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| 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 School Confessions: 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 School Adoration & Rosary: Fridays @ 9.20am |

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!



Parish Groups & Contacts:

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| Adult Faith Formation | Deacon Alan Cavin (604.996.7042) & Hazelle Schenk | Knights of Columbus | Walter Dona (604.852.2589) |
| Altar Servers | Matthew Arendt (604.765.1264) Brandon Kealey (604.376.2610) | 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) |
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| PREP (Parish Religious Education Programme) | Connie Slomski (604.613.5665, slomski@telus.net) |
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| 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, December 9, 2018** *Second Sunday of Advent*

9am ◇ Int: - RIP † Concepcion Vallespin

11am ◇ Int: - RIP † Henry VanderBurgt

6:30pm ◇ Int: - Missa pro populo

Monday, December 10, 20188am *er* ◇ Int: - RIP † Oscar Keith Folkestad**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**8am *St. Dasamus I* ◇ Int: - RIP † Robert Boyle**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**8am *Our Lady of Guadalupe* ◇ Int: - RIP † Robert Boyle**Thursday, December 13, 2018**8am *St. Lucy* ◇ Int: - RIP † Oscar Keith Folkestad**Friday, December 14, 2018**8am *St. John of the Cross* ◇ Int: - Maureen Humphrey**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

9am ◇ Int: - Humphrey Family

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - *Third Sunday of Advent*

◇ Int:

Sunday, December 16, 2018 *Third Sunday of Advent*

9am ◇ Int: -

11am ◇ Int: - Thanksgiving– Narcissa Schmidt

6:30pm ◇ Int: - Missa pro populo

RIP Please remember in your prayers, Ed Haaf, who passed away on Thurs. Dec. 6, 2018. His funeral will be Tuesday at St. Ann's Parish. Time still to be determined.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE is up this week. If you can help purchase a gift for our Christmas hampers, take a tag off the tree and bring it back unwrapped by Dec. 16

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S Practices will be every Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:00 mass, starting this Sunday, December 2nd. Contact Laurelle Cree at 779-808-7857 or email to laurellecree@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL LENDING LIBRARY The Knights of Columbus have a display in the foyer with booklets to help us grow in our faith. There is no charge. Take one to read with your family and return it later and take another.

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION for women. Mon December 10th at St James Church from 10am - 12 pm 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 info contact Maxine Leslie : [778 666-7529](tel:778-666-7529)

Stewardship Reflection

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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2018 Advent Confession Schedule

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| 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 | Dec. 22 at 7pm |
| St. Anthony of Padua, Agassiz | Dec. 23 at 7pm |

Upcoming Events

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

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** @ 7:30pm

DEC. 24 (MON) ◇ **Christmas Eve Mass** @ 5:30pm with
Children's Choir

Mass @ 9:00pm (Sung Latin Mass)

DEC. 25 (TUES) ◇ **Christmas Mass** @ Midnight

Mass @ 10:00am

Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners

Felicisima 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.

FRASER VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR (ages 8-14) Alexander McCune, director. We are a group of 22 singers under the teaching and direction of Alexander McCune, meeting at St. James parish on Tuesday evenings to learn and practice together. We have spent a semester learning the basics of choral music, and now we will begin singing for mass at local parishes once a month. **Now is a good time for new members to join.** Membership is \$140 for the January-June season. Alexander: alexanderchurchmusic@gmail.com

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE Join us as we celebrate life on Friday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30am and Mass is at 12:10pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL The seniors/grandparents are invited to attend a luncheon and special performance of the St. James & St. Ann's School Christmas Musical. Wednesday, December 19th. Doors open at 12:00pm, lunch will be served at 12:15pm and the show will begin at 1:00pm. Admission is by donation. Please RSVP the school at 604-852-1788 by Monday, December 17th so we can plan accordingly

SAVE THE DATE- RESTORE THE BEAUTY: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. A venue and location in Surrey makes it easily accessible for more women to attend and experience this beautiful event. Event will be Friday, May 3, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 9am- 9pm More details coming soon! www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference/



youthministry.stjames@gmail.com

Lifeteen tonight at 7:30pm!

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be?

