



St. James the Greater Church

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 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

Prayer for the Week

*Purify us, O God,
cleanse us from within,
that we might be people of light for the world.*

*Inscribe your Laws of love
into our fleshy hearts and
remove all that is sinful,
freeing us to imitate the way of Jesus.*

Amen

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Workplace Spirituality

Our celebration of this Labor Day weekend presents itself as an opportunity to reflect on the Christian meaning of work or what we can refer to as workplace spirituality. Created in God's image and likeness, each human person is a spiritual being. His or her work is an expression of the spiritual nature in each one of us, giving us an incentive for progress in labor issues.

Every human work can be made holy. We can draw strength from God's grace. Our work is an essential part of our Christian life. Quality work requires the integration of the Christian virtues of justice, prudence, patience, love and truthfulness. A deep connection exists between daily dialogue with God and our routine in the workplace. It is not true that we strive for holiness in spite of our work we do. It is in work that we are challenged to grow in holiness. It is through work that we build God's kingdom in this world. Our work shows forth the presence of God in our life. We should work in a way that reflects the attitude and the mind of Christ as expressed in the gospels. So long as we seek a closer relationship with God through our work, our problems and challenges we encounter in the workplace will strengthen our faith which enhances our work. By endeavoring to make our work a force for good, our work becomes part of the building of God's kingdom, taking on a new meaning that is fruitful for us and the entire created world.

In a way, human work is an actualization of God's image in us, transforming our human efforts as an encounter with God, a way of faithfully living out our Christian vocation. Work should sanctify us, not destroy us. As the Holy Father exhorts: "Let the Christian who listens to the word of the living God, uniting work with prayer, know the place of his work not only in earthly progress but in the development of the Kingdom of God, to which we are all called through the power of the Holy Spirit." (*Laborem Exercens*, 28)

As we celebrate this labor weekend, we also have to consider the plight of workers who face economic exploitation and sexual harassment. Domestic workers such as maids, nannies and home healthcare workers are often excluded from national labor standards. Workers are not often aware that something can be done to end repeated abuses they face in the workplace.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 4

9:00am Special Intention of Catherine Peet

Wednesday, September 5

9:00am S/Intention of Maureen & Dan Williams

Thursday, September 6

9:00am Meg Ormstrup—RIP

Friday, September 7

9:00am S/Intention of Pelletier Family

Saturday, September 8

5:00pm Michele Rosa Petrollini—RIP

Sunday, September 9

8:30am Anna Loffari—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Fran Oleniuk—RIP

**Previously scheduled Masses may be re-scheduled without notice at the pastor's discretion should there be imminent need.*

Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator

We have a new Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator! We welcome Marielle Thom who has accepted the role. Many of you will be interacting with Marielle in days and months to come.

St. Francis of Assisi Stained Glass Window

This weekend we celebrate the official unveiling of our full-length stained glass window of St. Francis of Assisi sponsored by the Mele Family in memory of their father, Francesco Mele. Thank you, Mele Family! It is a beautiful addition to our sanctuary.

Congratulations to Roger and Sharon Jeanson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August!

Morning Prayer

Rosary—8:30am Tuesday thru Friday

Cenacle—9:30am Tuesdays after Mass

Mass Etiquette

Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult. Worship reverently enough not to distract and dress proudly enough not to offend.



This Week at St. James

Monday	Office Closed—Labor Day	
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday		
Thursday	Opus Dei Men	7:00pm
Friday	Bridge Club	1:00pm
Saturday	El Shaddai	7:00pm

**Christian Meditation will resume on Sept 17*

Please pray for the sick:

Stella Fulawka, Aidan Hanes,
Harry Piet, Laz Terek, Brian McAuley, Gary Briand,
Shirley Valentine, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Wesley Scott, Tom Linahan,
Terry Gonsalves, Sarah Straathof, Terry Davidson

And for those who have died:

Hub Winter, Betty Harrison



children's liturgy

Children's Liturgy—Thank you to Sarah Straathof who is our new Children's Liturgy Coordinator! We are still in need of volunteers to help with the program. It is a very simple program with activities easily accomplished during the allotted time. No experience is needed but a Police Information Check is required. Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10:00am Mass throughout the school year. Volunteers are scheduled in advance as per availability and need. Please contact the office if you would like to help. It is an important ministry for our little ones!

