

# St James Parish

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## Welcome to the 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!

Pastor:	Rev. William Ashley
Deacons:	Rev. Alan Cavin Rev. Larry Gorman
Parish Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault
Parish Office Hours:	Monday-Friday : 8.30am-3.00pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday (anticipated) @ 4.30pm Sundays @ 9am.   11am   6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday @ 8.00am Sat. & Public Holidays @ 9.00am
Reconciliation: ( Confession )	30 minutes before Sunday Masses 15 minutes before weekday Masses <b>School Confessions:</b> Fridays @ 9.20am
Baptisms:	Please contact the Parish Office.
Marriages:	Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to setting the wedding date.
Communion/Visiting the Sick	Please contact the Parish Office
Chaplet of Divine Mercy:	Fridays @ 11.00am
Eucharistic Adoration	Monday-Thursday: 7.00-8.00am Fridays @ 8.30-11am <b>School Adoration &amp; Rosary:</b> Fridays @ 9.20am



## Parish Groups & Contacts:

Adult Faith Formation	Deacon Alan Cavin (604.996.7042) & Hazelle Schenk
Altar Servers	Matthew Arendt (604.765.1264) Brandon Kealey (604.376.2610)
Altar Guild	Cecilia Tsang (604.864.8800)
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Sheila Hall (604.859.8684)
Children's Liturgy	Heidi Calzavara (604.859.9199)
El Shaddai	Ghie Javier (604.758.2146)
Filipino Ministry/Hospitality	Rosalina Cole (604.859.8465)
Finance Committee	Della Oberhoffner (604.864.8800)

Knights of Columbus	Walter Dona (604.852.2589)
Men's Group	Russ Bouwman (604.856.3812)
Music Ministry	Corinne McCarthy, Bob Buckham, Mark Sweeney, Daniel Anctil, Agnes Krammer.
Parish Council	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)
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Stewardship Committee	Monica Roddis (604.853.7985)

## Educational Programmes:

PREP (Parish Religious Education Programme)	Connie Slomski (604.613.5665, slomski@telus.net)
Lifeteen	Richard Gumpal (youthministry.stjames@gmail.com)
Alpha/RCIA	Deacon Alan Cavin, Jacques Braconnier, Bob Buckham (604.864.8800)
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)

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

9am ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

11am ◊ Int: - RIP † John VanderBurgt

6:30pm ◊ Int: -

**Monday, November 26, 2018**

8am ◊ Int: - Robert Black

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

8am ◊ Int: - RIP † Dava Mark Nolos

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

8am ◊ Int: - RIP † Alex Juhasz

**Thursday, November 29, 2018**

8am ◊ Int: -RIP † Enrique Del Valle

**Friday, November 30, 2018**

8am *St. Andrew* ◊ Int: - RIP † Greg Hargrave

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

9am ◊ Int: - Felicissima Junos

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - *First Sunday of Advent*

◊ Int: RIP † Marilou Navarro

**Sunday, December 2, 2018** *First Sunday of Advent*

9am ◊ Int: - RIP † Gerhard Bulla

11am ◊ Int: - Camille & Joan Cote 40th Wedding Anniversary

6:30pm ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

**Stewardship Reflection**

*Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'* John 18:36

*How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?*

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**2018 Advent Confession Schedule**

St. Joseph's, Langley	Dec. 13 at 7pm
St. Ann's, Abbotsford	Dec. 17 at 7pm
St. Nicholas', Walnut Grove	Dec. 18 at 7pm
St. James, Abbotsford	Dec. 18 at 8pm
Sts. Joachim & Ann, Aldergrove	Dec. 19 at 7pm
St. Joseph's, Mission	Dec. 19 at 7pm
St. Mary's, Chilliwack	Dec. 20 at 7pm
Our Lady of Good Hope	TBD
St. Anthony of Padua, Agassiz	TBD

**ORANGES FOR SALE** Knights of Columbus will be selling oranges after Sunday masses, 5lb box for \$6.

**LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST** Join the Knights of Columbus in lighting up the Nativity on Tues. Dec. 4 at 7pm. Caroling and refreshments to follow.

**SOLD OUT** St. James CWL would like to thank all those parishioners who purchased the Okanagan apples. We raised approx. \$500 to go towards our Bursaries and other charities.

**ST. JAMES AND ST. ANN'S SCHOOL** Parents Prayer group will now be meeting at the school library at 8:30am on Thursday mornings.

**PROJECT ADVANCE**

Our total so far is \$56,140. We thank the 78 families who have so generously contributed.

We look forward to even more generous donations as we seek to attain our goal of \$90,000.

