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St Theresa's Church
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Sacred Heart Church
2202 Park Ave
Lumby, BC V0E 2G0



Mass Times
5:00 pm Saturday
8:30 am Sunday
7:00 pm Sunday

Mass Times
10:30 am Sunday

Mass Times
12:00 pm Sunday
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday

Mass Times
12:00 pm Sunday
2nd & 4th Sunday

Mass Times
5:30 pm Saturday
9:30 am Sunday



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29, 2026
Have a Blessed Holy Week



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	St James	
Daily Mass	Mon-Fri	8:00 am
	Saturday	9:00 am
Reconciliation	Saturday	9:30-10:30 am
		4:00-4:45 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Mon –Thursday	9 am—9 pm
@ St Benedict	1st Friday	10 am
4 Mysteries of the Rosary	1st Saturday	7:30-8:40 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office **at least 6 WEEKS prior** to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In preparation for your marriage celebration at the Catholic Church, please contact the office **at least 6 MONTHS prior** to your requested wedding date.

Easter Mass Schedule for 2026

Note: NO! 7:00 pm mass on Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday (April 2)- OLOV 7pm, Sacred Heart Lumby 7pm

*Good Friday (April 3)- St James 12noon, OLOV 3pm,
Sacred Heart Lumby 7pm*

Easter Vigil (April 4)- OLOV 7pm, Sacred Heart Lumby 8pm

*Easter Sunday (April 5)- St James 8:30am and 1pm, OLOV 10:30am,
Sacred Heart Lumby 9:30am, St Benedict/Theresa 12noon*

INVITATION TO THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

My dear parishioners and visitors,

I invite you to accompany Jesus on His journey to the cross and to His Resurrection by participating in the liturgies of the **Paschal Triduum** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and at the Easter Vigil.

- On **Holy Thursday**, we witness the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Ministerial Priesthood, and we receive the mandate to love one another as He has loved us.

- On **Good Friday**, we venerate the wood upon which hung the Savior of the world, and we unite our own sufferings to His ultimate sacrifice.

On the **Easter Vigil**, we pass from the darkness of the tomb into the glory of the Risen Christ. We renew our Baptismal promises, welcoming the new life of the Spirit that sustains the Church.

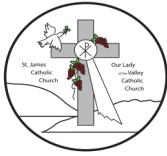
By entering into the silence and the solemnity of the Paschal Triduum, our hearts are hollowed out to be filled more completely with the grace of the Resurrection. I look forward to taking this journey with you.

Sincerely yours,
Fr. Peter Hoan Nguyen

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Mission Statement: United in the Eucharist to love and serve.
Vision Statement: Inspired by the Spirit to:
 -know our faith and vocation
 -serve the needs of others
 -welcome new parishioners into our faith community
 -share our excitement about Jesus

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of April

For priests in crisis—Let us pray priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS—March 30-April 05

March 30	Mon	8 am SJ	Neil Brennan	RIP
March 31	Tues	5pm SJ	Souls in Purgatory	RIP
April 01	Wed	8 am SJ	Private Intention	INT
April 02	Thurs	8 am SJ	Marcus Novel	RIP

AN INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION

Come and welcome the newest members of our community!
EVERYONE IS INVITED
 to an evening of songs, snacks, and socials ... the **"FILL THE VALLEY"** way.

**APRIL 9 (THURSDAY)
 6PM AT O.L.O.V**

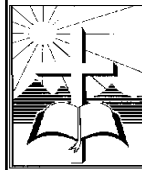
**MANDATORY WORKSHOP
 FOR LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**For current and aspiring Readers, Ushers, Altar Servers,
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
 and Music Ministers/ Choirs**

**APRIL 11, 2026 (Saturday),
 3:00 to 4:45 PM (followed by Mass at 5 PM)
 at St. James Parish Centre**

Registration is required.

Register at www.rccv.org > Liturgical Training



Next Sunday's Readings:

April 05, 2026
 Acts 10.34a, 37-43
 Ps 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R.24)
 Colossians 3.1-4
 John 20.1-18++



St. James Flower Ministry

A gentle reminder to all parishioners wishing to make floral donations to the church especially at Easter. In consideration of others with allergies and sensitivities please avoid donating highly scented lilies or other such flowers.
 Many Thanks, St. James Flower Ministry

Share Lent Collection

St James \$3663 OLOV \$1610 St Benedict \$110



	Last Sunday's Offertory	EFT (Jan) Electronic Fund Transfer	PAD (Jan) Pre-Authorized Debit
St James	\$ 2628	\$ 830	\$ 5775
OLOV	\$ 2623	\$ 1235	\$ 4043
St Benedict	\$ 150	\$ 20	



Pastoral Care Ministry

If you are in the hospital, in the homes, please phone the office at 250-542-1276 or email at stjamesvernon@redk.org for Pastoral Care.



**Faith In Action Campaign 35
 "Pilgrims of Hope"**

	Assessment	Actual
St James	\$ 41546	\$ 54,965
OLOV	\$ 24520	\$ 40,003
St Benedict's	\$ 1887	\$ 4,300



Catholic Book Club

On Wednesday, April 1 we will discuss sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Part 2 of **Unshakable** by Father Mike Schmitz.

