



# St. James the Greater Church

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 9, 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

## **Memorable Quotes**

The Lord depends on us as torches, to make his light shine out. Much depends on us; if we respond, many people will remain in darkness no longer, but will walk instead along the paths that lead to eternal life.

~St. Josemaria Escriva

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**Parish Council**—Nick Fader, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, Sheryl Schmitt, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan, Arkangelo Uyin **Finance Committee**—Neale Johannesson, Terry Gonsalves, Gregory Tychon **Children's Liturgy**—Sarah Straathof **Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis **Altar Servers**—Jennifer Brosseau **Food Bank**—Danielle McKinnon **RCIA**—Karen Serafini, Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Sacramental Preparation**—Laura Meneses **Baptism Preparation**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald **Maintenance Committee**—Arnie Funke, Richard Belzil **Knights of Columbus**—Tim Cove **CWL**—Lisa Frehlich **Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, Rose Lokiru **Hospitality**—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese Community**—Arkangelo Uyin **Syrian Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**—Al Meier **Reception Committee**—Zita Fulawka **Art & Environment Committee**—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla **Sudanese Choir**—Manas Ariki **Library**—Dianne O'Neill **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **Christian Meditation**—Florence Dickson **Landscaping Committee**—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns **Liturgy Committee**—Stephanie Davis, Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

## Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

### Be Opened!

The cure of the deaf man in today's gospel illustrates the importance of the gift of listening, particularly in this noisy world.

Our propensity to talk rather than to listen shows our tendency to refuse to hear the voices that disturb or challenge us. Our difficulty to listen to what others have to say stems from our being full of ourselves. We tend to be confined to our own opinions and biases. We are often closed to what others think, say or feel. The fuller we are of ourselves, the more we are unable to listen.

Our capacity to listen can be a measure of our own readiness and capacity to relate to God and others. It measures our ability to pray, to lift our hearts and minds to God, to listen to the prompting of the Spirit.

Christian ministry involves the gift of listening, if we are to heed the "vocation" or calling to serve our God and others. Christian responsibility requires us to listen to needs and concerns of others, especially of those who are under our care or jurisdiction. The gift of listening is a gift that can help us deal with the human problem of suffering, isolation and loneliness. Every person has the human right to be listened to. It is a gift that we always have to ask from God who always listens to all our cares and concerns.

As we cross our foreheads, our lips and our hearts to listen to the word of God in Scriptures every Sunday, we have to ask the Lord to help us discern the issues of the day as well the needs of those who require our love and compassion. Let us allow the Lord to "take us aside in private, away from the crowd", encounter him in the silence of our souls. Let us hear him speak his voice in the sanctuary of our conscience.

In his letter to the early Christians, James warns the community about some things that can keep us from seeing as God does, that is with prejudices and bias. Prejudices and biases can be subtle. Jokes about certain nationalities or races or religions can easily be taken as an acceptable kind of humor. The typical characteristic of such prejudices and biases is their ability to escape our sense of awareness of their being present.

Transformation comes about when we see things with the vision of faith, like when we use a pair of glasses to correct our failing eyesight. In our schools and in our communities, we need the vision of faith that can transform our lives into Christ. When we begin to see things as Christ sees, we see the glory of God shining through human weakness. When we begin to think as Christ thinks, we develop a mentality that opts for the poor and the needy. When we begin to speak as Christ inspires us to speak, we speak a language that recognizes and accepts every human being as a fellow human being, equal in dignity as God's children.

As we come together to recognize Christ in the breaking of the word and to commune his presence in the breaking of the bread, let us realize that we are all fellow workers, companions and not competitors, in the building up of God's kingdom in our midst.

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, September 11

9:00am Special Intention of Kelly Bond

### Wednesday, September 12

9:00am Gisele Jeanson—RIP

### Thursday, September 13

9:00am Adele Walsh—RIP

### Friday, September 14

9:00am Moe Nasser—RIP

### Saturday, September 15

5:00pm Carmela Filomena Petrollini—RIP

### Sunday, September 16

8:30am Eleanor Mann—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Bryon Callaghan—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.

