An Invitation to Worship at St. James’
We acknowledge our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.

Welcome to St. James’, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor. Children of all ages are fully welcome at every liturgy. We hope that you will enjoy your visit here with us. Please help us to get to know you by introducing yourself to one of the clergy.

VISION STATEMENT

Discovering the beauty of holiness in our lives and neighbourhood, by living a Christ-centred sacramental life rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

MISSION OBJECTIVES

• To be a beacon for all as a neighbourhood and destination church where we invite and welcome friends, family, and strangers into our midst;

• To deepen our life of prayer and formation in Christ;

• To develop relationships and fellowship in open, honest, and spiritual ways among parishioners, with our neighbours, and those in need;

• To pursue and practice justice and mercy for the imparting of the Kingdom of God within and beyond the Parish;

• To strive to maintain financial equilibrium, develop our reserves, and optimize the use of our assets to ensure the preservation of our sacred space and ministry from generation to generation, to the everlasting glory of God.
Welcome to St. James’. We are delighted that you join with us for worship. Situated in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, we are both a neighborhood and a destination Church. We seek to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We seek to serve by living a sacramental life rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

St. James’ is not for the faint of heart. You have taken a courageous step. It takes conviction to worship here. Likewise, it takes courage to live in this neighbourhood. From the outside there are many perceptions of the area in which the Church is located. However, those who persevere in worship and service at St. James’ discover that as we seek to be faithful to the needs of the neighbourhood so also we are enriched and transformed by it, whoever we are, wherever we live.

If you are seeking to worship and serve Christ wholeheartedly; if you want to belong to a community of faith and be challenged to grow in your journey of faith; if you are seeking sanctuary and refreshment in God — discover St. James’.

I hope that you will become at home at St. James’ and in so doing experience and serve God in Christ with us.

Welcome & Encounter: sacred space and time

THE SACRED SPACE OF ST. JAMES’ CHURCH

The doors of St. James' Church open into a sacred space, consecrated to the honor of God and forever set apart from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses. This sacred space is dedicated to God's service, for reading the holy Word, celebrating the holy sacraments, offering prayer and thanksgiving, blessing God's people in his holy name and for all other holy ordinances.

Based on the Form of Consecration of a Church or Chapel,
Book of Common Prayer, page 684
OUR COMMITMENT

The doors of this sacred space are open wide to all who seek God and all who seek human love and fellowship amidst this household of God.

As a community of faith we commit to:

- live by our Baptismal promises to respect the dignity of every human being and to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- welcome all who come regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, appearance, marital status, sexual orientation or social status.
- welcome each and every person at St. James’ as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

All who enter commit to:

- be respectful of this consecrated place that is dedicated to God. Its beauty, cleanliness and order are maintained so that it remains a fitting place for the encounter between God and humanity.
- preserve St. James' as a place of peace, where all can gather in safety, mutual tolerance and respect, free from fear or disturbance.
- honor this sacred space and honor each other as we meet within it, so we give glory to God and abide by Christ’s commandment to love God and to love one another.

Why do I love St. James’?

“The holiness and deep meaning of the liturgy, and the people who make St. James’ such a special and meaningful spiritual community."
St. James’ Worship

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

A simple service of prayers, psalms, and bible readings. The foundation of the life and prayer of the Church. Morning and Evening prayer, known also as the daily offices, bookend the day in prayer and provide you with an opportunity to become more intentional in your walk with God through daily life.

Morning Prayer:  
- Sun. 8:00 am  
- Mon. – Sat. 9:00 am  
  *Church*  
  *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

Evening Prayer:  
- Sun. 5:00 pm  
- Mon. – Sat. 5:00 pm  
  *Church*  
  *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

MASS

St. James’, in accordance with Anglo-Catholic tradition, celebrates Mass (also known as the Eucharist, Communion, or the Lord’s Supper) every day of the week. The Mass invites you on a communal journey into the heart of God in a liturgy that gathers us together, listens for the word of God in Holy Scripture, makes corporate prayer and confession, partakes in the body and blood of Christ, as instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, and sends us out in peace to serve the world that God loves. The range of Masses reflects the depth and range of theologies and worship styles present in the church today.

