



St. James the Greater Church

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1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00

Weekday Mass

Tuesday thru Friday

9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 9:30am—10:30am

Reconciliation

Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am

Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:00am—3:00pm

*Closed 12:00-12:30

The Church Says:

In Baptism, we are plunged into the waters, that is, we are immersed into Christ's Death and made a new creation. Our response to God's initiative of love is obedience, "to hear" and heed God's call. Through Baptism we "put on Christ", that is, we conform to the image of Christ with the support of the entire Church community. In Baptism, we are challenged to live for others, to join in the mission of Christ, and to proclaim our faith to the world.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
The Inward Journey

The Lenten season is an opportunity to take that inward journey into ourselves. It is an opportunity to reflect on the values that defy the changes that happen in our life. It is a time to consider the eternal issues about the real meaning of our life.

Lent is about confronting the truth about ourselves. As we pray, abstain, fast or perform acts of charity, we wrestle with the truth about ourselves, trying to ward off the temptations of this world. The temptations of Satan on Jesus in the desert thrive in us as we continue to succumb to our illusions and evade the issues of personal integrity.

To withdraw into the desert is the description of our journey into our inner space. Pope Paul VI states: *"To withdraw into the desert is for the Christian tantamount to associate oneself more intimately with Christ's passion, and it enables us in a very special way to share in the Paschal Mystery and in the passage of our Lord from this world to the heavenly homeland."*

Our journey into the desert requires us to lay bare our soul before God, devoid of any pretense, simulation or denial. This is the gift we have to ask God to bestow on us as we embark on this journey into our own inner space. This journey brings us into confrontation between the reality of our human weakness and God's power and mercy, between our very self and God's own goodness.

As we begin this Lenten journey, let us start by examining our lives in a specific area of our spiritual life, that is, the phenomenon of temptation. What would we consider our greatest temptation right now? How do we react to it? Do we pray for God's help when it comes? Do we seek a healthy diversion that will help us ignore it? How can others help? Do we make of each temptation a means of getting closer to God? Do we see temptations as valuable occasions to choose God once more? Temptations are said to be like storms of the soul. Sooner or later they come to an end. And if we have fought them well, we emerge from them stronger, better, happier.

Healing Corner. Just as Jesus was tempted by the devil, we are often tempted to stray from His path. Sometimes it seems easier to not reach out to those who are being abused or bullied. We tell ourselves that others will help or that we shouldn't interfere with someone else's family. Other times we are tempted to become aggressive or abusive when we deal with family members. We feel we are justified in responding this way to them. We always need to work to resist the temptations that will lead us away from Jesus.

Three Paths to Holiness: Please join us for Robert Barron's DVD series. Tuesdays beginning February 20 at 9:30am in the parish library. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 20

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, February 21

9:00am Kay Mele—RIP

Thursday, February 22

9:00am Giuseppe Antonelli—RIP

Friday, February 23

9:00am Gerard Bouma—RIP

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Jean Doucette—RIP

Sunday, February 25

8:30am Barbara Schmeekle—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Charles & Irene Saunders—RIP

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation

Starting this year, the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation will be combined as a 2-fold preparation celebrated together as part of the new diocesan approach. Registration is open to students who have been baptized and who are in grade 2 or higher. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the meeting.

**Parent Information Meetings
& Class Registration**

11:00am

Sunday, February 18, 2018

or Sunday, February 25, 2018

Classes will run on Sundays from 11:00-12:30. The first part of the program will take place on March 4, 11, 18 with the Reconciliation Retreat on **SATURDAY, MARCH 24 at 10:30am.** The second part of the program will be on April 29, May 6 & 13 with the Communion Retreat on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00pm. Students must be accompanied by a parent. First Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on June 2 & 3.

Students who have already received First Communion but have not yet received First Reconciliation will attend the first 4 classes only (March 4, 11, 18 and retreat).

