



St. James the Great Church

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

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

*Closed 12:00-12:30

Moral Decision Making

Catholics look to Jesus as their first teacher in how to live a moral life and in making decisions that are consonant with the good. In his earthly ministry and preaching and in his faithfulness to the Kingdom of God unto death, Jesus provided for us an example of goodness. Throughout our lives we are faced with moral choices. We decide to tell the truth rather than lie, to be kind rather than cruel, to be fair rather than to cheat. At times, moral decisions can be complex and difficult, requiring a great deal of reflection. Then a process of reflection, prayer, listening to Church teaching, and seeking advice can help us to arrive at a good moral decision in accord with our conscience.

Foundations in Faith

Pastor—Fr. Edmund Vargas efvargas@shaw.ca **Deacon**—Dc. Bruce Jurgens bruce.jurgens@calgarydiocese.ca

Secretary—Brenda Lerner office@stjamescalgary.org **Music Director**—Tom Linahan tglinahan@gmail.com

Parish Screening Coordinator—Lindsay Flynn pvsc@stjamescalgary.org **Bookkeeper**—Anna McKiernan

Parish Council—Nick Fader, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, Sheryl Schmitt, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan, Arkangelo Uyin **Finance Committee**—Neale Johannesson, Scott Iredale, Terry Gonsalves **Children's Liturgy**—Becky Elder **Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis **Altar Servers**—Jennifer Brosseau **Food Bank**—Vivian Moody **RCIA**—Deacon Bruce Jurgens, Allison Hay, Karen Serafini **Sacramental Preparation**—Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Baptism Preparation**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald **Maintenance Committee**—Arnie Funke, Richard Belzil, Al Meier **Knights of Columbus**—Tim Cove **Funeral Lunches**—Audrey McKean **Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, David Odongi **Hospitality**—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese Community**—Martin Onon **Syrian Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**—Al Meier **Social Committee**—Zita Fulawka, Teresa Schubert **Art & Environment Committee**—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla **Sudanese Choir**—David Odongi **Library**—Colleen Montgomery **Sandwich Days**—Emil Rawlyk **Christian Meditation**—Engeline Piet **Liturgy Committee**—Tom Linahan, Stephanie Davis, Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Michael Hudec, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

Love & Obedience

Because we have a high regard for virtue, we often try to appear virtuous, even when we don't end up in being virtuous. We want to look good, if not in God's eyes, at least in our own estimation or in the eyes of those who see us. We tend to be like the Pharisees who were outwardly religious, scrupulous about observing the smallest prescriptions of the law and intent on avoiding those who are less religiously inclined. We can be hypocrites, proud, arrogant, judgmental and convinced of our utter superiority over others in terms of personal worth. For the Pharisees, the average Jew was miserably ignorant of the law, a sinner and thus unworthy of God. So when John the Baptist came, the Pharisees went through the motions of his ritual of purification. But they were not really repentant, because they did not see themselves as sinners. Real sinners like the tax collectors and prostitutes took John seriously and mended their ways.

As indicated in the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes realized that the parable of the two sons was about them. It was about their disobedience. It is about obedience that goes beyond mere observance of the law by external actions. It is also about repentance. The second son thought better of his refusal to obey and changed his mind and did his father's will.

The lesson of the parable is that we have to listen to God's word, take it into our hearts and make it our own and be obedient. Obedience means submission of mind and will that can be painful. St Paul suggests to us where the source of obedience is: Jesus who lowered Himself to our human condition, took on the form of a slave, always obedient to His father, submitted to death on the cross, dying like a common criminal. Jesus came to our world to do the will of His Father with an immense, immeasurable love. It was this love in His heart that inspired Him become human, suffered and died for all of us.

Indeed, obedience is transfused and sustained by love. Loving obedience enables us to obey even when it is difficult. And this love is communicated to us as we celebrate the Eucharist where Christ is obedient to His Father even unto death on the cross. Repentant and obedient to God's word, we offer ourselves to God at the Offertory and receive Him in Holy Communion to sustain us to love and serve Him in our daily lives.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 3

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 4

9:00am No Mass

Thursday, October 5

9:00am No Mass

Friday, October 6

9:00am Richard Piet—RIP

Saturday, October 7

9:00pm Gerry Funke—RIP

Sunday, October 8

8:30am Sergio Coronado—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00 Bernardo Dizon—RIP

Fr. Edmund will be away for the priests' Study Days October 2 - 5.

Please pray for the sick:

Claire Oliphant, Mariah Lerner, Harry Piet, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Mary Figley, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel Serpas, Hub Winter

And for those who have died:

Jean Doucette

Come Pray with Us...