## This Sunday is Grandparents' Day

This day has a threefold purpose: To honor grandparents; to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Let's take time to honor the grandparents in our lives. Celebrate what they have to offer us and our children. Be aware that many grandparents suffer from elder abuse and may be in need of our help.

## Morning Prayer

Rosary—8:30am Tuesday thru Friday

Cenacle—9:30am Tuesdays after the morning 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		
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Prep Class	11:00am
Sunday	Sacrament Info/Registration	2:00pm

*\*Christian Meditation will resume on Sept 17*

#### Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek,  
Brian McAuley, Gary Briand,  
Shirley Valentine, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,  
Gabriel Serpas, Wesley Scott, , Sarah Straathof,  
Joe MacNeil, Evelyn Bond, Terry Davidson

#### And for those who have died:

Isabel Diaz-Williams

**Children's Liturgy**—We have a new coordinator for Children's Liturgy! Thank you to Sarah Straathof for taking on this important role. We are still in need of volunteers to help with our program during our 10am Mass as 2 screened volunteers are required for each Sunday. We especially encourage parents of the children who participate to help out. Each lesson is set up by the coordinator in advance making the class very easy to manage.

#### 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

**Registration and Parent Information Session** for our 2018/2019 First Communion/First Reconciliation Sacrament Preparation program will be held on September 16 at 2pm. Classes will be on Sundays from 2-3:30pm as per schedule provided. (Refer to back page for complete schedule.) Please bring registration fee and a copy of your child's baptism certificate if he/she was not baptized at St. James. **Classes begin on September 23.** For more information, contact the office or check the website. This is a parent/child program so a parent must attend classes with their child.

**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—Volunteers Needed**

One Rock is only 25 days away, and we could use your help in making this the best One Rock yet. We're looking to fill in many different volunteer roles in hospitality, admission hosts, setup crew, information, catering, photography — you name it! To sign up as a volunteer, head over to [www.theyellowtree.ca/volunteer-donate.html](http://www.theyellowtree.ca/volunteer-donate.html) to get started.

#### **Last Week's Donations**

TIA	\$1015.00
Maintenance	\$435.00
Food Bank	\$494.00
Children's Collection	\$40.00
Regular	\$6093.10
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$7515.10

*Weekly Goal \$6725.00 Over \$790.10  
\*Pre-Authorized Payment System  
TIA Goal \$30990 TIA to Date \$30300*

*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!*

**Class Schedule for Sacrament Preparation Program**  
*\*all classes are 2:00-3:30pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted*

**First Reconciliation (Part 1)**

Session 1—Sunday, September 23  
Session 2—Sunday, October 28  
Session 3—Sunday, November 18  
Session 4—Sunday, November 25

**RETREAT & CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION—Saturday, December 15 1-3:30pm**

**First Communion (Part 2)**

Session 1—Sunday, January 27  
Session 2—Sunday, February 24  
Session 3—Sunday, March 24  
Session 4—Sunday, April 14

**RETREAT—Saturday, May 4 1-2:30pm**  
**CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST—Sunday, May 5 @ 10:00am Mass**

*\*New program prepares students for both First Reconciliation and First Communion in the same school year. Please speak to the catechists if your child will be missing a class to arrange an alternative class at another parish. As of this year, all parishes in the Diocese are offering the same program on different days & times to allow for missed classes to be made up.*

**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](mailto:bishopsdinner@calgarydiocese.ca) or visit [www.bishopsdinner.ca](http://www.bishopsdinner.ca)

The **Knights of Columbus** is organizing a team to bike in support of Elizabeth House in this year's **Ride for Refuge** fundraiser. We would like to invite anyone interested in raising money for this wonderful organization that helps keep pregnant young women off the streets and offers them a loving home and skills to build their lives. These women are often the most vulnerable citizens in our community and with your support and help, we would like to raise \$5000 to support this worthy cause. Friends and family members are welcome to join you and bike 20km; or if you prefer, there is a 10km route or a 5km route. The event takes place on September 29th in the beautiful Springbank area. For details on how you can fundraise and how to join our team, please contact Real Phaneuf 403 542 5228.

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 \_\_\_\_\_