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Our Lady of the Valley
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St. Benedict's
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St Theresa's Church
11365 Westside Road
Vernon, BC

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

OFFICE

Telephone:	250-542-1276	www.rccv.org
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Office Hrs.	8 am—2:pm	Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri
	Closed	Wednesday

St James

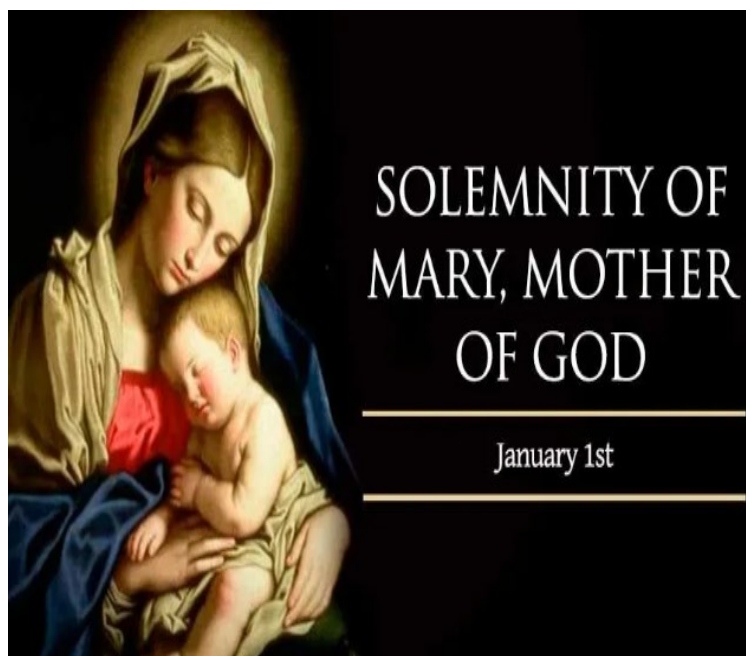
Daily Mass	Mon-Fri	8:00 am
	Saturday	9:00 am
Reconciliation	Saturday	9:30-10:30 am
		4:00-4:45 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Mon—Thursday	9 am—9 pm
@ St Benedict	1st Friday	10 am
4 Mysteries of the Rosary	1st Saturday	7:30-8:40 am

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.



NOTES/REMINDER

- NO Adoration—Wed, Dec 31st & Thurs, Jan 01st
- Jan 01—2nd Collection—New Years Day
- Jan 01—Office is closed
- Jan 04—Food for the Poor
- Jan 08—Fill the Valley—OLOV—6:00 pm

Pastor	Rev Fr Peter Nguyen	250-542-1276
Parochial Vicar	Fr Henry Nwaimo	250-214-4060
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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 January

For Prayer with the Word of God—Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

MASS INTENTIONS—Dec 29—Jan 04

Dec 29	Mon	8 am SJ	Estanislav Nazarek	RIP
Dec 30	Tues	8 am SJ	Lilian Novotny	INT
Dec 31	Wed	8 am SJ	Tomas Kmet	INT
		5 pm OLOV		
		7 pm SJ	Private Intention	
Jan 01	Thurs	8:30 am SJ	For the Parish family	INT
		10:30 OLOV	For the Parish family	INT
Jan 02	Fri	8 am SJ	Norma Rosales & family	INT
Jan 03	Sat	9 am SJ	Ann Walsh	RIP
		5 pm SJ	Art Dulaba	RIP
Jan 04	Sun	8:30 am SJ	SJ Parish Families	INT
		10:30 am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families	INT
		7:00 pm SJ	Bill & Sheena Flynn - 60th wedding anniversary	INT

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)
KofC (St James)	Council 4949: www.facebook.com/kofc4949
KofC (OLOV)	St Teresa Council 12202: www.kofc12202.ca
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)	David Evans, Deanna Johnstone, Allan Clear, Lorena Clowes Email: ppcstjames@gmail.com
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Parish Pastoral Care Ministry	Contact the Parish Office Email: stjamesvernon@rcdk.org



Next Sunday's Readings:

January 04, 2026

Isaiah 60.1-6
Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (R. see 11b + Ps 98.3c)
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12



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Holy Hour—for Vocations

44. If souls but understood the reassurance they possess in the Divine Eucharist the Churches would overflow with adorers no less by night than by day. (Blessed Dina Belanger)

Quote from St. John Vianney

"To receive the Blessed Sacrament worthily, one must have a great desire for union with Jesus Christ."