In 1 Corinthians 13:13 Jesus tells us the greatest of these is Love. Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. For info on an upcoming weekend program, contact Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 or visit www.retrouvaillevancover.com and www.retrouvaille.org

We welcome by baptism today
Zoe Kayin Soriano
 Welcome to the Family of God!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this Sunday the Liturgy presents to us the Gospel passage in which St. Luke prepares the scene on which Jesus is about to enter and begin his public ministry. The Evangelist focuses the spotlight on to John the Baptist, who was the Precursor of the Messiah, and with great precision outlines the space-time coordinates of his preaching. The Evangelist evidently wanted to warn those who read or hear about it that the Gospel is not a legend but the account of a true story, that Jesus of Nazareth is a historical figure who fits into that precise context. After this ample historical introduction, the subject becomes "the word of God", presented as a power that comes down from Heaven and settles upon John the Baptist.

| Daily Mass Scripture Readings: | | | | | | | |
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| Sunday 9 | Monday 10 | Tuesday 11 | Wednesday 12 | Thursday 13 | Friday 14 | Saturday 15 | Sunday 16 |
| Bar 5: 1-9 Ps 126 Phil 1: 3-11 Lk 3: 1-6 | Is 35: 1-10 Ps 85 Lk 5: 17- 26 | Is 40: 1- 11 Ps 96 Mt 18: 12- 14 | Zech 2: 10- 13 Jud 13 Lk 1: 39-47 | Is 41: 13- 20 Ps 145 Mt 11: 11- 15 | Is 48: 17- 19 Ps 1 Mt 11: 16- 19 | Sir 48: 1- 11 Ps 80 Mt 17: 10- 13 | Zeph 3: 14- 18 Is 12 Phil 4: 4- 7 Lk 3: 10- 18 |

FROM THE **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Mary- “ever-virgin”

499 The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary’s real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man, In fact, Christ’s birth “did not diminish his mother’s virginal integrity but sanctified it.” And so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the “Ever-virgin.”

500 Against the doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus. The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, “brothers of Jesus,” are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls “the other Mary.” They are close relations of Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression.

510 Mary “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (St. Augustine, *Serm.* 186, 1:PL 38, 999): with her whole being she is “the handmaid of the Lord: (Lk 1: 38)

FROM THE **COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

9. What is the full and definitive stage of God’s Revelation?

The full and definitive stage of God’s revelation is accomplished in his Word made flesh. Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete, although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

10. What is the value of private revelations?

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

'O' ANTIPHONS IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 17TH

○ Sapiéntia, quæ ex ore Altíssimi prodiísti, attingens a fine usque ad finem fórtiter, suavitérque dispónens ómnia: veni ad docéndum nos viam prudéntiæ.

○ Wisdom, who proceeds from the mouth of the Most High, reaching out mightily from end to end, sweetly arranging all things—COME to teach us the way of prudence.

DECEMBER 18TH

○ Adonái, et dux domus Israë́l, qui Moysé in igne flammæ rubi apparuísti, et ei in Sina legem dedísti: veni ad rediméndum nos in bráchio exténto.

○ Mighty Lord, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush, and on Sinai gave him the law—COME to redeem us with outstretched arm.

DECEMBER 19TH

○ Radix Iesse, qui stas in signum populórum, super quem continébunt reges os suum, quem gentes deprecabúntur: veni ad liberándum nos, iam noli tardáre.

○ Root of Jesse, who stands as a sign for the people, kings stand silent in Your presence, whom the nations will worship—COME to set us free—do not delay.

DECEMBER 20TH

○ Clavis David et sceptrum domus Israë́l, qui áperis, et nemo claudit, claudis, et nemo apéruit: veni, et educ vinctum de domo cárceris, sedéntem in ténebris, et umbra mortis.

○ Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel, You open, and no one shuts; You shut, and no one opens—COME and lead the prisoner (the sinner) from jail, seated in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 21ST

○ Oriens, splendor lucis ætérnæ, et sol iustitiæ: veni, et illúmina sedéntes in ténebris, et umbra mortis.

○ East, splendour of eternal light, and sun of justice—COME and shine on those seated in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 22ND

○ Rex Géntium, et desiderátus eárum, lapisque anguláris, qui facis útraque unum: veni, et salva hóminem, quem de limo formásti.

○ King of the Nations, and the one they desired, keystone, who makes both peoples one (jew and gentile)—COME and save mankind, whom You shaped from the dust.

DECEMBER 23RD

○ Emmánuel, Rex et légifer noster, exspectátio géntium, et Salvator eárum: veni ad salvándum nos, Dómine, Deus noster.

○ Emmanuel, our King and lawmaker, awaited by the nations, and their Saviour—COME to save us, Lord, our God.



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