Parking

Due to an increase of illegal activity with stolen vehicles in our parking lots, the parish has implemented strict parking rules that will remain year-round. If vehicles are left unattended without the knowledge of the parish for more than 24 hours, vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Please also be advised that the parking authority is also watching for vehicles illegally parked in the handicapped stalls and at the entries and exits to the parking lots. The marked stall by the office entrance is reserved 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for emergency personnel, staff and deliveries.

SACRAMENTS

Parent Information Session and Registration for our 2018/2019 First Communion/First Reconciliation Sacrament Preparation program will take place in the parish hall as noted below. **Classes will take place on Sundays from 2-3:30pm** as per schedule provided on registration day. Please bring registration fee and a copy of your child's baptism certificate if he/she was not baptized at St. James. **Classes begin September 23.** For more information, contact the office or check the website.

**Parent Information & Registration
First Reconciliation/First Communion
September 16, 2018 at 2pm
(\$50)**

(Children who have already received First Communion but still require First Reconciliation will only attend the first half of the program—\$25.)

ONE ROCK—St. James is looking for one more young adult age 18-35 to represent our parish at One Rock on Saturday, September 29 at St. Michael's Parish. Engaging talks, Formation & Renewal, Music & Solemn Worship, Fellowship. If you are interested, please contact the office as soon as possible. Special event on the Friday evening, September 28 for the first 500 registrants. Thank you to Dustin and Eloisa Greenwald, Maddie Catling, Jane Oliphant and Claire Oliphant who will be attending for our parish.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$800.00
Maintenance	\$425.00
Children's Collection	\$58.00
Regular	\$3574.00
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	<u>\$4996.00</u>

*Weekly Goal \$6725 Short \$1729
*Pre-Authorized Payment System
2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$29409*

Please consider Pre-Authorized Payment for your church contributions. You can use the easy-to-use white envelopes found in the pews and at the entrances. Our church also accepts stocks donation as well as bequests which can be indicated in your last will. Thank you for your generosity!

New chairs - Over the summer we were able to obtain used chairs from McInnis & Holloway free of charge. These are a nice, comfortable addition to our parish hall. For those who donated funds towards new chairs, the monies will be kept to replace these down the road when necessary.

**19th Annual Bishop's Dinner 2018—Friday, October 19, 2018 at 5:30pm
Telus Convention Centre 120—9 Ave SE**

Join us for an evening with Bishop William T. McGrattan in a celebration of generosity supporting 75,000 Catholic youth in our Diocese. Single ticket: \$185 / Table of 8: \$1480. For more information or to reserve your tickets, please contact Samantha Jones at 403 218 5531 or email bishopsdinner@calgarydiocese.ca or visit www.bishopsdinner.ca

**Ladies Mid-Week Retreat—Sept 11-13, 2018
at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**

Ladies, please consider attending this inspiring retreat.

Silent Retreat Theme: "Who Do You Say That I Am?" Focusing where Jesus is in our lives. Can we model Jesus in being non-judgemental and forgiving in our lives? For more information contact Kathy Oczkowski at 403 246 0660 or fkoczkowski@shaw.ca or Katherine Cormier at 403 273 3823 or wkorm@telus.net

ONE ROCK 2.0 - Calgary—September 29, 2018 at St. Michael Catholic Church for young adults ages 18-35. Inspiring young Catholic adults to be active leaders in today's challenging culture. Engaging Talks, Formation & Renewal, Music & Solemn Worship, Fellowship. Visit www.onerock.ca

A Lifeline for Married Couples - September 7-9, 2018—The Retrouvaille program called "Help Our Marriage" can help married couples who want to strengthen a good marriage or those experiencing difficult times! This program has even helped separated and divorced couples seeking reconciliation! For more information or to register, visit www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call 403 879 7893.

Retreat with Emeritus Bishop Henry & Fr. Julian Studden—All are welcome to join in this one day retreat at the FCJ Center on Saturday Sept 15, 2018 from 8.45 am to 4pm. Two topics: IS LOVE GIVING OR KEEPING; CALLED TO HOLINESS IN OUR DAILY LIFE.. The cost of the retreat is \$45 per person with lunch. For more details contact Agnes Pono at 403 850 8146 or by email at agnes_pono@shaw.ca

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 _____ To receive parish bulletins: YES _____