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VISIT OUR REFRESHED WEBSITE  
[WWW.RCCV.ORG](http://WWW.RCCV.ORG)

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAURCHES OF VERNON (RCCV)**

**COLLECTION COUNTER MINISTRY NEEDED**

We are seeking two volunteers to join the Collection Counter Ministry beginning in November. Commitment is one Monday morning per month (1-2 hours). Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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**PRAYER ROTATION FOR EACH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Prayer for Youth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Prayer for reverence for Life  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Prayer for St. James School  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Prayer for Ministry

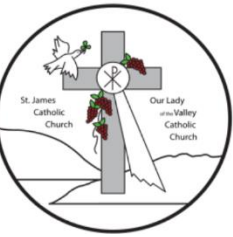
**REMINDER-PHOTO TO PICK UP**

If you have your picture taken between **August 05-15**, it is now available to pick up at the Parish office.

# Roman Catholic Churches of Vernon (RCCV)

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.



**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 (OCTOBER)

**For mental health ministry:** Let us pray that the mental ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

October is the World Mission month. For more information, please visit the website: [missionsocieties.ca](http://missionsocieties.ca)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR (more details inside)

- **Oct 12:** Thanksgiving Day (office is closed). **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- **Oct 14:** Faith Formation Catechism starts
- **Oct 17:** "OOM PA PA" Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance - \$30 at SJ Parish Centre
- **Oct 18:** World Mission Sunday
- **Nov 21:** CWL's Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar

### CLERGY

|                         |                        |                             |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>           | Rev. Fr. Peter Nguyen  | 250-542-1276                |
| <b>Parochial Vicar</b>  | Rev. Fr. Paul Cuong Do | 250-547-9070                |
| <b>Permanent Deacon</b> | Deacon Paul Murphy     | 778-212-2020 (call or text) |

|                                  |                                              |              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Diocese Office (Kamloops)</b> | 635A Tranquille Rd.<br>Kamloops, BC, V2B 3H5 | 250-376-3351 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

|               |      |          |      |                                                       |     |
|---------------|------|----------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Oct 12</b> | Mon  | 8 am     | SJ   | Doug Morrison                                         | RIP |
| <b>Oct 13</b> | Tues | 8 am     | SJ   | Bev Doyle                                             | RIP |
| <b>Oct 14</b> | Wed  | 8 am     | SJ   | Private Intentions                                    | INT |
| <b>Oct 15</b> | Thu  | 8 am     | SJ   | Ian Scargill                                          | RIP |
| <b>Oct 16</b> | Fri  | 8 am     | SJ   | Deceased family members of<br>Vicente-Mosquera family | RIP |
| <b>Oct 17</b> | Sat  | 9 am     | SJ   | Frank Flasch                                          | RIP |
|               |      | 5 pm     | SJ   | John Toporchak                                        | RIP |
| <b>Oct 18</b> | Sun  | 8:30 am  | SJ   | SJ Parish Families                                    | INT |
|               |      | 10:30 am | OLOV | OLOV Parish Families                                  | INT |
|               |      | 7 pm     | SJ   | Vicente-Mosquera family                               | INT |

**WWW.RCCV.ORG**

### OUR CHURCHES:

#### St. James Church

2607 27<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Vernon, BC

#### Mass Times:

- 5:00 PM Saturday
- 8:30 AM Sunday
- 7:00 PM Sunday

#### Our Lady of the Valley

10102 Middleton Drive  
Coldstream, BC

#### Mass Times:

- 10:30 AM Sunday

#### St. Benedict's

122 Head of the Lake Rd,  
Vernon, BC

#### Mass Times:

- 12:00 PM Sunday  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

#### St. Theresa's

11365 Westside Road  
Vernon, BC

#### Mass Times:

- 12:00 PM Sunday  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

#### Sacred Heart Church

2202 Park Ave  
Lumby, BC

#### Mass Times:

- 5:30 PM Saturday
- 9:30 AM Sunday

#### PARISH OFFICE

☎ 250-542-1276  
🌐 [www.rccv.org](http://www.rccv.org)  
✉ [stjamesvernon@rcdk.org](mailto:stjamesvernon@rcdk.org)  
🕒 8am—2pm Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
(Closed Wednesday)

