

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. Ashley; 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!



St. James, Pray for us!

Fridays: Holy Mass @ 8:00am, Adoration 8:30– 11am followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

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| Pastor: | Rev. William Ashley |
| Parish Secretary: | Teresa Filiatrault |
| 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: | 30 minutes before Sunday Masses 15 minutes before weekday Masses |
| 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 |

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| St. James & St. Ann's Elementary School | Principal: Terri Sask (604.852.1788) |
| St. John Brebeuf Regional High School | Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571) |

August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

9 AM: Missa pro populo

11 AM: Int: Paul & Darlene Schmidtke, 50th Anniversary

6.30 PM: Intention:

Monday, August 27, 2018

8 AM: *St Monica*; Int: Brian & Ailish Hagen

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

8 AM: St. Augustine; Int: RIP Maureen Abeywickreme

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

8 AM: *The Passion of St. John the Baptist* : Int: Rosemarie U.

Thursday, August 30, 2018

8 AM: *Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Ann Line & Margaret Ward*
Int: Rosemarie U.

Friday, August 31, 2018

8 AM: *St. Aidan, Bishop*; Int: RIP Gary Salvosa

Saturday, September 1, 2018

9 AM: *Saturday of Our Lady*; Int: Thanksgiving– Lenna Tsang

4.30 PM: Anticipated Mass - *22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*:
Intention:

Sunday, September 2, 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 AM: Missa pro populo

11 AM: Int: Marion Juhasz

6.30 PM: Intention:

Project Advance Update

Our total so far is \$50,145.

We thank the 71 donors who have so generously contributed. We look forward to even more generous donations as we seek to attain our goal of \$90,000.

PRAYERS

Please keep long time parishioner Bill Hireen in your prayers. He is recovering in hospital.

Let us remember in our prayers Mr. Edward Chau Yu-Wah along with his family. Mr. Edward Chau Yu-Wah, father of Deacon Richard Chau, passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. He was 98 years old. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Let us also remember Dorothy Johnson, RIP

Stewardship Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to Stewardship, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works, and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Upcoming Events

ST. JAMES & ST. ANN'S SCHOOL MASS, Wed. Sept. 5th, 9am- Parishioners welcome.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA: Wed. Sept. 5th, is the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Official Mass Propers. Join us at the 8am Mass.

Belle Voci Concert (*Date Changed*) We look forward to a concert by the Belle Voci Vocal Sensation on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2:00pm at St. James Parish

INSTALLATION: On Sunday, October 28, at the 9 a.m. Mass, His Grace Archbishop Miller will conduct the liturgical ceremony of Installation of our new pastor, Fr Ashley.

Handel's Messiah Come and enjoy the combined forces of the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra, The Chilliwack Children's Choir and the Belle Voci Choir as they perform "Handel's Messiah" at St. James Parish. Thursday, Dec. 13. Time to still be determined.

PARISH MISSION: We will be having an Advent Parish Mission December 15 to 19. It will be preached by Fr Emmerich Vogt, OP. Details to be announced.

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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We welcome by baptism today
Damien Edmund Reid
Welcome to the Family of God!

School The new school year begins soon: the theme this year is Faith hope and love. In view of this theme, please see the supplement for prayers on these important virtues

JOB OPPORTUNITY St. James is seeking a qualified candidate to lead and coordinate the youth ministry. It would involve coordination of weekly Life Teen, annual retreats, and community service activities. Requires 10 hours a week and is a paid position. For more information contact Deacon Alan by email acavin@rcav.org or call him at 604.996.7042.

ROOTED Women's Retreat 2018 This retreat is for all woman 16 and older. Join us Friday, Sept. 14, 7 - 9pm.(check-in starts at 6pm) and Saturday, Sept. 15, 10am - 5:30pm at St. Luke's Parish Family Centre, Maple Ridge. The retreat will end with Mass. Invite your friends and family. For info or to register, contact Cathy Piche at 604-836-2252 or mcpiche@telus.net.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR Alexander McCune has been teaching singing to children for more than a decade in Ontario, Alberta and BC. He makes singing fun, using games, challenges and teamwork to teach musical skills and tools for boys and girls. We'll sing folk songs, rounds, classical music and especially music for mass. Choristers will learn how their voice works, how to use their sound well, how to read notes and sing in harmony. Boys and girls ages 8-14 are welcome. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings at St. James from 6:30-7:45. Registration for Sep- Dec. is \$105. For details or to register: alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com
Alexander McCune is a choir director and organist at Sts. Joachim & Ann parish, program director and choir teacher at the Bakerview Music Academy, director of the Gloria Dei Chorale, and vocal coach at the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance.

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS: Starting in September, the students at our school will attend weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, during which confessions will be heard at 9.20am on Fridays.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION At our Eucharistic Adoration on Friday mornings we will be focusing on praying for our bishop, priests and deacons. Please join in this time of adoration, especially during this difficult time in the church.