LOW MASS

Meditative, quiet, using traditional language, and lasting a little over a half hour, a Low Mass is offered three days of the week. Share in an intimate setting the holy mysteries of Christ. Low Mass on Thursdays is also accompanied by the ancient practice and sacrament of laying on of hands for healing and anointing with oil. Come for healing for yourself or on behalf of another in need.

- Sun 8:30 am  
  *Church*
- Tues 5:30 PM  
  *Lady Chapel*
- Thurs 9:30 am  
  *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*
MODERN RITE MASS
This Mass offers you worship in contemporary language.

Mon 12:10 PM Lady Chapel
Wed 12:10 pm Lady Chapel
Fri 12:10 pm Lady Chapel

HIGH MASS
The principal Mass on Sunday, the High Mass is a sensually rich celebration of the Eucharist accompanied by inspired music, processions, incense, chanting, prayers, readings, and colourful vestments. This service invites you to journey into the beauty and mystery of the triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in a communal celebration. Although this liturgy is highly ordered, visitors soon find themselves at home, and children are very welcome.

Sun 10:30 am Church

Other Feast Days as announced

On the last Sunday of the month, the sacrament of the laying on of hands for healing and anointing with oil is offered at the both Low and High Mass.

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION
A service of hymns, litanies or canticles and devotion to the blessed sacrament. Come to adore and contemplate the mystery of God’s presence in the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm (except in July and August)
## Weekly Calendar

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**LOCATIONS**

**CHURCH**
Enter the main doors at the corner of East Cordova and Gore.

**LADY CHAPEL**
Enter the main doors at the corner of East Cordova and Gore. The Lady Chapel is on the right side of the Main Church. It is marked by a simple wooden altar and a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL (BSC)**
Enter the side gate on Cordova Street, go through the doors and straight up the passage way. The chapel is through the doors on the right side of the passage.

Access to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is available 15 minutes before each service.
Journey of the Mass

Every Mass celebrated at St. James’, high or low, on a Sunday or on a weekday, in contemporary or in traditional language, follows the same central fourfold action. The members of the Church gather, the liturgy of the Word is proclaimed and heard, the Eucharistic mystery is celebrated, and all are sent out to make known God’s love for the world. This fourfold action is modeled by and mirrored in the liturgy of the Eucharist itself: bread is taken, blessed, broken, and given.

I. THE GATHERING

The people gather, are greeted, and join in prayer. The Mass is always celebrated communally.

II. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Scriptures are read, and, usually, a homily or sermon is offered. The Word, the spirit of Christ, is listened for in the reading of the Scripture passages and in the sermon. We stand for the Gospel reading as it offers the Scripture’s special revelation of Jesus Christ.

III. THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Offertory Procession:* The bringing of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the table. It symbolizes the grateful return and offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God.

*Eucharistic Prayer:* This prayer is the core of the Eucharist. Eucharist is the Greek word for “thanksgiving”. The Church offers thanksgiving and praise for the work of God in Jesus Christ. There are many forms of the Eucharistic prayer, but in all we recall and participate in the meal that scripture tells us Jesus shared with the disciples. During the Eucharistic prayer, the priest also invokes the Holy Spirit to be present in our celebration. At the conclusion, all the people affirm the truth of the prayer by sounding a hearty “Amen” – so be it. As Anglicans, we affirm the real presence of Christ in our Eucharistic celebration. Christ’s presence is a transfiguring power. The sacraments are an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. The sacraments empower us to live as Christians and develop a sacramental worldview. All life is holy mystery.

*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy…)* and *Benedictus (Blessed is the one…)*: This text comes from Isaiah 6:3 as the prophet finds himself in the presence of God and "cries holy unto the Lord". It is a deep expression of praise. This text has been set to music by some of the great composers of the church and in most of our liturgies, we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus.

