

Saint James Church
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Our Lady of the Valley
10102 Middleton Drive
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St. Benedict's
122 Head of the Lake
Rd, Vernon, BC

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026

"The month of September is dedicated to the Our Lady of Sorrow"

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

Pastor	Rev Fr Peter Nguyen	250-542-1276
Parochial Vicar	Fr Paul coung Do	250-547-9070
	Sacred Heart, Lumby and St Benedict/St Theresa	
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Paul Murphy	778-212-2020(call or text)
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NOTES/REMINDER

- Sept 25-26—**WOMEN'S RETREAT** (see details)
- Sept 30—National Day for the Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 01—Fill the Valley—OLOV at 6:00 pm
- Oct 04—1st Sunday of the month—Food for the Poor
- October 08—Youth Faith formation—starts (see detail)
- Oct 17—"OOM PA PA" OKTOBERFEST—KofC Council 12202 and 4949 (see detail)

Faith In Action—Campaign 36

This weekend we saw a video explaining the Diocesan Objectives for Faith in Action Campaign 36 along with hearing about our local parish project chosen to be connected with the campaign. It is important for all of us to be open to the needs of the local Church of the Diocese and our parish community.

Next week, we will hear a personal message on the importance of supporting Faith in Action.

If you missed the video at the mass please follow this link <https://youtu.be/OShxJfwSv6E>

INTERAC/E-TRANSFER DONATIONS

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OLOV givingolov@rccv.org



Last Sunday's Offertory **EFT (Aug) Electronic Fund Transfer** **Healing & Reconciliation**

St James	\$ 3145	\$ 1700	\$ 1257
OLOV	\$ 2229	\$ 1965	\$ 877
St Benedict	\$ 455		\$ 60

OFFICE

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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 September

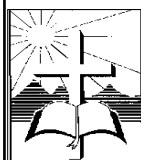
For the care of water—Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

MASS INTENTIONS—Sept 21-27

Sept 21	Mon	8 am SJ	Celine Lockert	RIP
Sept 22	Tues	8 am SJ	Cecil Schmidt	RIP
Sept 23	Wed	8 am SJ	Private Intentions	INT
Sept 24	Thurs	8 am SJ	Eleanor Podgornik	RIP
Sept 25	Fri	8 am SJ	Larry Descher	RIP
Sept 26	Sat	9 am SJ	Caleb & Colleen Fox	INT
		5 pm SJ	Mike Mulroy	RIP
Sept 27	Sun	8:30 am SJ	SJ Parish Families	INT
		10:30 am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families	INT
		7 pm SJ	Knights of Columbus Corporate Sunday	INT

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 14)
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 Riguiedell
Finance Committee (OLOV)	Gord Adams, James Lockwood, Ewen Pitt
Parish Pastoral Council (St James)	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:

September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18.25-28
Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)
Philippians 2.1-11
Matthew 21.28-32



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Holy Hour—for Vocations

79. The Blessed Virgin is eager to make Jesus in the Eucharist known to all and to group them into a Eucharist Guard of Honor, a court of devoted adorers! (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Quote from St. John Vianney

“When our Lord sees pure souls coming eagerly to visit him in the Blessed Sacrament, he smiles upon them. They come with that simplicity which pleases him so much.



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.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the love and support, cards, masses, prayers and baking you gave to our family during the loss of our son.
The Kelly Family

Youth Faith Formation Program

When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday starting October 08th

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

St James CWL Grocery Receipts

CWL is collecting receipts from Butcher Boy's & Nature's Fare Markets. 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.

Catholic Book Club

Our next book study is The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Please join the discussion on the first 6 (short) letters. Meet at 9:00 am on Sept 30 in the Monsignor Miles Hall. All are welcome.

Fall Catechism Sign-Up

Families are invited to sign up for the upcoming **FFC Faith Formation for Children** program. Classes will begin at the beginning of October.

Please register your child as soon as possible so we can prepare materials and class lists. Send email; to ffevernon@gmail.com or to stjamesvernon@rcdk.org

More details about the schedule and registration process will be shared soon.

Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah* 55:6-9. In this text the prophet urges the Chosen People to seek Yahweh, to come close to Him in friendship. To do this the sinner must abandon his evil ways. He need not fear: Yahweh is “rich in forgiving.” He will forgive all sins of a repentant sinner. Though He is infinite and transcendent, yet He can and does come close to and is a true friend of all who seek Him. He is a personal God, not an abstract idea.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians* 1:20c-24, 27a. St. Paul wrote the letter from a prison cell in Rome or possibly Ephesus. It is a friendly letter, giving some news of his work to the converts in Philippi, warning them against certain enemies of the faith and exhorting them to remain humble.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew* 20:1-16a. The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God’s gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God’s vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: “whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31).”

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen—have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it still crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were “idle” all that time. Today’s parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God’s call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

- Excerpted from the Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.

Source: Catholic Culture

Upon This Rock: Adult Faith formation for Catholics and Converts

In September we’re launching a new year for **Upon This Rock**: Exploring the Biblical Foundations of the Catholic Church. This class is required for any prospective converts that would like to explore and learn about the Catholic faith with the hope of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation next Easter, but it also serves as an excellent class for life-long Catholics wanting to take their understanding and faith deeper, and to strengthen their relationship with God.

The class runs weekly, from mid-September through to Easter, starting with foundational topics and building to the full scope of church teaching.

Come learn about the faith in a welcoming group environment. Classes are free to attend.

For more information and to register, go to our website at rccv.org and click on **Upon This Rock**.

Women’s Retreat—“Embracing God’s Plan”

Join Nancy Simms and Christine Mason of **God’s Unfinished Works of Art** as they lead us to discover and explore Embracing God’s Plan.

All Women are invited!!

Friday, Sept 25th—6:30 pm—9:00 pm
Saturday, Sept 26th—Mass 9:00 am—3:30 pm
Monsignor Miles Hall (St. James Church Basement)
Mass, adoration & Confession
Lunch & coffee breaks included—**Cost \$30.00**

Register by September 14, 2026
Contact Amy Bernhardt 250-308-9612 (text or call)
Email: amybernhardt5@icloud.com

Knights of Columbus Council 12202 (OLOV) Fall and Winter Program

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

Eucharistic 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.

Wed. 2-3 p.m., Thursday 10-11 a.m. & 3-4 p.m.

Contact: adorationstjames@gmail.com or 250-542-1276

“OOM PA PA” OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

\$30 per person—Dinner & Dancing

Silent Auction

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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