RETRouvaille VANCOUVER FALL/WINTER Is Your Marriage in Crisis? – Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which offers a two-month program for married couples with difficulties of all kinds. It is not too late! For confidential info or to register for the fall/winter program November 30 - December 2, call Marc & Candice at 604-530-6710. www.retrouvaille.org and www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR BUYING SEX Join us for an informative video talk featuring **Valiant Richey, former Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Seattle**, who will be sharing his experience of working on the demand side of this exploitation and educating the public on strategies for enforcement. Seattle and other cities across Canada and the USA are implementing a Demand Reduction Model to reduce commercial sexual exploitation. Video talk followed by a Q&A session by the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee. Thursday, Sept. 20, at St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30pm. Register at rcav.org/event/reduce-the-demand

LATIN MASS- Feast of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Solemn Mass (Extraordinary form) to ask God's blessings as we prepare to begin the new school year. All are welcome! Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 7pm, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary 646 Richards St. Vancouver

The Men's Retreat - A Man After God's Own Heart Sept. 28-30, at Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, B.C. The theme this year is "A Man After God's Own Heart." We will follow the story of King David and rediscover the fulfillment that comes from directing our entire lives toward God. With powerful presentations, time for prayer, sacraments, fellowship, adventure, rest, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon, this retreat offers something for everyone. **Registration still open!** For info: www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

| Sunday 26 | Monday 27 | Tuesday 28 | Wednesday 29 | Thursday 30 | Friday 31 | Saturday 1 | Sunday 2 |
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| Jos 24: 1-18 Ps 34 Ep 4: 32-5: 1-32 Jn 6: 53-69 | 2Thess 1: 1-12 Ps 96 Mt 23: 13-22 | 2Thess 2: 1-17 Ps 96 Mt 23: 23-26 | Jer 1: 17-19 Ps 71 Mk 6: 17-29 | 1Cor 1: 1-9 Ps 145 Mt 24: 42-51 | 1Cor 1: 17-25 Ps 33 Mt 25 1-13 | 1Cor 1: 26-31 Ps 33 Mt 25: 14-30 | Deut 4: 1-8 Ps 15 James 1: 17-27 Mk 7: 1-23 |



Prayer of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for Priests

O Jesus,
I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests labouring at home
or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You
the priest dearest to me;
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted
and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy
Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other
way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless
them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe
that you are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because you have revealed them
who are eternal truth and wisdom,
who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen

Act of Hope

O Lord God,
I hope by your grace for the pardon
of all my sins
and after life here to gain eternal happiness
because you have promised it
who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind,
and merciful.

In this hope I intend to live and die.
Amen.

Act of Love

O Lord God, I love you above all things
and I love my neighbor for your sake
because you are the highest, infinite and perfect
good, worthy of all my love.

In this love I intend to live and die.
Amen.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PRIESTHOOD

BY MONSIGNOR CHARLES POPE

August 21, 2018 (blog.adw.org)

In times like these, when Church reform is so urgent, priests must re-focus and re-center their lives more clearly than ever. Through prayer and study every priest must guard his heart and, in so doing be more empowered to help God's people do the same.

Two images come to mind, one of prayer and the other of study, but both summon the priest to guard his heart and center his mind on God and what God teaches.

The first image is from the Book of Leviticus: *The fire on the altar shall be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add wood to the fire, arrange the burnt offering on it, and burn the fat portions of the peace offerings on it. The fire must be kept burning on the altar continually; it must not go out, it must not go out!* (Leviticus 6:12-13)

The fire referred to here is the one on the altar before the ancient Temple or Tent of Meeting, but for our purposes it is an image of prayer. The prayer of the priest for himself and his people is a fire that must never go out. Prayer, as a conversation with God, must not end. Every morning the priest is to add wood to this fire of prayer; he is to offer a sacrifice of praise and beg God on behalf of His people.

As priests, we are directed to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, sometimes called the "breviary," or the "office." We are also called to spend time before God in quiet prayer and attentiveness, so that hearing what He says we can then offer His teaching to the faithful.

The text here is emphatic: this fire (of prayer) must not go out; it must never be extinguished. A priest who stops praying is dangerous to himself and others.

Encourage your priests to pray. Say to him, "Father, I am counting on your prayers for me." Be specific in your gentle reminder to him: "Father, when you pray the office, please remember me." "Father, in your Holy Hour and visits to the Blessed Sacrament, please remember my family." In so doing you remind him of his obligation to pray and that you are presuming he is doing so. Priests must pray. This is a fire that must never be extinguished!

The second image is one of prayerful study and careful teaching.

In his treatise, *The Book of the Pastoral Rule*, Pope Saint Gregory the Great applies details from the Old Testament priesthood to the priests of the New Covenant. In one reflection, he remarks on the details of the breastplate of the high priest and what they signify.