This Week at St. James

Monday	Family Day—Office Closed Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Knights of Columbus	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Reconciliation Choir	7:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	9:30am
Friday	Sandwich Day Stations Fish Fry	6:00pm 6:30pm

Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet,
Brian McAuley, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison,
Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Marjorie Lefavre, Darlene Otis,
Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson

And for those who have died:

Patrick O'Connell, John Otis, Eleanor Mann,
Morghan Krieger, Tomas Sanchez

We are planning to form a **parish band** this coming spring. If you are interested and have experience in playing a musical instrument, please contact Michael Scholfield to set up an audition time. For more information contact Fr. Edmund or Michael at 587 578 9927 or mcscholfield@gmail.com

Pope Francis invites the Church to observe **February 23** as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

Rejoice in God's Mercy

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30-8:30pm.

As we begin Lent, the desert is not a place for us to fear, but a place of encountering the Holy Spirit. The Spirit can reveal what binds us, as well as what steals from our freedom to be the person God created us to be. **Action:** Throughout the 40 days of Lent, pray to the Holy Spirit to advocate for you and free you from whatever keeps you from great intimacy with God.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm

Parish Penitential Celebration—March 20
7:30pm

Good Friday—March 30
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—March 31
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 1
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

**Reconciliation available on Wednesdays through
Lent from 7:30—8:30pm*

Friday Fish Fry—The Knights of Columbus will be bringing our parish community together with a Fish Fry each of the first 6 Fridays in lent. The price will remain the same this year with each piece of fish costing \$5 and is served with coleslaw and all the French fries you can eat. The event starts immediately after the Stations of the cross which is held at 6:00. This is a wonderful affordable family event and all proceeds raised will be used to support projects within the parish.

Liturgy 101—Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm

Calling Parish Council and all Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Ministry Coordinators. Please plan on attending an interactive workshop to discuss the liturgical protocols for Holy Week and beyond.

Donation boxes which have not yet been picked up can now be found in the hall. Anyone who would like an envelope box should contact the office.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$290.00
Maintenance	\$482.00
Children's Collection	\$45.00
Regular	\$4037.05
PAPS*	\$1195.00
	<u>\$5232.05</u>

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Shortfall: \$1492.95

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL \$30, 990.

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 24 5:00pm	Lois Ross Mike Ross	Andrew Beingessner Colleen Cove Ted Valentine	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY February 25 8:30 AM	Colleen deSouza Irene Thill	Allison Hay Kathy Oczkowski	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY February 25 10:00 AM	Kim Moody Brenda Lerner	Brian Lerner Doris McCullough Elvira Castaneda	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY February 25 12:00	Tina Allam Bill Michael	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio, Martin Onon Godfrey Bangisa	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamoi, J. Atanasio,

Sacraments

Baptism—If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Fr. Edmund to arrange a preliminary meeting. Attendance at a Baptism Workshop is required. A copy of the child's birth certificate is also needed. Registration forms for baptism are available on our website. The candidate may have one or two godparents who are to be chosen by the parents, have the ability and intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic who is leading a harmonious life in harmony with the Catholic faith (including marriage), will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

Marriage—to arrange a marriage, please arrange to meet with Fr. Edmund several months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick—Contact Fr. Edmund at any time to arrange for the anointing of the seriously sick or dying. Messages left on his voice mail will be returned promptly.

A **'Master Email List'** is being compiled to enable the parish to send important notifications such as guest speakers, seasonal and special events electronically. The weekly bulletin can be emailed by request. With this, housebound parishioners can be updated with parish news and events. If you are in our Ministry list, your email address will be automatically placed on the Master List. (If you do not wish to be on this list, please advise the office.) You may complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or donation slots or drop it off at the office. You can also accept the invitation on our Facebook page, or by emailing or phoning the office.

Surname: _____

Given name: _____

Email: _____

Permission to receive parish emails: YES _____

Permission to receive parish bulletins: YES _____