

Saint James Church
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St. Benedict's/St Theresa's
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Our Lady of the Valley
10102 Middleton Drive
Coldstream, 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
12:00 pm Sunday
St Benedict—1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday
St Theresa—2nd and 4th Sunday

Mass Times
10:30 am Sunday

Mass Times
5:30 pm Saturday
9:30 am Sunday

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule



		OLOV	St James	Sacred Heart - Lumby	St Benedict
Dec 24	Tues	5:00 pm	7:00 pm	5:30 pm	
			9:00 pm		
Dec 25	Wed	10:00 am	8:00 am	9:30 am	12 noon
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Dec 31	Tues	5:00 pm	7:00 pm	5:30 pm	
Jan 01	Wed	10:00 am	8:00 am	9:30 am	12 noon

Second Sunday of *Advent*
December 08, 2024

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

CWL (St James)	7:00 pm Tues (Sept 10, Nov 12, Jan 14, April 08, 2025)
CWL (OLOV)	11:00 am 1st Sat (Feb, April, June Sept & Nov)
KOC (St James)	Council 4949: www.facebook.com/kofc4949
KOC (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)	Garry Pielak, Gord Adams, James Lockwood, Ewen Pitt
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Parish Pastoral Council (OLOV)	Maureen Rinn, Ben Allen, Jeff Routley, Judit Spence

Notes/Reminder

- **FIA Donations for 2024**—Due to the ongoing postal strike, all donations must be received at the office by Monday, December 23rd in order to be included on your 2024 tax receipts.
- Jubilee information—visit the Vatican website
- Dec 18—**Christmas Confession**, St James at 6:30 pm
- **Parish Survey**—available on-line, at the church or at the office. Please return it before December 29th

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 Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For pilgrims of hope—We pray that this Jubilee strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives and it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Mass Intentions Dec 09-15

Dec 09—Mon:	8am SJ	Robert Beaulieu—INT
Dec 10—Tue:	8am SJ	Joaquin Esteban—INT
Dec 11—Wed:	8am SJ	Private Intention
Dec 12—Thurs:	8am SJ	Barbara McLeod—INT
Dec 13—Fri:	8 am SJ	Louise Franssen—†
Dec 14—Sat	9am SJ	Gail Mobbs—INT
	5pm SJ	Allan DeRosier—†
Dec 15— Sun	8:30am SJ	SJ Parish Families—INT
	10:30am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families—INT
	7:00pm SJ	Deceased former residential school students—†

Sunday Offertory December 01st

	Regular	Church Improvement
St James	\$ 5110	
OLOV	\$ 1480	\$ 525
St Benedict	\$ 325	

Thank you for your generosity.

Let's come together to celebrate Christmas at OLOV Friday—December 20th at 6:00 pm

Please join us for a family evening of Christmas carols, outdoor fire, tobogganing (if enough snow), cookies and hot chocolate. To support local families for this Christmas, we are accepting donations in the form of gift cards for groceries, clothing, toys, etc. please bring it with you.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Langer at marklanger3@gmail.com

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES/DONATIONS

Envelopes are available for pickup in the churches. **(Please do not use 2024 envelopes, as your number might changed.)**

If you have registered for PAD, EFT, there is a smaller box of Special Collection envelopes for you.

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

Christmas 2024 Bedding Donations

St. James and OLOV CWL are collecting donations of **NEW** twin size bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows) for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)** Vernon.

Donations can be dropped off in designated bins in the foyer of St. James and OLOV churches until **December 22**. Financial donations may also be made online at <https://shpbeds.ca/chapter/bc-vernon/>. Together we can ensure that no child sleeps on the floor in our town.



**Next Sunday's Readings:
Dec 15, 2024**

Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.6)
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.10-18



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Holy Hour—for Vocations

98. *Our Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration makes us more sensitive to the needs of our fellow man (St. John Paul II)*

Quote from St. John Vianney
"Have a pure intention"



JUBILEE 2025—In the Diocese of Kamloops, the Holy Year will commence on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 29, 2024, with a special liturgy at 1:30 PM followed by Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

To bring the blessings of this Jubilee Year closer to you, there are three designated churches in our diocese as pilgrimage sites, each with its own Holy Door through which the faithful may pass and receive the graces of a plenary indulgence:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, Kamloops
- St. James, Vernon
- Sacred Heart, Williams Lake

Prayerfully visit these holy sites during the Jubilee Year and experience the richness of God's grace. This is a time for renewal, healing, and grown as disciples of Christ.

