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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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 07, 2025

OFFICE

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Closed Wednesday

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.

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF DEDICATED TO DIVINE INFANCY

NOTES/REMINDER

2026 Envelopes now ready to pick up at the church where you are registered. Please do not use the envelopes until next year as your number might be different from 2025. If you need an envelope please contact the office at 250-542-1276

Congratulations to Fr. Ajin George for being a Vicar General of the Diocese of Kamloops and Fr. Dale Normandeau for being the Bishop's Representative to Ascend Online.

- Dec 13— Christmas Dinner (Filipino Foods) \$25 per person – tickets are now available at the office
- Dec 15—School Christmas Concert at 1pm. Call the school to reserve as tickets are limited
- Dec 18—Christmas Confession—St James at 6:30 pm
- Christmas and New Mass Schedule—see detail inside

Faith In Action Campaign 35 "Pilgrims of Hope"
Please give generously!

	Assessment	Actual
St James	\$ 41546	\$ 42160
OLOV	\$ 24520	\$ 18561
St Benedict's	\$ 1887	\$ 3300

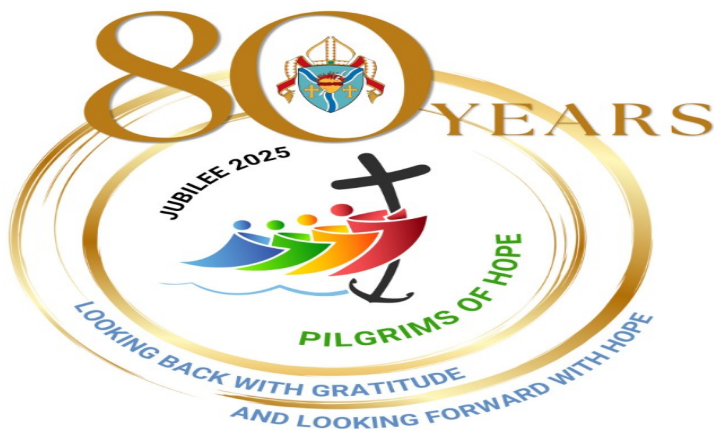


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Next Sunday's Readings:
December 14, 2025
 Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
 Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9b-10 (R. see Isa 35.4)
 James 5.7-10
 Matthew 11.2-11

Quote from St. John Vianney
"Those who led by the Holy spirit experience all sorts of happiness in themselves."

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 Holy Hour—for Vocations
 43. When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much. (St. John Vianney)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of Dec.
For Christians in areas of conflict—Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS—Dec 08-14

Dec 08	Mon	8 am SJ	Franco Banducci	RIP
Dec 09	Tues	8 am SJ	Beverly Doyle	RIP
Dec 10	Wed	8 am SJ	Private Intention	INT
Dec 11	Thurs	8 am SJ	Neil Brennan	RIP
Dec 12	Fri	8 am SJ	Doyle family	INT
Dec 13	Sat	9 am SJ	Hans & Hildegard Novelleto	RIP
		5 pm SJ	Ark Banasek	rip
Dec 14	Sun	8:30 am SJ	SJ Parish Families	INT
		10:30 am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families	INT
		7:00 pm SJ	Neil Brennan	RIP

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 for Pastoral Care.

	Last Sunday's Offertery	EFT (Oct) Electronic Fund Transfer	PAD (Nov) Pre-Authorized Debit
St James	\$ 2977	\$ 905	\$ 5775
OLOV	\$ 2187	\$ 1520	\$ 4043
St Benedict	\$ 237	\$ 20	

Tax Receipt 2025 reminder:
Faith In Action donations must be received by Monday, December 29th to be eligible for the 2025 tax receipt. This includes E-Transfer donations as well. All donations received after December 29th will go towards the 2026 tax receipt.

2025 Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Date	Day	OLOV	St James
December 24th	Wednesday	5:00 pm	7:00 pm
			9:00 pm
December 25th	Thursday	10:30 am	8:30 am
			12 noon
December 31st	Wednesday	5:00 pm	7:00 pm
January 01st	Thursday	10:30 am	8:30 am

PARISH MINISTRIES

CWL (St James)	7:00 pm 2nd Tuesday of the month (Jan, Apr, Sept, Nov) Monsignor Miles Hall
CWL (OLOV)	11:00 am 1st Sat (Feb, April, June Sept & Nov)
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Parish Pastoral Care Ministry	Contact the Parish Office Email: stjamesvernon@rcdk.org

THANK YOU to Our Flower Decorators—OLOV

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the wonderful volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to the Flower Decorating Ministry at OLOV. Thank you to Angela Durfeld, Myrtle Hobbs, Jenifer McKerracher, Anna Paul & Jodi Byzdel for volunteering on this ministry. It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you Diane Wenger and Mieleen King for your time and stepping in when we needed you the most.

