

St. James Parish

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Welcome to St. James Community

A warm welcome to all, especially those who have recently moved to this area. Please introduce yourself to Fr. George; he will be glad to meet you. Kindly register in the parish so that we may serve you more efficiently (registration forms in the foyer or on website). Thank you!

Pastor:	Rev. George V. Edattukaran
Parish Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault (T, Th. & Fri)
Parish Office Hours:	Mon.- Fri.: 8:30am - 3:00pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday (anticipated) @ 4:30pm Sundays @ 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday @ 8:00am Sat. & Public Holidays @ 9:00am
Reconciliation:	Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am & 3:30pm - 4:00pm. Sundays: 5:30pm - 6:00pm. Other times by appointment.
Baptisms:	Contact the Pastor.
Marriages:	Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to setting the wedding date.
Communion/ Visiting the Sick	Please contact the Parish Office or telephone 604.746.1119



St. James, Pray for us!

*First Fridays: Holy Mass @ 8:00am, Adoration @ 7:00pm
Healing Service: Every last Thursday of the month @ 7:00pm*

Parish Groups & Contacts:

Adult Faith Formation	Alan Cavin (604.996.7042) & Hazelle Schenk	Men's Group	Russ Bouwman (604.856.3812)
Altar Guild	Cecilia Tsang (604.864.8800)	Music Ministry	Corinne McCarthy, Bob Buckham, Mark Sweeney, Daniel Anctil, Agnes Krammer.
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Sheila Hall (604.859-8684)	Parish Council	Monica Roddis (604-853-7985)
Children's Liturgy	Heidi Calzavara (604.859.9199)	Pilipino Ministry/Hospitality	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)	Prison Ministry	Bob Buckham (604.852.9311)
Finance Committee	Della Oberhoffner (604.864.8800)	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Kim McLellan (604.850.2217)
Knights of Columbus	Dave Sawatzky (604.855.6009)	Stewardship Committee	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
Legion of Mary	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)		

Educational Programmes:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)	Connie Slomski (604.613.5665, slomski@telus.net)
Lifeteen	youthministry.stjames@gmail.com
Alpha/RCIA	Alan Cavin, Jacques Braconnier (604.852.9311)
St. James & St. Ann's Elementary School	Principal: Chris Vander Pauw (604.852.1788)
St. John Brebeuf Regional High School	Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571)

Upcoming Events

Sun. May 13	<i>The Ascension of the Lord - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast after 9am Mass El Shaddai, 12:30pm</i>
Mon. May 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7pm
Wed. May 16	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7pm
Thurs. May 17	Pentecost Vigil, 7pm
Sun. May 20	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
Mon. May 21	Victoria Day, Morning Mass at 9am
Thurs. May 24	CWL Meeting, 7:30pm
Sat. May 26	Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
Sun. May 27	El Shaddai, 12:30pm
Wed. May 30	Confirmation at St. Ann's, 7pm
Thurs. May 31	Santacrusan Procession and Marian Celebration

Stewardship Reflection

May 13 - The Ascension of the Lord

"Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" (Saint John Paul II). *The very first Christians were an enthusiastic group of followers. Anyone who has encountered the Risen Lord will naturally feel the need to joyfully share the experience. In what ways are you enthusiastically sharing your joy in knowing Jesus with others? One day the Lord will require an accounting of how each of us have stewarded his gifts to us, especially the gift of our faith. We pray that on that day we will be found to have been trustworthy stewards.*

Happy Mother's Day!

CWL News: Our May General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 7.30pm

"Come Holy Spirit" Vigil for Pentecost with Liturgy of the Word, prayers and hymns of praise and worship with Heather Khym on Thursday, May 17 at 7 pm. Social after the event.

Month of Mary Celebration Thursday May 31, 6:00pm Santacrusan Procession and Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Family Spaghetti Dinner & Dance The Knights of Columbus Council 11587 are putting on a Family Spaghetti Dinner & Dance on May 26 at Saint John Brebeuf School. A delicious Spaghetti Dinner (gluten free option available) followed by dancing. Life Teen will provide children's activities. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 15, and children under five years are free. Tickets will go on sale the beginning the weekend of May 5-6 and will also be available from the St James Parish office

Wanted: Running shoes and Coffee Mugs Catholic Charities Men's Hostel is in need of men's Running Shoes. Please bring by May 27th and put in the box in the foyer. Also if you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please donate them to the emergency homeless shelter. It's much more welcoming to drink from a mug than from a Styrofoam cup. And it's better for our environment too. You can drop them off directly at the parish office.

Sunday Vespers: An Evening of Song & Prayer Offer the Psalms to Jesus as you adore him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Chant the Divine Office. Join us for Solemn Vespers on Sunday, May 20 and 27, at 4 p.m. at Sts. Joachim & Ann Parish. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Vespers books are provided.

