

Saint James Church
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Our Lady of the Valley
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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 06, 2026

Happy Labour Day Long Weekend!

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)
Diocese Kamloops Office	635A Tranquille Rd Kamloops, BC V2B 3H5	250-376-3351

	Last Sunday's Offertory	EFT (July) Electronic Fund Transfer	PAD (Aug) Pre-Authorized Debit
St James	\$ 3049	\$ 1430	\$ 5996
OLOV	\$ 1583	\$ 1925	\$ 3625
St Benedict		\$ 100	

NOTES/REMINDER

- Sept 06—First Sunday of the month—Food for the Poor
- Sept 06—Knights of Columbus 4949—Pancake Breakfast at the Parish Centre after 8:30 am mass
- Sept 09—Wednesday, School Mass at 9:00 am
- *Sept 12—OLOV-CWL September meeting (cancelled) moved to Nov 14th*
- Sept 15—NO MASS—Priest Study Days
- Sept 15—Burgers With Brothers—OLOV 6pm (see details)
- Sept 16—Mass at 5:00 pm
- Sept 25-26—**WOMEN'S RETREAT** (see details)

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church (9am—9pm Mon-Thurs)

Adorers needed for:

Mon 3-4 pm and 4-5 pm

Tuesday 2-3pm, 3-4 pm and 4-5 pm

Thursday 10-11 am and 3-4pm

Maylene, Ronni and Maria—Thank you for your commitment!
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

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OLOV	givingolov@rccv.org
St Benedict	givingstbenedict@rccv.org

OFFICE

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	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 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 07-13

Sept 07	Mon	8 am SJ	Ruth Cushing	INT
Sept 08	Tues	8 am SJ	Ramsis Shehata family	INT
Sept 09	Wed	8 am SJ	Riely Kelly	RIP
Sept 10	Thurs	8 am SJ	Iah Nicole Lumacad	INT
Sept 11	Fri	8 am SJ	Harry Doyle family	INT
Sept 12	Sat	9 am SJ	Lech & Maria Kaminski	RIP
		5 pm SJ	Niedballa family	INT
Sept 13	Sun	8:30 am SJ	SJ Parish Families	INT
		10:30 am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families	INT
		7 pm SJ	Ruth & Adrian Robert	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 12 & 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)	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 13, 2026

Sirach 27.30-28.7

Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R.8)

Romans 14.7-9

Matthew 18.21-35



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Holy Hour—for Vocations

77. During our Holy Hour, those in most need of His Mercy are stamped and marked with the Precious Blood of Jesus. This includes those who are to die that day. ("Letter to a Brother Priest.")

Quote from St. John Vianney

"He to whom all power has been given has not yet lost it."



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.



Pastoral Care Training Program: Fall 2026 Series

Nine free online sessions to be held via Zoom

Saturdays from 9:30 am—noon PST

Sept 26-Nov 28, 2026 (no session Oct 10)

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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.

"Burgers with Brothers"

Knights of Columbus Council 12202 invites all men to an evening of food and fellowship on Tuesday, Sept 15 at 6:00 pm at OLOV. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to jameslockwood@hotmail.com or call 250-309-4445.

Message from Fr. Peter

Dear parishioners and visitors, I will be away from Monday, Sept 07 to Monday, Sept 14 while attending a Pontifical Mission Societies meeting at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga, On.

During this time, Father Paul Simms will graciously celebrate Mass on my behalf. I am deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers.

Together in Christ,
Fr. Peter

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 ffcvernon@gmail.com or to stjamesvernon@rcdk.org

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



FUNERAL SERVICE

September 12—**Walter Johnson**—St. James Church at 11 am

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

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Ezekiel* 33:7-9. The vocation of a prophet, as envisioned in terms of Ezekiel's oracles, it to judge the evil and the wicked and to dissuade them from their ways. The prophet has the responsibility of announcing the judgement of God, not his own judgement, and non-fulfillment of preaching the message of God involves death for the prophet, whereas he will save his life if he is faithful to the message given to him to preach.

- Excerpted from *A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Readings** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:8-10. In the first seven verses of this chapter St. Paul urged the Christian converts to Rome to obey all lawful civil authority. He now turns to the obligation each Christian has of loving his neighbor.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew* 18:15-20. Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbor's need.

There are, alas, millions of lapsed or luke-warm Christians who could and would have been active members of Christ's mystical body if their neighbors had fulfilled this grave obligation which Christ has imposed on us all. They are now a source of scandal to the weaker and youthful members of the Church, and an impediment to the possible acceptance of the faith by non-Christians. Would the Reformation, which has caused whole countries of the western world to lose almost all faith in Christ and indeed in God, have such disastrous effects, if those who remained within the Church had put this law of fraternal charity into practice? However, it is no use crying over spilt milk! Let us see our present-day obligations and what we are doing to help our neighbors retain their Christian faith and practice. How much of the indifference to religion which the youth of today seems to be showing is due to lack of parental control and example? How many children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans because their Christian faith meant little or nothing to their parents? It is in the how that the religion of the next generation is firmly established or lost. When parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it too; where parents are careless and lax their children will be still more careless and more lax.

Parents! The first neighbors and fellow Christians whom you must charitably correct are your own children. Their future salvation and your own too will depend on how well you fulfill this obligation. Parents who are obedient to Christ in this will find time and many opportunities to have a charitable word of help for an erring neighbor outside their household. On the other hand, the lax parents, who give little or no thought to getting to heaven or to their children getting there in God's good time, will hardly bother with their neighbor's salvation. Thus this cancer of infidelity and irreligion grows and spreads.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellowmen on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained out brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life especially in the next.

- 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

Knights of Columbus 4949

Pancake Breakfast

September 06th—come and join us at the Parish Centre after 8:30 am mass at St. James.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed!

OLOV—10:30 mass every Sunday

We are looking for volunteers and helpers for Children's Liturgy, which will begin again in September. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the children of our parish in a simple and meaningful way. Training and support will be provided.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Barry Schick
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