Last Sunday's Offertory

EFT (Nov) Electronic Fund Transfer

PAD (Dec) Pre-Authorized Debit

St James	\$ 9634	\$ 685	\$ 5775
OLOV	\$ 2700	\$ 1390	\$ 4043
St Benedict	\$ 560	\$ 40	



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.



2026 PARISH ENVELOPES/DONATIONS

Envelopes are available for pickup in the churches. (Please use it starting January 01, 2026 and **DO NOT USE** your old envelope as your number might change).

If you have registered for PAD (pre-authorized debit) there is a smaller box of Special Collection envelopes for you.

If you need an envelope please contact the office at 250-542-1276

Interac E-Transfer Donations

St James	givingstjames@rcdv.org
OLOV	givingolov@rcdv.org
St Benedict	givingstbenedict@rcdv.org

Faith In Action Campaign 35 "Pilgrims of Hope"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

	Assessment	Actual
St James	\$ 41546	\$ 51060
OLOV	\$ 24520	\$ 34261
St Benedict's	\$ 1887	\$ 4300



We have successfully met our assessment goal for Campaign 35. Please continue to give! Any contributions received beyond our assessment goal will directly benefit our parishes.

Thank you
Fr Peter

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Why do we call the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God?

The angel said to (Mary), “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” (Lk 1:35)

God sent forth his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

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The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored as the Mother of God because she conceived and gave birth to Christ, who is the incarnation of God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Since the first centuries of Christianity, the Church customarily has regarded the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God for a simple, logical reason: By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Since the divine Person, God the Son, assumed, or took on, human nature, she is the Mother of God in the fullest sense: “What the Catholic faith teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ” (CCC 487). The Church solemnly defined this belief at the Ecumenical Council of Ephesus AD 431.

But how can a mere mortal be the Mother of the eternal God who has always existed? Consider how we speak human motherhood. Our own mothers supply our human nature, our physical bodies; yet it is God who supplies our spirit and soul. We do not distinguish between the two: a mother gives birth not only to our nature but to our entire person.

In regard to Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary supplied his humanity and is thus the Mother of Jesus. But Christ has both a human nature and a divine nature. Nevertheless, she gave birth to the one Person who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man. She is rightly called the Mother of God even though she herself is not the source of his divinity. (Cf. CCC 496).

The doctrine is taught implicitly in Scripture, especially in those passages where Blessed Virgin Mary is called the “Mother of Jesus,” of the “Mother of Christ”—perhaps most strikingly when St Elizabeth greets her with the following words: “Why is this granted me, *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?” (Lk 1:43, emphasis added). Her identity as the Mother of God is intimately linked to Christ’s own identity as fully man and fully God, the Son of God (Cf CCC 509)

Source: The Didache Bible

Message from Fr Peter

My dear parishioners and visitors:

Christmas and New Year are always very special times for family – our human family and our spiritual faith family. On these happy occasions, we come together with grateful hearts to celebrate the beauty and blessing of family life, and to treasure this precious gift that God has bestowed upon us.

I look forward with great anticipation to being with all of you in 2026. It will be a blessing to gather and worship our most loving God, “the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.” Together, we will continue to build up our parish family, support one another and our community as we journey through life, always guided by faith, hope, love, joy, and courage.

Life is indeed beautiful and good, though it brings challenges. Yet, we are reassured by the presence of God—Emmanuel—who is with us always. I am deeply grateful for your love, support, and generosity throughout these times.

Together, let us remain united in prayer for all. Have a blessed New Year.

With heartfelt blessings,
Fr. Peter Hoan Nguyen

“ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us.” (Psalm 67)

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Catholic Book Club

On January 07, 2026 we will start our first book of the New Year, **He Leadeth Me** by Fr. Walter Ciszek.

Meet at 9 am in the Monsignor Miles Hall.
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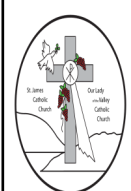
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