-2741; 2756

Filial trust is tested when we think we are not heard. We must therefore ask ourselves if we think God is truly a Father whose will we seek to fulfil, or simply a means to obtain what we want. If our prayer is united to that of Jesus, we know that he gives us much more than this or that gift. We receive the Holy Spirit who transforms our heart.

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 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 47 Ph 4: 1-13 Mk 16: 15-20	Acts 19: 1-8 Ps 68 Jn 16: 29-33	Acts 1: 15--26 Ps 113 Jn 15: 9-17	Acts 20: 28-38 Ps 68 Jn 17: 11-19	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11 Ps 16 Jn 17: 20-26	Acts 24: 27; 25: 13-21 Ps 103 Jn 21: 15-19	Acts 28: 16-20; 30- 31 Ps 11 Jn 21: 20-25	Acts 2: 1-11 Ps 104 1Cor 12: -13 Jn 20: 19-23

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

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN *Advokate/Hope for Women Annual Fundraiser* Take a bottle home, fill it with cash, cheque, and/or completed donation form. (You can also donate online at babybottles.ca) Return your bottle by the end of June.

Fill a bottle. Save a life

BIKE CAMP The 3 winners of the one-week Bike Camp offered to the parish by **PEDALHEADS** as part of the rental agreement are:

Luca Nassif, Aishby Griffiths and Maria-Rose de Fleuriot
Certificates for the free bike camps can be picked up at the Parish Office. Further details available through the Parish Office or Malcolm Roddis: 604-853-7985; mwroddis@shaw.ca

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE presents "Fashion Show- Fashions for Everyone and Every Occasion" June 1, 2:00-4:00pm at St. Ann's Parish Centre. \$10 admission. Clothes by Suzanne's

A WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT Saturday, May 25, St. Ann's Parish. The retreat will begin with Mass at 9 am and end at 2:30 pm. Guest Speaker is Colleen Roy, mother, *BC Catholic* columnist, and St. James parishioner. Lunch provided. Please register by May 21 at www.stannsabbotsford.ca

The theme of the retreat is taken from the Song of Songs 2:10-12: "Come then, my love, / My Lovely one, come / For see, winter is past... / The flowers appear on the earth. / The season of glad songs has come." Come and be refreshed, and bring a friend.

FIAT HIKE All single women aged 18-35 are invited to spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and enjoy some outdoor activity and fun on Saturday, June 1. We will start with 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and then drive to Cypress for the hike up Black Mountain.

There is no cost to join. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 29.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ORDINATIONS OF PERMANENT DEACONS The Archdiocese of Vancouver will be celebrating the Ordinations to the Sacred Order of Deacons to the Permanent Diaconate through the imposition of the hands by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. All are welcome to attend this joyous occasion!

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 or visit 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.

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.

CONCERT The Sweeney Singers would like to cordially invite you to our **Annual Spring Concert:** Tuesday June 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Matsqui Centennial Auditorium. We hope that you will join us once again as we present a wide variety of wonderful choral music including selections from Mozart, Bach and the world of folk and jazz. We will be welcoming some third generation Sweeneys performing tunes from the Sound of Music. Exploring the world of choral music is an ongoing passion for us, and as we receive a blessing from making music we trust that our audience will also. Please make room in your schedule for our concert, and feel free to invite friends and neighbours. As usual, proceeds are by donation, and will go to a charity as yet to be decided. Thank you for your continued support and appreciation.

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