



St. James the Greater Church

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 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

O God, we seek your ways of wisdom.
 We search your ways to offer ourselves to you
 as servants of justice, truth, and love.
 Fill us with the compassion of Jesus.
 May his suffering and Death inspire us
 when we are tired, overwhelmed,
 and in the midst of our struggles.
 May your Spirit open our eyes to those in need
 who come into our lives each day.
 Help us carry on the works of Christ
 in our world today.
 In Jesus' name we humbly pray. Amen.

Foundations in Faith
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Maintenance—Arnie Funke
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
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

Our Crab Mentality

There is an African fable about crabs.... *“Some crabs were aimlessly crawling around in a basket interior, always moving, agitated at their captivity, but going nowhere. One resourceful crab, tired of treading in a circle, decided to climb the basket wall and escape the tedium. He forced his claws into the tiny nicks and crannies, creating a ladder where there was none and began to climb to freedom. The other crabs watched the show in amazement. “What is this fellow up to? Does he think he is too good to stay in here with his fellow sufferers? How dare he want to leave?” And so, when our innovative friend was about to put his claw on the very top of the wall and escape, the other crabs suddenly rose up in unison and pulled him down into the basket, smashed him to the floor and trod on his broken back until he was dead...”* What happens with crabs happens also with humans, unfortunately. This is what is commonly referred to as crab mentality. This is motivated by the craving for human glory...

Human glory depends on competition. Human glory stems from being richer, smarter, more recognized, more powerful, more intelligent. The greater our feats, the more glory received. This is upward mobility. We climb the ladder of success. But this same glory can spell one's doom. Human glory breeds rivalry which inspires and generates violence leading to destruction, even death. *“Where there is jealousy and strife, there also are inconstancy and all kinds of vile behavior... Where do conflicts and disputes among you originate? Is it not your inner cravings that make war within your members? What you desire you do not obtain and so resort to murder?”*(James 3:16)

Jesus gives us the antidote to vainglory's evil and deadly effects. If upward mobility is the nature of poison, the downward mobility is through the way of humility. *“If anyone wants to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”* (Mark 9:35)

By today's social standards, Jesus would be considered a “loser”, a man without any ambition. When we think and reflect of our own role in our own society, do we consider ourselves “servants”? Do we consider ourselves “losers” like Jesus, willing to lose our lives for the sake of others?

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 25

9:00am Meg Ormstrup—RIP

Wednesday, September 26

9:00am S/Intention of Ron Oczkowski

Thursday, September 27

9:00am Gisele Jeanson—RIP

Friday, September 28

9:00am S/Intention of Stefan Lojek

Saturday, September 29

5:00pm Maria Casciana—RIP

Sunday, September 30

8:30am S/Intention of Marie Funke

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon S/Intention of Craig Elsner

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



This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Parish Council	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday		
Sunday		

SACRAMENTS

First Communion & Reconciliation Classes begin this weekend. Classes will be on Sundays from 2-3:30pm as per the class schedule on the back page of this bulletin. If you have not yet registered your child, please come to the class this weekend and speak with the leaders. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$50 registration fee. 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.

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



Coffee Time after the 12:00 Mass—

As the hall is needed for the parent portion of the new sacramental preparation program, and set-up time is required, there will be no coffee time following the 12:00 Mass on the days of the classes. Please refer to the schedule on the back page of this bulletin.

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 McDonald, Marie Funke, John Dicey

And for those who have died:

Betty Harrison

Parish Fall Supper—Mark your calendars! Our annual Parish Fall Supper will take place on Saturday, October 27 at 6pm. More details about the event and tickets sales to follow.

ONE ROCK 2.0—Bishop McGrattan, Archbishop Smith and Archbishop Pettipas are looking forward to seeing the young adults at One Rock 2.0 on Saturday, September 29. This year's event will be held at St. Michael's Church in Calgary. It will be an amazing opportunity to be inspired, challenged, and equipped for the New Evangelization as disciples of the Lord. As Pope Francis said, "the Church and Society need you!" So, we urge you to show up to be counted as one of the upcoming pillars in our communities and local Church, and attend One Rock 2.0. To register, go to onerock.ca

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$80.00
Maintenance	\$448.00
Food Bank	\$20.00
Children's Collection	\$40.00
Regular	\$3819.15
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$5241.15

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Short: \$1483.85

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$30480

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!

Healing Corner. *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* Let us reach out to those abused and in need around us today. Put first these people so that they can find safety and we become more like what Jesus asks us to be. Call Connect at 403-237-5888 for a list of shelters and resources, or check out their website at www.connectnetwork.ca for more information.

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. **NO COFFEE AFTER 12:00 MASS ON CLASS DAYS.*

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 _____