

**Saint James Church**  
2607 27 St  
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**Mass Times**  
5:00 pm Saturday  
8:30 am Sunday  
7:00 pm Sunday

**St. Benedict's/St Theresa's**  
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**Mass Times**  
1:00 pm Sunday  
(St Benedict only)

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**Mass Times**  
10:30 am Sunday

**Sacred Heart Church**  
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**Mass Times**  
5:30 pm Saturday  
9:30 am Sunday

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### June 30, 2024

### 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!

### Mark your Calendar

- **July 01—Canada Day—Office is closed**
- Summer Break—**NO Children's Liturgy**—return on September
- June 30—Baby Bottle drive—due!
- ~~July 19-21—Marriage Encounter~~—OLOV (due to lack of participants—postponed until further notice)
- Aug 19-23—Vacation Bible School (register now)
- Nov 23—CWL Christmas Tea & Bazaar (info to follow)

### 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: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/kofc4949">www.facebook.com/kofc4949</a>
KOC (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
Finance Committee (OLOV)	Garry Pielak, Gord Adams, James Lockwood, Ewen Pitt
Parish Pastoral Council	The formation of each parish council is in the process.

### HAPPY CANADA DAY!

**Office is closed on Monday July 01**

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

### 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 July**

For the pastoral care of the sick—We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**Mass Intentions July 01-07**

July 01—Mon:	8am SJ	Ann Jubenville—INT
July 02—Tue:	8am SJ	Bev Doyle—INT
July 03—Wed:	8am SJ	Private Intention
July 04—Thurs:	8am SJ	Ron & Janine—INT
July 05—Fri:	8am SJ	Doyle family—INT
July 06—Sat:	9am SJ	Dennis Brooks—INT
	5pm SJ	Stewart Clowes—INT
July 07—Sun:	8:30am SJ	SJ Parish Families—INT
	10:30am OLOV	OLOV Parish Families—INT
	7:00pm SJ	Noel De Rosier—†

**Children's Liturgy—Summer Break**

As of Sunday, June 16th, OLOV Children's Liturgy is on break for the summer and will return in September. A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for their invaluable service. We are always looking for more helpers, so please consider joining us in this rewarding ministry! Reach out to Justin or Haley Giddens with any questions.

**St James CWL Grocery Receipts**

CWL is collecting receipts from Butcher Boys, Nature's Fare Markets & Buy-Low Foods. We are accepting Freshco grocery receipts on behalf of Vernon Jubilee Hospital Auxiliary. These stores will donate back a percentage of the amount of the receipt.

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.

**Sunday Offertory June 23**

**Regular**

St James	\$ 2705
OLOV	\$ 1871
St Benedict	\$ 140

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James**

We kindly request you consider enhancing your life by committing one hour a week as an adorer. Holy Eucharistic Adoration hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Drop-in visitors are always welcome. We especially need adorers for these hours:

**Monday 4-5 p.m., Tuesday 12-1 p.m., 3-4 p.m., 5-6 p.m., and Thursday 12-1 p.m.**

**Wednesday 12-1 p.m.—filled, Thank you Denise!**

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.



**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**July 07, 2024**

Ezekiel 2.3-5

Ps. 123.1-2a, 2b, 3-4 (R.2)

2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Mark 6.1-6



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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. ("Letters to a Brother Priest")

*"There are some people who, under an exterior of piety, take offence at the slightest insult... The way to overcome the Devil when he excites feelings of hatred against those who injure us, is immediately to pray for their conversion"*



**THANK YOU!**

Fr Peter would like to thank everyone who supported, attended and volunteered on his Anniversary Dinner last Saturday, June 22nd.

Ninety (90) parishioners were in attendance. We collected a net proceeds from the sale of the tickets of \$1212. This money will go to Fr Peter's sister who is a nun, to use on her congregation.



**St James School—Summer Break**

On behalf of the entire team at St. James School, we want to thank all of our school families and parishioners for their continued support. We had a great year full of so many spectacular moments! Before you know it we will be back preparing for the new school year. Until then, have a safe and joyful summer!



**BABY BOTTLES FOR VERNON WELNESS CLINIC**

Baby bottles are available at St James church.

Please return it (full or empty) no later than June 30th.

*Thank you for participating in this well worth fundraiser.*

**Catholic Book Club**

Next meeting: **July 10, 2024** at 9 am in the Monsignor Miles Hall. Continue reading **Divine Mercy in My Soul; Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska**. Instead of the book discussion this meeting, we will begin series on The Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

Call Jan for more information 250-309-4123.