Information can be found on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.redk.org/jubilee2025>



St James School Fundraiser

Proceeds go towards new Catholic literature for our students!



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Join us outside after school for a festive mini market! Our Parent-Run Artisan Christmas Mini Market is the perfect place to find unique, handmade gifts while supporting our school library. 100% of the proceeds go towards new literature for our students!

Friday, December 13

**2:45 / 6:00 PM
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**



Catholic Book Club

We will continue our discussion of **Real Religion: How to Avoid False Faith and Worship God in Spirit and Truth** by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby on Wednesday, December 11 at 9 am. We will take a break over Christmas and resume the discussion January 8 and 22, 2025. Our next book study is **A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching** by Kevin E. McKenna beginning in February. Contact Loaves and Fishes in Kelowna to order. All are welcome.

Introductory Rites

Cont. from last week.

The Mass begins with the entrance chant/song. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

All make the Sign of the Cross and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture.

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Penitential Act includes the *Kyrie Eleison*, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, from time to time the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.

On Sundays, solemnities, and feasts, the *Gloria* follows the Penitential Act. The *Gloria* begins by echoing the proclamation of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Collect gathers the prayers of all into one and disposes all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration.

Liturgy of the Word

Most of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of readings from Scripture. On Sundays and solemnities, there are three Scripture readings. During most of the year, the first readings is from Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 51). The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm is sung between the readings. The psalm helps us to meditate on the word of God.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honor and reverence. The gathered assembly stand to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. Apart from Lent, the acclamation is "Alleluia," derived from a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" A deacon (or, if no deacon is present, a priest) reads the Gospel.

After the Scripture readings, the celebrant preaches the homily. In the homily, the preacher focuses on the Scripture texts or some other texts from the liturgy, drawing from them lessons that may help us to live better lives, more faithful to Christ's call to grow in holiness.

In many Masses, the Profession of Faith then follows the homily, either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith dating from the fourth century, while the Apostles' Creed is the ancient baptismal creed of the Church in Rome. If baptismal promises are renewed, from a formula based on the Apostles' Creed, this takes the place on the Creed.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer, also called the Prayer of the Faithful. The gathered assembly interceded with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes the preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer.

... to be continued

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples December 12, 2024

To mark the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) recalls the profound sorrow expressed by Pope Francis, during his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, for the catastrophic effects of the residential school system on Indigenous communities, as well as the journey of reconciliation and healing we have embarked upon together. Two years later, the Pope's words still compel us to recognize this painful legacy and walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of repentance, solidarity, and hope.

We contemplate the Holy Father's words: "The Church is the house where we reconcile anew, where we meet to start over and grow together". This vision of the Church as a "living body of reconciliation" has guided us in our ongoing commitment to justice and healing. In this spirit, we reaffirm our pledge to work for healing and reconciliation, and to reflect on our efforts since the Holy Father's visit to Canada in 2022.

Together we pray:

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility and hope, we, your children, acknowledge the relationship in You of all living things.

For this we thank You and praise You.

We call on You, Great Mystery, our God who comes to us in Jesus Christ, You Son—our Lord, teacher, prophet and brother—to open our minds and hearts as we continue to walk the difficult, yet critical journey of reconciliation and healing.

In our world of such blessed diversity, we see so many struggles and obstacles to oneness and unity.

We implore You to heal our brokenness and division. Show us in Jesus the way to unity among the multiplicity of Your peoples in our world.

We also pray that You will guide and lead us in the Truth, and show us how to be a people who walk with you. May we be a people of Respect, Humility, Courage, Honesty, and Compassion as we find Your Wisdom on the Spirit—led journey that supports deep healing and fosters renewed relationships.

Lord, make us channels of Your Peace, Hope, and Love!

+Amen

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James Church

Adorers needed for **Mon 3-4pm and 4-5pm, Tues 3-4 pm, Wed 2-3 pm and 6-7 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.

Christmas and New Year's Adoration Hours

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