*Lord’s Prayer:* The prayer Jesus taught his disciples, found in Luke 11:2-4. The Lord’s Prayer has been said for over two thousand years by Christians in personal and corporate prayer.
Breaking of the Bread: The Eucharistic Prayer is followed by the breaking of bread, a sentence that signifies both the self offering of Christ and an invitation to share in Christ’s body.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God): an ancient hymn sung after the breaking of the bread but before we receive Holy Communion. Lamb of God is one of the oldest symbols of Jesus. John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God in John 1:29.

IV. THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Strangely, in the journey of the Mass it is our response to the dismissal which, in a sense, determines the validity of the Mass. The most critical action of the Mass is at its end when we cross the Church’s threshold and go into the world. By grace, having feasted upon the Scriptures, sacraments and fellowship one with another, we are empowered and transformed to love and serve the Lord.

PRAYING WITH ALL OUR SENSES

Gesture: Gesture is central to ritual and affirms the incarnation of Christ and the love of God for our bodies. Gestures during the Eucharist have developed over the last two thousand years. Kneeling, standing, crossing, genuflecting and other actions, express our thoughts, serve a symbolic purpose, allow prayer with the whole of one’s being and unite into community a gathering of people.

Incense: Incense symbolizes prayer, and is also used to honour and purify. “And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.” (Revelation 8:4). Incense becomes widely used in the Church by the 5th century.

Vestments: The vestments are ancient forms of ceremonial dress worn for liturgical service for nearly two thousand years. The different colours worn throughout the year reflect the seasons of the Christian calendar (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost). The vestments emphasize the role of the wearer rather than the individual. Their beauty emphasizes visually the importance of worship.

“I think what I like best is we are joined by our love of the Eucharist.”

Sources:
Information for Newcomers

TRIP PLANNING

The following bus routes stop within several blocks of St. James:
#3, #4, #7, #8, #16, #19 and #20

The closest Skytrain station is Main Street/Science World. Connect with the #3, #8, or #19 bus heading north, disembark at Pender & Main, cross Main, walk two blocks north to Cordova, turn right and walk one block to Gore.

Metered street parking is readily available. There is also a secure public parking lot four blocks west on Cordova Street.

ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair accessibility is available through the chapel walkway on Cordova St. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

THE GREETERS

Our Narthex Guild members are present at Mass to greet and assist you. They wear name tags and are found at the entrance to the church. If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself and sign our Visitor Book.

WIRELESS HEARING AMPLIFIERS

Available from the greeters.

WASHROOMS

At the rear of the church, opposite the main entrance, is the door to the Gore Avenue exit. The washrooms are downstairs. Follow the signs.

AFTER MASS COFFEE

Coffee & tea are served after Mass in the Bishops’ Room. Take the door at the rear of the church and go upstairs.
FAMILIES MINISTRY

Children of all ages are welcome at St. James’. A children’s play area is always available during any of the Masses under the choir loft.

STREET OUTREACH MINISTRY

Father Matthew Johnson offers sacramental & pastoral care primarily to the street-involved in the neighbourhood. Father Matthew can be found on the church steps before Mass on Sundays. Office phone: 604-685-7522
"You are not here to verify,
Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity
Or carry report. You are here to kneel
Where prayer has been valid."

In these lines, T. S. Eliot writes of Little Gidding (in the last of his Four Quartets), which he visited in 1936. In this place is the small, isolated chapel, standing in the midst of the rolling fields of Huntingdonshire, not far from Cambridge, where Nicholas Ferrar and his family formed a worshipping community in the early seventeenth century. Their steady devotion and quiet holiness attracted visitors, such as the poets George Herbert and Richard Crashaw, and King Charles himself. The place was then, as it has later become, a place of pilgrimage, for Eliot and for others.

The irresistible attraction of such a place defines though very imperfectly the power that draws one to St. James', a place, too, "Where prayer has been valid". These places are "beacons" that call one to worship and to discover the mystery of grace.
OUR VISION: Discovering the beauty of holiness in our lives and neighbourhood, by living a Christ-centred sacramental life rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

To learn more about membership and ministries at St. James’ see the booklet — Membership — found on the website and at the entrance to the church (narthex). To read more about activities and spiritual formation at St. James’ see our website www.stjames.bc.ca.