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**Our Lady of the Valley**  
10102 Middleton Drive  
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**St. Benedict's**  
122 Head of the Lake  
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**St Theresa's Church**  
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**Sacred Heart Church**  
2202 Park Ave  
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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

## Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026

### 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 @ St Benedict	Mon -Thursday	9 am—9 pm 1st Friday 10 am
4 Mysteries of the Rosary	1st Saturday	7:30-8:40 am

### First Holy Communion Celebration Honoring the Sacrament of the Eucharist Sunday, May 24th at 1:00 pm—OLOV

**First Holy Communion** is more than just a rite of passage; it is profound spiritual event that lays the foundation for a lifelong journey of faith. It is a time of joy, reflection, and communal celebration, as the young members of the church take a significant step in their spiritual development.

**Congratulations** to the **36 students** who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday at OLOV. May this sacred event bring them closer to God and strengthen their faith for the years to come.

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev Fr Peter Nguyen	250-542-1276
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	Fr Henry Nwaimo Sacred Heart, Lumby and St Benedict/St Theresa	250-214-4060 250-547-9070
<b>Permanent Deacon</b>	Deacon Paul Murphy	778-212-2020(call or text)
<b>Diocese Kamloops Office</b>	635A Tranquille Rd Kamloops, BC V2B 3H5	250-376-3351

### REMINDER

- NO CHILDREN'S** Liturgy this Sunday, May 24th

### Welcome to Your Faith Family!

Please register! Registering is the official way to be a part of our parish family. Registration is our formal commitments to our faith family and to take part in the Church's mission to evangelize.

Registration is also important for scheduling sacraments, attaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for Income Tax purposes.

We have registration forms available at the office or go to the website!

### 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.

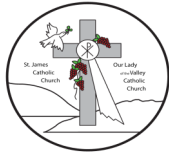
### OFFICE

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Office Hrs.	8am—2pm	Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri
	Closed	Wednesday

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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 May**

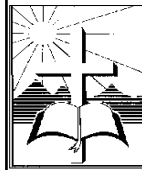
*That everyone might have food*—Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**MASS INTENTIONS—May 25-31**

May 25	Mon	8 am SJ	Joseph Jules Beaumont	RIP
May 26	Tues	8 am SJ	Clarence Kennedy	RIP
May 27	Wed	8 am SJ	Private Intentions	INT
May 28	Thurs	8 am SJ	Eleanor Podgornik	RIP
May 29	Fri	8 am SJ	Jill & Jodie Hodgkinson	INT
May 30	Sat	9 am SJ	Margaret I. Kennedy	INT
		5 pm SJ	Luke Penhall	RIP
May 31	Sun	8:30 am SJ	SJ Parish Families	INT
		10:30 am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families	INT
		7 pm SJ	Cornellius Patrick Brennan	RIP

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

CWL (St James)	7:00 pm (Sept 15 and Nov 10, 2026; Feb 9 and April 13, 2027) Monsignor Miles Hall
CWL (OLOV)	11:00 am 1st Sat (Feb, April, June Sept & Nov)
KofC (St James)	Council 4949: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/kofc4949">www.facebook.com/kofc4949</a>
KofC (OLOV)	St Teresa Council 12202: <a href="http://www.kofc12202.ca">www.kofc12202.ca</a>
Finance Committee (St James)	Alex Dantzer, Randi Patterman, Jim Allaway Justin Sharma, Carmen Riguedell
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Parish Pastoral Care Ministry	Contact the Parish Office Email: <a href="mailto:stjamesvernon@rcdk.org">stjamesvernon@rcdk.org</a>



**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**May 31, 2026**

Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9  
Daniel 3.52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (R.52)  
2 Corinthians 13.11-13  
John 3.16-18



**SERRA CLUB of KAMLOOPS DIOCESE**

*Holy Hour—for Vocations*

65. The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works. (St. Pope Pius X)

**Quote from St. John Vianney**

"He that has received the Sacrament of Confirmation is always ready to give his life for God...His only fear is the fear of committing sin..."



	Last Sunday's Offertory	EFT (April) Electronic Fund Transfer	PAD (May) Pre-Authorized Debit
St James	\$ 2606	\$ 1235	\$ 5756
OLOV	\$ 2112	\$ 1470	\$ 3766
St Benedict	\$ 350	\$ 20	

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

**St. James Church, Wednesday, May 27th from 6pm-7pm**

Knights of Columbus, St. James Council 4949 are sponsoring a Holy Hour for Vocations. Everybody if most welcome. Please come to pray for our Diocese needs, for Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.



**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.



**Thank You**

**From the Knights of Columbus Council 12202**

We extend our sincere thanks to all who donated, volunteered, and supported our recent yard sale. Your generosity and participation contributed greatly to its success.

We are especially grateful to the friends of the KOC, our Brother Knights, and all parishioners whose time, effort, and support helped make this event possible.

**Catholic Book Club**

**On Wed May 27 we will discuss chapters 4-8 of Scott Hahn's Lord Have Mercy: The Healing Power of Confession.**

Meet in the Monsignor Miles Hall at 9 am.  
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 visitor are always welcome.  
*We especially need adorers for these hours.*

Mon 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm and 4-5 pm Tuesday 3-4 pm & 6-7pm  
Wed. 12-1 pm Thurs 12-1 pm

For anyone interested in reaping the tremendous benefits of Holy Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Amy and Bruce Bernhardt (250) 308-9612 or [adorationstjames@gmail.com](mailto:adorationstjames@gmail.com)

## Pentecost Sunday

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire the descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will be seen, but visible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy... Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first Pentecostal sermon "were pieced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up the pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

- Excerpted from the Church's year of Grace, Pius Parsch

Source: Catholic Culture

## PADRE Luncheon

In Solidarity with our Priests

In *Honour of Msgr. Jerry and his 60 years of Service*

**Saturday, June 6th 1:00 pm**

St. James Parish Centre

**Tickets:** \$10.00 each: 6 and under Free—available at the Parish Office as well as the churches after the mass  
**Pot Luck:**

Surname **A-K** please bring a Salad

**L-Z** please bring vegies or cheese platter

Meat, Dessert and extras provided by KofC, CWL and OCPCS

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## Parish Photo Sessions

St. James, OLOV, St. Benedict and Sacred Heart (Lumby) will be hosting *photo sessions this summer.*

All parishioners and families are warmly invited to participate. Your photo will be included in our parish album, creating a meaningful snapshot of our parish community today.

Below is the schedule for each parish. Sign-up sheets will be available soon—please watch for the announcements and reserve your spot early.

We look forward to seeing you and capturing this special moment together.

	St Benedict	St James	OLOV	Sacred Heart
Aug 03	4-8:30 pm			
Aug 05		2-8 pm		
Aug 17			2-8 pm	
Sept 08				4-8:30 pm
Sept 11			2-8 pm	
Sept 16		3-8 pm		



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