Meet at 9 am in the Monsignor Miles Hall. All are welcome

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 at St. James Church (9am—9pm Mon-Thurs)**

Enhance your life by committing one hour a week as an adorer. Drop-in visitors are always welcome. We especially need adorers for these hours:
 Monday 2-3pm, 3-4pm, and 4-5pm,
 Tuesday 3-4pm, Wed 12-1pm, Thursday 12-1pm
 For anyone interested in reaping the tremendous benefits of Holy Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Amy & Bruce Bernhardt (250)308-9612 or adorationstjames@gmail.com
Holy Thursday and Easter Monday Closures
 No Adoration Holy Thursday, April 2nd
 No Adoration Easter Monday, April 6th

From the Gospel at the Procession with the Palms, Year A:

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matt 21:7-11)

Today is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven

Symbolism of the Palm Sunday Service

In the actions and object proper to today's liturgy the Church displays a rich symbolism, one deserving our special attention. The procession, for instance, is more than a mere memory; for in it we are actually accompanying Christ *here and now*. How is that true? Because Christ is present in three ways; firstly, in mere symbol, on the Cross which heads the procession; secondly, in His representative the priest; thirdly, in all of us as a community gathered together in His name. We are the Church of this place; and Christ, according to His promise, is in the midst of us.

But also this procession looks to the future. Christ, in His redemptive work, passed from this world into heaven, which is called the New Jerusalem. If our church stands for the earthly Jerusalem of old, it stands also for the New Jerusalem of heaven. When Christ comes again at the end of the world, He will lead our risen bodies, now joined to their souls, into heaven. And so, as we enter now with Christ's representative, the priest, we should think of the day when we hope to enter heaven itself with Christ our King. Our procession is a kind of rehearsal, in a symbolic way, of our final passover on the Last Day.

Now let us turn our minds from the future to the past. Christ and His followers entered Jerusalem, just as we now enter this church. But why did He go to Jerusalem? Was it to be crowned there as King? Not at all. He went there to suffer and die for our sakes, and to win through all His terrible passion and death to His resurrection. Our salvation depends on following Him; we must die with Him if ever we are to rise with Him. And therefore in the official prayer of the Mass, which the priest lays before God as our spokesman, we ask that "with the lesson of His endurance before us, we may be found worthy to have fellowship in His resurrection." How earnestly we should add our *Amen* to that prayer.

And at the end of it all we take our palms home, and reverently place them behind our crucifix; and we would do well to use the palms of all the members of our family, placing them in the living room, the kitchen, the bedrooms, the garden — in any place where we pass our time — that they may remain there throughout the year. Why should we do that? Because at the end of the procession the priest says this prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, we have carried these branches and sung solemn praises in Thy honor. Graciously let Thy grace and

blessing rest wherever these branches are brought; with the power of Thy right hand defeat every evil influence and deception of the devil while granting Thy protection to those whom Thou hast redeemed; who are living and reigning with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen."

The palms are not instruments of magic; they are not like superstitious amulets supposed to possess any power or virtue of their own; but they are the visible signs of the powerful prayer of God's Church which calls down the blessing of God upon all the places where they are put. We who have faith in the Church should have faith in her prayers, and make use of their power to our sanctification and protection.

Prolife AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday April 22nd at 7pm at the Schubert Centre 3505 30th Ave, Vernon, BC V1T 2E6 OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Marlon Bartram:

is the Executive Director for the Kelowna Right to Life Society. Marlon is a well-known speaker with many years of experience and insight into the prolife movement. This year we are pleased to host Marlon at our 2026 AGM where he will be speaking on what is happening in Canada with MAID.

We are always welcoming new members and future members of the board.

Catholic Men's Conference April 24&25

at Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna

Keynote Speaker : **Fr. Larry Richards**

(Author of *Be a Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*)

Early Bird Registration—Before April 15

Regular \$65

University Student \$15

Visit www.heroicmen.ca and scroll down to the Kelowna Confer-



Saloon Night

Saturday, May 02, 2026

Parish Centre—6:30pm—11pm

We would like to invite parishioners to attend our annual Saloon Night! Funds raised to towards PSG initiatives including new turf for the back field this summer.

Tickets: \$25 per person available at the school office for this 19+ event. Thank you for supporting our school!



Annual Parish Yard Sale Donation Drive

KofC 12202 Chapter (OLOV)

We are accepting donations of gently items in good working condition for our upcoming Parish Yard Sale (May 16, 2026 from 7am—2pm).

For more information please contact Nicholas Rasquinha at 250-307-6777 or Ron Frohlick at 778-915-7667 or nprasquinha@hotmail.com to arrange for pick-up.


St James CWL Grocery Receipts

CWL is collecting receipts from Butcher Boys, Nature's Fare Markets & Buy-Low Foods. We are accepting Freshco grocery receipts on behalf of Vernon Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary.

These stores will donate back a percentage of the amount of the receipt.

Please put your receipts in the white "**Grocery Receipt Program**" box located on the table in the vestibule of the main entrance of St. James Church.

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