| PARISH MINISTRIES                   |                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CWL (St. James)                     | 7:00 pm (Sept 15 and Nov 10, 2026; Feb 9 and April13, 2027)<br>Monsignor Miles Hall                                                    |
| CWL (OLOV)                          | 11:00 am 1st Sat (Feb, April, June, Sept & Nov 14)                                                                                     |
| KofC (St. James)                    | Council 4949:<br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/kofc4949">www.facebook.com/kofc4949</a>                                              |
| KofC (OLOV)                         | St Teresa Council 12202:<br><a href="http://www.kofc12202.ca">www.kofc12202.ca</a>                                                     |
| Finance Committee (St. James)       | Alex Dantzer, Randi Patterman, Jim Allaway, Justin Sharma, Carmen Riguedell                                                            |
| Finance Committee (OLOV)            | Gord Adams, James Lockwood, Ewen Pitt                                                                                                  |
| Parish Pastoral Council (St. James) | Deanna Johnstone, Allan Clear, Lorena Clowes, Mark McLaughlin<br>Email: <a href="mailto:ppcstjames@gmail.com">ppcstjames@gmail.com</a> |
| Parish Pastoral Council (OLOV)      | Maureen Rinn, Ben Allen, Joe Bukowsky, Judit Spence<br>Email: <a href="mailto:ppcourg lady@gmail.com">ppcourg lady@gmail.com</a>       |
| Parish Pastoral Care Ministry       | Contact the Parish Office<br>Email: <a href="mailto:stjamesvernon@rcdk.org">stjamesvernon@rcdk.org</a>                                 |

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JAMES CHURCH**  
**Monday to Thursday / 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM**  
**Come and adore Jesus, who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Just one hour a week; you choose the hour.**  
**Drop-in visitors also welcome.**

We especially need adorers for these hours:

- Monday 3-4 p.m., & 4-5 p.m.
- Tuesday 2-3 p.m., 3-4 p.m., & 4-5 p.m.
- Wednesday 2-3 p.m.,
- Thursday 10-11 a.m. & 3-4 p.m.

Contact: [adorationstjames@gmail.com](mailto:adorationstjames@gmail.com) or 250-542-1276

| FAITH IN ACTION | Assessment | Actual  |
|-----------------|------------|---------|
| St. James       | \$40,686   | \$5,450 |
| OLOV            | \$25,430   | \$950   |
| St Benedict's   | \$1,851    |         |

| OFFERTORY SUMMARY |                         |                                |                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                   | Last Sunday's Offerings | Electronic Fund Transfer (Aug) | Pre-Authorized Debit (Sept) |
| St James          | \$ 5324.90              | \$1,700                        | \$5,695.90                  |
| OLOV              | \$ 3,372.25             | \$ 1,965                       | \$3,625.60                  |
| St Benedict       | \$ 410.00               | \$ 100                         |                             |

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
**October 18, 2026**

- \* Isaiah 45.1, 4-6
- \* Ps 96.1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9+10ac (R.7b)
- \* 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab
- \* Matthew 22.15-21

**QUOTE FROM ST. JOHN VIANNEY**  
*"We ought to ask the Blessed Virgin, the angels, and the saints to pray for us that we may receive the good God as worthily as it is possible for us to receive him."*

**SERRA CLUB of KAMLOOPS DIOCESE**  
**Holy Hour—for Vocations**  
82. A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces. (St. Faustina)

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

If you are in the hospital, in the homes, please phone the office at 250-542-1276 or email at [stjamesvernon@rcdk.org](mailto:stjamesvernon@rcdk.org) for Pastoral Care.



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**  
**When:** Every 2nd and 4th Thursday starting October 8th  
**Where:** Our Lady of the Valley  
**Who:** High school students and youth ages 12-18

Come for an evening of faith, fellowship, games, food & fun as we grow together in our faith. This year, we will be focusing especially on prayer and creating opportunities for young people to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Whether you have been involved before or have never attended a youth group, you are welcome! Bring a friend and come check it out.