**Upcoming Events**

**NOV. 25 (SUN) ◊ CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION & ADORATION**

**DEC. 2 (SUN) ◊ CWL Bake Sale** after 9am & 11am Masses

**DEC. 4 (TUES) ◊ Light Up for Christ @7pm**

**DEC. 8 (SAT) ◊ Syro Malabar Mass @7pm**

**DEC. 9 (SUN) ◊ Breakfast with St. Nick at Pancake Breakfast**  
◊ El Shaddai @ 12:30pm

**DEC. 10 (MON) ◊ Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7pm**

**DEC. 13 (THURS) ◊ HANDEL'S MESSIAH @ 7:30PM**

**DEC. 14 (FRI) ◊ Simbang Gabi Tagalog/English Mass @ 7pm**

**DEC. 17-19 (MON-WED) ◊ ADVENT PARISH MISSION**

To be preached by Fr Emmerich Vogt, OP

**DEC. 20 (THURS) ◊ SWEENEY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 7pm**

**Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners**

*Felicissima Junos, Joseph Billerman, Bill Hireen, Liam McCarthy, Mirella Cervo, Rev. Anthony Boniface, Luka Volentier, James Hargrave, Roger Loisselle, Ian MacDougall, Julie Miller and Joyce Walker*

*Pregnant? Need to talk? Hurting from a past abortion?*

*For confidential and compassionate text: "HOPE" to 393939 or "onlinecare.ca"*

Eucharistic Adoration: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in St James Church *Monday-Thursday* from 7-8am before the 8am Mass and on Friday mornings at 8:30. Spend an hour adoring, praising and glorifying the Lord in the quietness of the morning.

**MORNING OF RECOLLECTION** for women on Mon November 26th at St James Church from 10AM - 12 NOON, preached by a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei. *"If you don't keep in touch with Christ in prayer and in the Bread, how can you make him known to others?" The Way #105* For information contact Maxine Leslie : [778 666-7529](tel:7786667529)

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!**The Christmas Season is approaching and the CWL will be hosting its annual Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday December 2 after the 9am and 11am Masses. All bakers of the parish (young and old, novice or experienced) are asked to share their wonderful Christmas baking, by donating wrapped baked goods and dropping them off as early as 8:30am prior to December 2 morning mass. PLEASE mark if your "tasty delights" contain any peanut or nut products or if they are "gluten free". NO Pricing is necessary as we will take care of that. In advance, the CWL members thank you all for your participation, whether baking or enjoying the treats.

**SJB SCHOOL DRAMA** You are invited to sit back, be entertained and laugh out loud as the St. John Brebeuf School Drama Department puts on their production of *Fawlty Towers!* Three infamous episodes will be brought to life on the live stage. "Communication Problems", "Waldorf Salad" and "The Germans". Matsqui Centennial Theatre (32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford) Thurs. Nov. 29, 11am and 7pm or Fri. Nov.30@ 7pm. Tickets: \$12 available at <https://www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/store/>

**Ordination of Deacon Guy Zidago and Felix Min** You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 12 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.

**SIMBANG GABI** Tagalog English Mass. Fri. Dec. 14 at 7:00pm. For more info call Rosalina Cole 604-859-8465.

**FAIR TRADE MARKET** Come help support our Fair Trade Market held from December 3-7 (12:30-1:15 pm) at Saint John Brebeuf High School. All products are made from artisans in third world countries and all proceeds go to the artisans. The products we will be selling are from Ten Thousand Villages, Bags by Courtney and Help Burkina Faso Canada. Prices range from \$5 and up (cash only).



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*Lifeteen tonight at 7:30pm!*

**ST. JAMES PARISH ADVENT RETREAT** "Spiritual Healing" December 17-19 Monday through Wednesday. Two daily options: Morning Conference 8:30-9:30 following morning mass at 8am or Evening Conference 7:00-8:00pm. Confessions will be heard after the morning and evening sessions except Wednesday evening. Retreat given by Fr. Emmerich of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order. *Do your good feelings about yourself depend on being liked by others? Are your happiness and peace dependent on pleasing others? Do you freeze up emotionally when you are in conflict? Do you work or eat compulsively?* This Mission on Spiritual Healing can help you find the peace which the world cannot give- a peace which comes from a spiritual life led in union with Christ.