Rosary—8:30am before weekday Mass

Divine Mercy Cenacle—9:30 am on the 1st Tuesday of the month

Marian Cenacle—9:30am on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Last Sunday's Donations

Maintenance Fund	\$130.00
TIA	\$1090.00
Children's Collection	\$50.00
Food Bank	\$587.80
Regular	\$5631.25
PAPS*	<u>1122.00</u>
	\$6753.25

Thank you!

2017 TIA Goal : \$28,655 To Date: \$21,282

This Week's Events

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	No Choir	
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
	School Mass	1:15pm
	Opus Dei Men	7:00pm
Friday		
Saturday	Sydenham/Zulueta Wedding	3:00pm
Sunday	Confirmation Class	11:00am

Bishop's Dinner—Bishop McGrattan will host his very first Bishop's Dinner on Thursday, October 19. This year's theme is *Youth & Vocations—Their Faith, The Church*. Michael Chiasson will give the keynote address with Bishop McGrattan sharing his vision for youth in his closing remarks. Catholic singer/songwriter, Janelle, is our musical guest. Tickets are \$175 or \$1400/table of 8. **The parish has reserved 16 seats and currently has 8 of those seats still available for purchase. If you are thinking of attending, please call the office to reserve your seat at the St. James' tables.**

Parish Fall Supper—November 18th. Mark your calendars! Tickets will be available soon. More information to follow.

Upcoming Elections—The Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories have issued a joint letter encouraging us to participate in the upcoming elections. Specifically, they propose guidelines for the election of the Catholic School Trustees who are entrusted by the electorate of governance of Catholic school districts. They have to be stewards with governance skills as well as faithful to the Church's mission, its teachings and its leadership. Their love of Jesus is reflected in full participation in the Church life. The ability to share the faith with administration, teachers, students and the community is an essential feature of a Catholic School Trustee. As Catholics, we have to make the moral choice to elect the trustees who will ensure the continued Catholic formation of the school communities. We have to exercise this responsibility in a spirit of prayer and with an informed conscience. (Richard Smith, William McGrattan, Gregory Bittman, Gerard Pettipas, David Motiuk, Mark Hagemoen & Paul Terrio)

**Document in its entirety can be found on the RC Diocese of Calgary website and on the parish bulletin board at the SW entrance of the church.*

Volunteers Needed!

We are in serious need of volunteers in many areas. Volunteers are a necessity to function well as a parish. Volunteering in the various ministries is a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners and build community. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently they are needed. Whether you can volunteer a little or a lot, please consider helping out in one or more areas. Without more volunteers, some of our very important ministries may have to be cancelled. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer.

Pastoral Care—bringing Communion to the sick and homebound (without pastoral care volunteers, many of our senior parishioners will not have regular access to the Eucharist)

Food Bank—providing food hampers to those in need in our area

Eucharistic Ministers at all weekend Masses

Hospitality (coffee service) after the weekend Masses

Altar servers

Social Committee—**NEW** committee that will help to coordinate, set up and serve for social events at the parish including funeral lunches

Funeral Lunch Volunteers

Maintenance Committee—persons willing to volunteer in areas of maintenance as needed

Flower Ministry—assisting the floral designer in maintaining bouquets and arrangements in the sanctuary

***and many more ministries** not listed that can always use volunteers

Many thanks to all those who are currently volunteering in any capacity within our parish. Your time and talent helps the parish to run effectively and efficiently. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

Thank you to Zita Fulawka and Teresa Schubert who have volunteered to become our coordinators for the new **Reception Committee** effective November 1, 2017. We thank Audrey McKean for her service with funeral lunches for the past several years.

Liturgy Committee—The first Liturgy Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm in the hall.

Live Christ Share Christ Seminar—October 27 & 28

An initiation for mainstreaming Catholic Lay Evangelization

Friday, October 27 — 7pm to 9pm
Saturday, October 28 — 8am to 4pm
St. James Parish Hall

We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.
(1b, Deus Caritas Est, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Content:

Day 1: Friday, Check-In 6:30pm, Classes 7pm to 9pm

Orientation and overview of the classes / course

*Session #1: Jesus the Messiah

Day 2: Saturday, Check-In 8:00am, Classes 8:30am to 4pm

*Session #2: Called to Witness

*Session #3: Repentance and Faith

*Session #4: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

*Session #5: Growing in the Spirit

Notes:

1. Snacks will be provided before Friday session begins; coffee and muffins and lunch on Saturday.
2. Session is generally composed of material presentation by the resource speaker for 40 minutes followed by a group discussion or open sessions.
3. A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who complete the course together with a copy of the course material for future reference.
4. This seminar is provided by the parish for free. A love offering of any amount is welcome to those who are willing and able to help cover expenses for food and materials.