For more information & registration details, please email Colleen at [vernoncatholicyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:vernoncatholicyouthgroup@gmail.com)

**TOUR OF IRELAND IN 2027 AND VIETNAM IN 2028**  
Father Peter invites you to join him on the tour of Ireland in 2027 and in Vietnam in 2028. Please follow the link below if you are interested.  
<https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1474249>  
<https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1474114>  
Stop by at the parish office to pick up the brochure.

**CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**  
Our current book study is **The Screwtape Letters** by C.S. Lewis. Please join us for a discussion of letters 7-12. Meet at 9:00 am on Oct 14 in the Monsignor Miles Hall. All are welcome.

**CWL CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR**  
Save the date! The CWL's annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. The first planning meeting is on Tues, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the Monsignor Miles Hall. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to be involved. For more information, please contact Jan 250-309-4123.

**FALL CATECHISM-CALLING ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS!**  
**St. James School, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Join Us for Faith Formation Catechism (FFC) this year as we grow together in faith, friendship, and our relationship with God!  
Whether your child is preparing for a sacrament or continuing to learn more about their Catholic Faith, we encourage you to register your children and make faith formation a meaningful part of their week.

**Programs Available:**  
**Grade 2** – First Holy Communion Preparation (Event date May 30<sup>th</sup>)  
**Grade 3 & 4** – Regular Catechism  
**Grade 5 & 6** – Regular Catechism  
**Grade 7** – Confirmation Preparation (Event date May 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
We look forward to welcoming you and your family!  
For registration and questions please email to [ffcvernon@gmail.com](mailto:ffcvernon@gmail.com)

**“OOM PA PA” OKTOBERFEST**  
Saturday, October 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
\$30 per person—Dinner & Dancing + Silent Auction  
St James Parish Centre  
Knights of Columbus Council 12202 & 4949  
**(tickets available at the Parish Office)**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12202 (OLOV)**  
**Coats for Kids Program—Help Us Keep Our Children Warm!**

- Drop off bins are now available at OLOV Narthex and at St. James front entrance.
- Financial donations to Knights of Columbus Council #12202, e-transfer: FSSTC12202@gmail.com Memo: “Coats for Kids” and/or Cash donation to drop off at the office. Donations of \$100 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.

**Giving Tree**—OLOV church starting 2nd week of September  
**Contact: Nicholas Rasquinha at tel. 250-307-6777**

**VOCATION LIVE-IN**  
**Nov 14-15 at Seminary of Christ the King, Mission BC**  
Any young men, grades 7-11, interested in experiencing what seminary life is like or who are wanting to learn how to discern God's call to the priesthood, are invited to join the live-in.

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 18**  
**Pope Leo XIV**  
**Theme: One in Christ, United in Mission**  
For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.

As we reflect on being One in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, “to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation” and advance together in the commitment to evangelization, in this “new missionary age” in the history of the Church (Homily, Jubilee of the Missionary World and of Migrants, 5 October 2025).

**One in Christ – Missionary disciples united in him and with our brothers and sisters.**  
The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission. Before his Passion, Jesus prayed to the Father, “that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us” (Jn 17:21). These words reveal Jesus’ deepest desire, as well as the identity of the Church as a community of his disciples. That is, a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity. A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation.

Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 14:4), immersed in the life of the Trinity. This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness. Indeed, just as Saint John Paul II taught, “communion represents both the source and the fruit mission” (Apostolic Exhortation Christifideles Laice, 32).

In this context, the Church's primary missionary responsibility is to renew and sustain spiritual and fraternal unity among its members. In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion. Consequently, it is important to intensify ecumenical efforts with all Christian Churches, building upon the opportunities arising from the joint celebration of the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Last but not least, being “one in Christ” calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the center of our lives and communities, the center of every word, action and interpersonal relationship, leading us to say with amazement: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:30). By constantly listening to his word and through the grace of the Sacraments, it will be possible for us to become living stones in the Church. Today, the Church is called to take up the fundamental themes of the Second Vatican Council and the subsequent Papal Magisterium, in particular that of Pope Francis. In fact, as Saint Paul says, “we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord” (2 Cor 4:5). For this reason, I reiterate the words of Saint Paul VI: “There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed” (Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Nuntiandi 22). This process of genuine evangelization begins in the heart of every Christian in order to reach all of humanity. Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.

**...to be continued**  
**For more details follow this link**  
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