## We Are Prophets

By: M.C. Holbrook



**A Reflection for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
(Read Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:15-17)**

*Concerning this salvation ... it was revealed to [the prophets] that they were serving not themselves but you with regard to the things that have now been announced to you.*

Regardless of one's personal views on the subject of climate change, no doubt the reason it is such a highly discussed topic is ultimately due to the innate human instinct for survival. But what is so fascinating about our sense of urgency to preserve our planet is that unlike the instinct we would experience in defending our children from a would-be attacker, the instinct to save the planet is one that is neither for our own person preservation, nor is it for the preservation of anyone we know at the present time. To work to preserve and care for our planet is primarily for the benefit of those who are to come long after we're gone. It is a preservation for a people about whom we can only imagine.

And so it is for the prophets. Prophets are the ones chosen by God for the purpose of preserving the life of *others*. What's more, those "others" are often people they will never encounter in this life because they are people who are to come after them. John the Baptist could have spent his days quietly with his beloved parents, caring for them faithfully and dutifully in their old age, and he would have been considered a holy and righteous man. He would have been a good example to his neighbors, perhaps even inspiring a few of his peers to act in kind towards their own parents. That humble, quiet example is what most of us are called to most of the time, but not so with the great prophets.

*Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength, yet...now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him...*

And so we learn the great prophets that when God calls us to be "little" prophets in imitation of them, we should not expect to see immediate results. In fact, we may not *see any results* in our lifetime because the message that the Lord has for us to proclaim in the capacity of prophet is one that interprets what is happening now, meant not just for us, but also for *future* generations. It's the reason *St. Therese's Story of a Soul* was virtually unknown until after her funeral, and the reason St. Faustina's *Diary* didn't make it into bookstores until decades after her death. Their words were meant to instruct and preserve the faith of the ones to come after them.

But that brings us to the obvious question: why does the Lord not allow a prophet the satisfaction of a little success, just to keep him encouraged and preserving in an otherwise thankless job? It would seem one reason is that "success" has a way of tainting the work of the Lord has for us to do. If There's "little way" had been revealed to the world while she was still alive, perhaps she would have been asked to do some local speaking engagements. Perhaps those local engagements would have turned into national, and international, ones. Perhaps book signings would have been scheduled, contracts for new books signed, and the proceeds put towards supporting her order—a financial aid that

would no doubt have been put to good use. But then suddenly, Therese's "way" wouldn't have seemed to "little" anymore. An average soul would have a hard time drawing inspiration from one who had no idea what it's like to be unnoticed and unappreciated. To her, St. Therese wouldn't really have seemed like much of a "prophet."

*[John] will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God...to turn their hearts toward their children...to prepare a people for the Lord.*

And now let us turn to our role, not only as "little prophets" speaking God's message for future generations, but also as recipients of God's message to us now from the great prophets who came before us. Of course, the prophecy we receive is meant to stir our hearts to change, to lead us grow in holiness, to inspire us to love God and neighbor more. John's prophecy was indeed meant to "turn the hearts...the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous." However, there was a second purpose to John's prophecy—in fact, to all prophecy—and it is this purpose we must not overlook:

*He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn their hearts toward THEIR children...*

The central purpose of any prophecy we receive is to convert our own hearts, that we might then seek to form the hearts of those who come after us. WE cannot keep our conversation to ourselves, for our own personal gain. Thus, our role as prophet and recipient of prophecy is one and the same! We must seek unceasingly to preserve the faith for future generations.

Well, that's a huge responsibility! What's a little soul to do in a world so hostile to Christian teaching? How do we preserve a faith when it seems the collective view of secular society is taking over, leading the children of our generation to accept false teachings?

*For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt. 16:25)*

We must love. Not the kind of love that is a "feel good" love which tolerates sin and relativism; Christian love is a love that is willing to give up one's life for others. We're not willing to kill that we might save ourselves; we're willing to die so that others might live. There is no force more powerful than the love of a martyr.

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend. (Jn 15:13)*

Of course, the way most of us called to "die" for Christ is not necessarily by way of martyrdom, as was John the Baptist's call rather, by way of "dying to self" - that is by accepting our own trials each day with as much love as we can muster. Just like John the Baptist, our love will change the hearts of this world for future generations. And the beauty of this kind of sacrificial love is that as we accept all those little pinpricks more and more, Jesus prepares us for what He has planned for us. Because as we submit to His will in little ways, we learn to trust Him in big ways until finally, one day, we are unshakably peaceful and truly afraid. The only room left in our hearts is for love.

And it is love that will preserve the faith for future generations.

**Source: Catholic Exchange**

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