Spring Fair & Garage Sale Join us at our annual Spring Fair and Garage Sale on Friday, May 25, from 4-9 pm and Saturday, May 26, from 9-4 pm at St. Ann's Parish Hall. Admission is free! This family-friendly event offers unique crafts, beautiful plants in time for spring gardening, and delicious home-baked goods for sale. Our garage sale includes gently used household appliances, clothing, toys, books, and tools. Concession, Dinner Friday night by Vi-La Palace Restaurant, coffee & muffins Saturday morning, and a BBQ lunch on Saturday afternoon by the Knights of Columbus.

Thy Kingdom Come The Catholic Archbishop of Westminster has joined with the Archbishop of Canterbury in urging Catholics to pray Thy Kingdom Come, a global movement between Ascension and Pentecost (May 10-20) that encourages more people to come to know Christ. Sign up to pray with us around the world for people to come to know Jesus Christ: thykingdomcome.global.

Mass Intentions for May 13- May 20

Sun. May 13	9am: RIP Gertrude Hireen 11am: Rip Monica E. & Fortunato Juarez
Mon. May 14	RIP Alice Boyes
Tues. May 15	RIP Fr. Ray McLeod
Wed. May 16	RIP Ethel Marling
Thurs. May 17	RIP Flordeliza C. Geneta
Fri. May 18	Int. Una Gaughan
Sat. May 19	Available
Sun. May 20	4:30pm: Int. Joseph & Darya Mathew 9am: Available 11am: RIP Wayne Harrison

Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners

Liam McCarthy, Mirella Cervo, Rev. Anthony Boniface, Luka Volentier, James Hargrave, Roger Loiselle, Ian MacDougall, Julie Miller, Joyce Walker.

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Eucharistic Adoration: The Holy Eucharist is exposed for adoration in St. James Church *every weekday* from 7-8 am before the 8 am Mass. Spend an hour adoring, praising and glorifying the Lord in the quietness of the morning.



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20th Annual Focus on Life Gala Dinner: Hope for Canada Human life is in danger. Life affirming voices are progressively silenced. Where do we go from here? What does hope for Canada look like? Come discover how together we can challenge and inspire our nation to be a place where all life is valued. Our keynote speakers are constitutional law expert Albertos Polizogopoulos and Fay Sonier, Executive Director of Physicians for Life. Monday, May 28. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$85 per ticket, \$800 per table. focusonlife.ca/gala

Walk for Life 2018 Support women and children in your community by participating in the 29th annual Walk for Life. On June 2nd, participants will walk or run either the 4k fun course or the 8k challenge course. Walk for Life begins at Mill Lake park and is a positive, family friendly community event. Register online for free and start fundraising today at www.walkforlife.ca If you are not able to go but would like to support this fundraiser, Fr. George will once again be taking pledges. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. Chances to win cash prizes for most money raised! Check on line for more details.

EnCourage Group Meeting EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of family, relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting Sunday, May 27, 2:30pm to 4:30pm. For info, encourage@rcav.org.



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Our new site is live!
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Evening of Sung Prayers Saturday, May 26 at 8:00 - 9:00pm at Westminster Abbey, 34224 Dewdney Trunk Road. Once a year at the end of May is a special ecumenical service, an Evening of Sung Prayers inspired by the music of Taize. An hour of song, stillness, beauty, prayer and community led by Cathy Hardy & friends and the boys of the Seminary of Christ the King. For info contact Cathy cathyajhardy@shaw.ca.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
O Lord Jesus Christ, Whom before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to complete Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.
Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may go beyond the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal.
The Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,
The Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,
The Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
The Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
The Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
And the Spirit of Devout Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.
Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen

Faith and Friends Night Time for some adult conversation and a night out! Adults are invited to join us as we celebrate Pentecost and the end of the Easter Season with dessert, appetizers, coffee, and drinks. Topic: Is Faith Irrational? Ratzinger, Knowing, & The Leap of Faith. No cover charge. Order your own appetizers, drinks, or desserts. Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at Ricky's Restaurant, 32080 Marshall Road, Abbotsford. To RSVP, please contact 604-852-5602 ext. 227 rcav.org/event/faith-friends-night

Marian Conference 2018 Come and enrich your spiritual life, find fellowship, and listen to inspiring speakers: Conference includes Eucharistic adoration, sacrament of reconciliation, closing vigil Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB. Saturday, May 26, 8am to 5:30pm at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond. Cost: \$45 in advance, \$50 at door, \$25 students. For info, visit rcav.org/event/marian-conference-2018.

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19	Sunday 20
Acts 1: 1-11 Ps 47 Eph 1: 17-23 Mk 16: 15-20	Acts 1: 15-26 Ps 113 Jn 15: 9-17	Acts 20: 17-27 Ps 68 Jn 17: 1-11	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: 16-31 Ps 11 Jn 21: 20-25	Acts 2: 1-11 Ps 104 1Cor 12: 3-13 Jn 20: 19-23



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