In effect, Pope Gregory instructs the priest to guard his heart, keeping it safe from the poison of false doctrine and from misplaced affections, wherein he fears man more than God and desires the approval of man more than speaking the truth. In one section he writes, *Thus, it was assigned by the divine Voice that on the breast of Aaron, the vestment of judgment should be closely bound by bands (Exodus 28:15, 28). This was so that the heart of the priest would not possess fluctuating thoughts, but be bound by reason alone. Nor should he consider indiscreet or unnecessary thoughts (Pastoral Rule Part II.2).*

Note the use of the word "bands." At the root of the meaning of the word "religion" is the same concept. The Latin root of the word *religion* speaks of being bound closely to or embraced by God (*re* (again) + *ligare* (to bind)). Thus, the virtue of religion binds one's heart, mind, and soul to God. We are held tightly by Him in an embrace of love and truth.

The bands of the high priest's breastplate warn him not to waiver, wander, or be carried off from the love and truth of God. We are not to be enamored of the world or its lies; neither should we embrace or cling to them. The priest is to cling to God and be held close by Him, not wandering off in all different directions. Being held close by God, the priest's own beating heart begins to synchronize with the heart of God. *Cor ad cor loquitur* (Heart speaks to heart). Gradually the priest's heart will become much like God's, loving the things and people of God with proper and ordered affection and wanting only what God wants.

Further, being held fast by God will also preserve the priest from what Gregory calls indiscreet or unnecessary thoughts. Indiscreet matters are those into which we ought not to delve or pry.

The priest should properly seek to know only those things he needs to know. He should also remember that there are many things he cannot fully know, many of the deep mysteries of God about which he must humbly admit he knows little.

As for "unnecessary thoughts," this surely refers to the thousands of trifling things that often occupy the minds of many people throughout the day: sports, celebrities, or the minutia of popular culture. We can think too much of frivolous things and not enough about glorious, edifying, and lasting ones.

Pope St. Gregory continues, ... *It was strictly added that the names of the twelve patriarchs should also be depicted (Exodus 28:29). For to carry always the inscribed fathers on the breast is to meditate on the life of the ancients without interruption ... to consider unceasingly the footsteps of the Saints.*

Yes, every priest should be deeply rooted in the wisdom of the saints and in the ancient and lasting truth revealed by God in Holy Scripture and Sacred Tradition. To be a true Christian is to be deeply rooted in these things, always going back to that which is ancient and proposing it ever anew. The truths of God are *non nova sed nove* (not new things but understood newly).

St. Gregory continues, [*The breastplate*] is fittingly called a "vestment of judgment" because the spiritual director should always discern between good and evil. ... Concerning this it is written: "But you shall put on the breastplate of judgment, the doctrine and truth, which will be on Aaron's breast ... and [the priest shall] not add an element of human reasoning as he dispenses his judgments on behalf of God. ... Otherwise, personal affections might get in the way of zealous correction ..."

Here Pope Gregory warns against the human tendency to compromise the truth or to engage in rationalization. We can add to the Word of God or subtract from it, but either way we render harm to the purity it should always have in our heart, in our mind, and on our lips.

Too many priests, preachers, and teachers get carried away with trendy notions or theological speculations that can begin to substitute for the true word of God. All the priest's judgments about what is right and what is wrong, what is good and what is evil, should be deeply rooted in the wisdom and the truth of God. They should not be tainted by dubious opinions, trends, fashions, unbalanced notions, or even his own sinful inclinations and his desire to rationalize them.

The priest must also be aware of personal affections and preferences. Too often in human affairs, *who* said something becomes more important than *what* he said. St. Paul says, *Test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil* (1 Thess 5:21-22).

Pope St. Gregory concludes,

If one fearfully considers the One who presides over all things, then he will not direct his subjects without fear.

Fear is a very deep human problem. Too many priests, parents, teachers, and others in the Church fear human beings rather than God. God would have us simplify things in our life by fearing Him alone and then not having to fear thousands of others.

Yes, too many priests and other leaders cower before congregations and preach so vaguely and blandly that almost no one can remember what was said; their obfuscations disguise the Word of God more than they reveal it.

The first question every preacher and teacher should ask himself is this: What would God think of what I have said today?

Unfortunately, too many of us who preach are more concerned with the opinions of men. The fear that a preacher should have is not whether his congregation is pleased, but rather whether God, who will judge him one day, is pleased. If he fears God, then he will direct his people with holy fear not out of a fear of man. He will have a proper and holy reverence for God, to whom we must one day be accountable for our office. May neither our silence nor our rash speech condemn us!

Pray for priests and encourage them to stay faithful to prayer and to the divine founts of truth. May every priest pray and guard his heart and mind!

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