



St. James the Greater Church

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 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

Did you know?

The early Church during the days of persecution referred to the Apostles' Creed as the Symbolum Apostolicum. An ancient source, *Commentarius in Symbolum Apostolorum* (A.D.404) states that in the days of the martyrs, "the creed or symbol functioned as a password, a sign or token whereby members of the Christian community could recognize one another".

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Who is my Christ?

“But who do you say that I am?” This is the classic question Christ poses to His disciples in today’s gospel after questioning them about who do people say that He is.

What people say about Jesus Christ would be what we learn about Christ in our Bible reading, studying Scriptures, listening to homilies or encountering people who attests to the Christian faith. The Gospel selection that we have just proclaimed and all other selections from Scriptures are testimonies of faith rather than historical accounts.

The biography-type accounts about Christ are what remained of what the early believers collected together for the needs of their respective communities. We learn about Christ by way of the faith of the first Christians.

Our personal encounter with Jesus Christ happens through God’s gift of faith which is not a concept of idea. Christ is a person with Whom we relate. What we share about Him is an expression of our lived faith experience.

Faith is a movement from the Divine, that is captured by our human spirit. It is like lightning that strikes into our innermost soul.

When Peter answers Christ: “*You are the Christ!*”, the first pope personally recognizes the electric vitality of a faith that is bound to transform his life and the life of the Church he has to shepherd.

As we gather now a faith community, we all have to assess this gift of faith from the Father. Let us consider how we can render a matured response to this faith that is a fruit of attentive and intense reflection on Christ’s central role in our life.

Healing Corner: “*But who do you say that I am?*” Many feel so alone when they suffer the impacts of abuse. They may not see Christ as a place to turn to in time of need, but we can be the embodiment of Him and His teachings. Make yourself available to those who may need your support. Call Connect – Family & Sexual Abuse Network at 403-234-7233 for a list of shelters and resources, or check out their website at www.connectnetwork.ca for more information.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 18

9:00am Jennifer Parinas Bauer—RIP

Wednesday, September 19

9:00am Special Intention of Lillian Brister

Thursday, September 20

9:00am Judy Welch—RIP

Friday, September 21

9:00am S/Intention of Matthew Hoffman

Saturday, September 22

5:00pm Giulia Giovanni Ciccaglione—RIP

Sunday, September 23

8:30am John Kramer—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Jim Scriven—RIP

Volunteers Needed—Volunteers are needed in several areas. Being involved in your parish helps to build community and form new friendships! Please consider helping out. Call the office for more information about any of our volunteer roles.

- *Collection Counters
- *Altar Servers
- *Altar Server Garment Cleaning
- *Flowers/Altar Decor
- *Reception Committee
- *Pastoral Care
- *Lectors
- *Eucharistic Ministers
- *Children’s Liturgy Leaders

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	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
	School Mass	1:15pm
	Knights of Columbus	7:30pm
Wednesday	NO Choir	
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday		
Sunday	1st Reconciliation Class	2:00pm

Please pray for the sick:

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

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 2 weeks 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 to get started.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$70.00
Maintenance	\$512.35
Food Bank	\$85.00
Children's Collection	\$76.80
Regular	\$5373.15
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$6795.15

Weekly Goal \$6725.00 Over \$70.15
*Pre-Authorized Payment System
TIA Goal \$30990 TIA to Date \$30370

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 or visit 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 _____