**HEART OF THE WORLD – An Ignatian Retreat for Young Adults** For men and women, ages 18-40, who would like to have an experience of Jesus Christ through Ignatian contemplation, and learn tools of discernment and prayer for everyday life. Friday, Nov. 30, at 6:30pm and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8:30am to 8pm at St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster. Led by retreat leader: Fr. John O'Brien, SJ. Cost: \$30 (Saturday lunch and dinner included). No overnight at site. To register visit <https://rcav.org/event/heart-of-the-world>

**POLISH NUN WHO HELPED SAVE JEWS DURING HOLOCAUST DIES AT 110.** Believed to be the "oldest nun in the world," Sister Cecylia Maria Roszak died on Nov. 16, 2018. At the age of 21, she entered a cloistered convent of Dominican sisters in Krakow, at the "On Gródek" monastery. In 1938, she travelled with a group of sisters to Vilnius. Sr. Roszak and her sisters, led by their superior, hid 17 members of the Jewish resistance in their convent, risking their lives to do so. Despite the enormous difference between the two groups, very close relations were formed between the religious Christian nuns and the left-wing secular Jews. In 1984, the nuns were awarded the "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem, which recognizes non-Jews who risked their lives, freedom or positions to help Jewish people during the Holocaust. (Canadian News Agency)

**Daily Mass Scripture Readings:**

Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 1	Sunday 2
Dan 7: 13-14 Ps 93 Rev 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33-37	Rev 14:1-5 Ps 24 Lk 21: 1-4	Rev 14: 14-19 Ps 96 Lk 21: 5-11	Rev 15: 1-4 Ps 98 Lk 21: 12-19	Rev 18: 1-23; 19:1-9 Ps 100 Lk 21: 20-28	Rom 10: 9-18 Ps 19 Mt 4: 18-22	Rev 22: 1-7 Ps 95 Lk 21: 34-36	Jer 33: 14-16 Ps 25 Thess 3: 12-4:2 Lk 21: 25-36

25 November 2018  
Feast of Christ, the King

Dear Parishioners of St James Parish,

I take pen in hand to write you about a number of aspects of our parish life. First of all I want to thank the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, Monica Roddis, for overseeing the major celebration of our Silver Jubilee last week at our Gala Dinner. It was a truly magnificent occasion which will go down in the annals of our parish. I thank Monica and the entire Parish Pastoral Council and all the volunteers for such a well-planned and executed event. Let us be thankful to God for such generosity as we continue to plan for the future.

On another matter, today is the Solemnity of Christ, the King. Let us honour Him for all the blessings He has bestowed on us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Today at all the Masses we will pray the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Christ, the King. The 11 a.m. Mass will be followed by a Eucharistic procession and Benediction in thanksgiving for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. There will also be Benediction at 6 p.m. Please sign up at the door of the church to come for a period of Adoration during the afternoon.

Finally, I remind you of this year's Project Advance Campaign. Our original intention was to send you a reminder in the mail, but the postal strike has made that impossible. We have many future needs in our parish: a hall, a school, and and a rectory. Please be generous as your donations will help immeasurably in the accomplishment of our parish goals. You will find pledge forms available at the door of the church, or you have already received one in our previous mailing. Please fill it out, and place it in the collection, or drop it off at the office or you may pledge electronically at the Project Advance website: [www.rcav.org/donate-project-advance/](http://www.rcav.org/donate-project-advance/) I thank you in advance for your generosity so well known throughout the Archdiocese. For your generosity I thank God and assure you of a remembrance in my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Through the intercession of St James the Greater, I impart to you the Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

William F. Ashley  
Pastor

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**TODAY**  
SUNDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2018  
**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE KING**

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We will pray  
THE ACT OF THE DEDICATION  
OF THE  
HUMAN RACE  
TO  
CHRIST, THE KING  
**after ALL Masses.**  
After the 11 a.m. Mass, there will be a  
Eucharistic Procession **and**  
ADORATION  
until Benediction @ **6.00 p.m.**  
( PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET

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**HANDEL'S MESSIAH: THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.**

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AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH. )

Come and enjoy the combined forces of the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra  
**AND** the Chilliwack Children's Choir **AND** the *Belle Voci* Choir.

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**PARISH ADVENT MISSION: ' SPIRITUAL HEALING '**  
DECEMBER 17-19, 2018

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Two ( 2 ) DAILY options :

Morning Conference @ **8.30-9.30 a.m.**

Evening Conference @ **7-8 p.m.**

( **DAILY MASS AS USUAL @ 8.00 a.m.** )

Confession **AFTER** the morning and evening conferences **except** Wednesday evening

SOCIAL NIGHT

Wednesday ( 19 December ) @ **8.00 p.m.**

' **Meet the Missionary** '

Come and meet Fr Emmerich Vogt, OP

— Refreshments and Snacks —

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**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

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CHRISTMAS EVE ( 24 DECEMBER )

@ **5.30 p.m.**

with Children's Choir

@ **9.00 p.m.**

Latin Sung Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY ( 25 DECEMBER )



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