



St. James the Greater Church

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 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

Quote of the Week

“If you consider the poor in the light of faith then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor.”

~St. Vincent de Paul

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Ecumenism, anyone?

John says to Jesus: *“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”* But Jesus answers: *“Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.”*

Today’s gospel relates to our ecumenical efforts towards unity with other Christian denominations as well as non-Christians. It reminds us to see and understand what the other denominations think and do while of course trying to see and understand more and more what we believe and proclaim. Understanding others requires self-understanding.

Our ongoing thrust to cooperate with other faith denominations has to be sustained and strengthened. We have to continue to be welcoming and accepting of those who have a different view of things while trying to be faithful to Christ’s mandate to love and forgive. We have to celebrate our oneness in Christ. We have to reach out to non-Christians in an effort to acknowledge our commonality as God’s children. Our unity in Christ and in God acknowledges our uniqueness and plurality as churches, as peoples and as persons. Just as God is one and three persons, we are all so different from each other yet we are all same as God’s children, as human beings.

We can also apply our Christian sense of ecumenism in our own personal lives by becoming more tolerant and accepting of the differences and idiosyncrasies of those around us and by focusing on our common human purpose of dealing with our own mortality and our quest for the eternal. The task of ecumenism also challenges us to be more united within own families and communities. We can share unity with other Christian or non-Christian communities only if we profess and try to live that unity among ourselves, in our own respective communities. And this unity among ourselves is founded on our own personal unity with Christ Himself. As we come together for the celebration of the one bread, one body in Christ in the Eucharist, we ask God to make us acknowledge our oneness as God’s children by strengthening our own personal relatedness to Christ who is the source of our unity and peace...

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 2

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 3

9:00am No Mass

Thursday, October 4

9:00am No Mass

Friday, October 5

9:00am Julia Almeida—RIP

Saturday, October 6

5:00pm Antonietta Vaccaro—RIP

Sunday, October 7

8:30am Judy Welch—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Bernardo Dizon—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

Healing Corner. Naming Violence. Both survivors and men who have offended may minimize the violence and reinterpret what occurred in order to excuse or erase the violence. In order for a woman to say "No!" to violence, she must see what is happening as violence. Despite these advances in societal awareness about violence against women, denial is still a common characteristic of abused women. Many women do not name behaviour as abusive because it would shatter their desperate efforts to have a normal life. They may resist telling people about it because they do not want to be stereotyped, or labelled a “battered woman”. They can feel overwhelmed at the difficult choices that they now face.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle No Mass	9:30am
Wednesday	No Mass Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women No Morning Mass School Thanksgiving Mass	9:30am 1:45pm
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday	Sacdalan/Sambilla Wedding	1:00pm

No morning Mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week as Fr. Edmund will be away at the priests' Study Days.



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, Fr. Bernie Black

Congratulations to Joe & Josephine Dumonceau celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 4th, and to Brian & Riet Wynker who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7th!

Morning Prayer

Rosary—8:30am Tuesday thru Friday
Cenacle—9:30am Tuesdays after the morning Mass

Notes from the Knights of Columbus...

The Knights of Columbus invite you and your family to our annual **Fall Supper** on **Saturday, October 27th**. This annual event is a great time to come together as a community to celebrate God's blessings and to break bread with your fellow parishioners. Prices remain unchanged at \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and children not in school are free. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses. This event sells out every year so get your tickets early so you will not be disappointed.

The **Ride for Refuge** in support of Elizabeth House took place this weekend and I would personally like to thank all that sponsored this event and my fellow riders. The Knights of Columbus also donated the profits from the pancake breakfast to this worthy cause in the amount of \$168. We are working hard to raise money for Elizabeth House and even though the event has now taken place, you can still donate online at <http://ride.w-ith.me/Real>

Electronic Bulletin :

Next weekend will be the first electronic mail out of the Parish Bulletin using a new system. If you have signed up and do not receive the email, check your spam folder. If you wish to receive the bulletin and are not yet on the list, the process is very easy; simply inform Brenda in the Parish Office, or sign up directly from the St. James website.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$359.00
Maintenance	\$473.40
Food Bank	\$130.00
Children's Collection	\$45.00
Regular	\$3523.50
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$4945.05

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Short: \$1779.95

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$30840

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. **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

Celebrate the **White Mass** with Bishop McGrattan on **Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 pm**, at St. Anthony's Church, 5340 4 St. SW, Calgary. Gather and pray on the feast day of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, **for those who have dedicated their lives to the sick and take care of those who are ill in our community: physicians, nurses, technicians, pastoral care ministers and all health care workers.** All are welcome, especially those working in medicine and health care.

SEXUAL REVOLUTION: 50 YEARS SINCE HUMANAE VITAE | St. Bonaventure Parish invites you to their movie night on **Tuesday, Oct. 2** and **Wednesday, Oct 3** at 7 pm. The documentary is 80 minutes. Seven years in the making, "Sexual Revolution" seeks to examine the effects of the free-love experiment of the hippie generation and the prophetic encyclical, Humanae Vitae. It also highlights Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical about love, sex and marriage.

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 _____