Catholic Book Club

We will conclude our discussion of **Love is Stronger Than Death** by **Peter Kreeft** on Wednesday, **Dec 10**. Meet at 9 am in the Monsignor Miles Hall (St James Church basement). On January 07, 2026 we will start our first book of the New Year, **He Leadeth Me** by **Fr. Walter Ciszek**. All are welcome

What is ADVENT?

The people of Israel waited for generations for the promised Messiah to arrive. Their poetry, their songs and stories, and their religious worship focused on an awaited savior who would come to them to set them free from captivity and to lead them to the fulfillment of all that God has promised.

Israel longed for a Messiah, and John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, promised that the Messiah was coming and could be found in Jesus Christ. God's Son, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting and longing for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply in our lives and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas, the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. Preparations are practical, like decorating trees and gift giving, but they're also intended to be spiritual.

During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church—all to prepare for celebrating Christmas.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah...by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming."

What does the word 'Advent' mean?

Advent comes from the Latin "ad + venire," which means, essentially, "to come to" or "to come toward." "Ad + venire" is the root of the Latin "adventus," which means "arrival."

So Advent is the season of arrival: the arrival of Christ in our hearts, in the world, and into God's extraordinary plan for our salvation.

So, It's four weeks long?

Advent is a slightly different length each year. It starts four Sundays before Christmas. But because Christmas is on a fixed date and could fall on different days of the week. Advent can be as short as three weeks and a day or as long as four weeks.

Does Advent mark a 'new year'?

The Church's feasts and celebrations run on a yearlong cycle, which we call the "liturgical year." The "liturgical year" starts on the first Sunday of Advent. So it's a new liturgical year when Advent starts. But the Church also uses the ordinary calendar, so it would probably be a bit weird to have a "New Year's Eve" party the night before Advent starts.

What is the significance of the Advent wreath?

The Catholic Church has been using Advent wreaths since the Middle Ages. Lighting candles as we prepare for Christmas reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. And the evergreen boughs remind us of new and eternal life in Christ, the eternal son of the Father.

It is definitely true that Germanic people were lighting up candle wreaths in wintertime long before the Gospel arrived in their homeland. They did so because candle wreaths in winter are beautiful and warm. That a Christian symbol emerged from that tradition is an indication that the Gospel can be expressed through the language, customs, and symbols of cultures that come to believe that Christ Jesus is Lord.

One candle is pink on the wreath—why?

There are four candles on the Advent wreath. Three are purple and lit

on the first, second, and fourth Sunday of Advent. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which we call Gaudete Sunday. On that Sunday, in addition to the pink candle. The priest wears a pink vestment, which he might refer to as "rose".

Gaudete is a word that means "rejoice," and we rejoice on Gaudete Sunday because we are halfway through Advent. Some people have the custom of throwing Gaudete parties, and this is also a day on which Christmas carolers may begin caroling door to door.

The three purple candles are sometimes said to represent prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—the three spiritual disciplines that are key to a fruitful Advent.

Is it wrong to sing Christmas songs during Advent?

No, but there are a lot of great Advent hymns and songs, such as "O Come O Come Emmanuel," "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," "O Come Divine Messiah," "Come Thou Fount," and Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding."

When should the tree go up?

When to put up the tree is a decision that families decide on their own. Some people put up their tree and decorate it on the first Sunday of Advent to make a big transformation in their home and get them into "preparing for Christmas" mode.

Some put up the tree on the first Sunday of Advent, put on lights the next Sunday, ornaments the next, and decorate it more and more as they get closer to Christmas.

Some put up the tree on Gaudete Sunday, as a kind of rejoicing, and decorate it in the weeks between Gaudete and Christmas.

When the tree goes up and gets decorated is up to the individual and family, but having a Christmas tree is a big part of many people's Advent traditions.

Source: Catholic News Agency

National Day of Prayer—December 12 In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity. An appropriate intention may be added to the Prayer of the Faithful during the Mass and at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Source: Ordo 2025-2026 (for more information please visit the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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Christmas and New Year's Adoration Hours

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NO Adoration—Wed, Dec 31st & Thurs, Jan 01st



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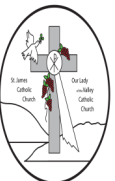
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