



# St. James the Greater Church

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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 7, 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 People**

Saint Margaret of Scotland (1050-1093) found time to be a wife, queen, mother and Saint. Raising her six children and working with her husband, King Malcolm, Margaret found time every day to rise early to prepare breakfast for the hundreds of beggars that gathered outside the castle each day.

## **Did you Know?**

The Catholic tradition of giving a ring to one's spouse at the wedding is said to originate in the symbolism of a circle, a ring. It has no beginning and no end, and thus is a sign of undivided, total giving that cannot, like a circle, be broken.

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## Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund Eucharist is giving thanks...

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day, a holiday in our country, is a testament of a people that is thankful for the bountiful blessings we now enjoy. We can ask ourselves how we spend Thanksgiving Day or weekend.

We imagine that everybody is naturally thankful, at least for the good things of life. But this may not be true. Many people go through life complaining and grumbling. They never say “thank you” to God or to anybody else. Perhaps, because they have never been taught to be grateful. As children, we are told to say “thank you” when somebody gives us something. Otherwise we would as children take the good deed for granted and say nothing. We are taught to express gratitude, to say “thank you” when somebody gives us something. Gratitude is a learned habit. It is incumbent on us to teach this virtue of gratitude to our children and our children’s children. We have to become a grateful people... Gratitude is a memory of the heart. Our children will learn and remember the various words and acts of gratitude we extend to others.

For thinking creatures, gratitude is supposed to be a natural reaction. The British philanthropist Moses Montefiore has this motto in his home: “Think and thank.” It reflects the linguistic fact that the word “thankfulness” comes from the old Anglo-Saxon term which means “*thinkfulness*”. “*Think*” and “*thank*” come from the same root. To “*think*” of God’s blessings is to “*thank*” Him for them. We “*think*”, therefore, we “*thank*”. A thinking creature should be naturally and spontaneously “*thankful*”.

The Mass we celebrate is a Eucharist. And Eucharist comes from the Greek verb “*eucharisto*” which means “*I thank*”. Each Mass in an act of thanksgiving to God. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer begins with these words: “*Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks.*” Our duty and our salvation... Why salvation? Because, in a way, we cannot be grateful and unhappy at the same time. Thanking God saves us from unhappiness. When we are grateful, we create a space in ourselves for God and others. When we are thankful, we become loving and generous of the gifts that God has given us. When we are grateful, we are more forgiving of the weakness and failures of others. We share more of ourselves when we realize that our life is a gift.

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, October 9

9:00am Willy Ulanday—RIP

### Wednesday, October 10

9:00am Betty Harrison—RIP

### Thursday, October 11

9:00am S/Intention of Catherine Peet

### Friday, October 12

9:00am Moe Nasser—RIP

### Saturday, October 13

5:00pm S/Intention of Ted & Shirley Valentine

### Sunday, October 14

8:30am Brian Burke—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon S/Intention of Brandon Reid

**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.** Women who are battered are not the only victims in the household left quivering under the shadow of family violence. Children who witness violence against their mothers experience emotional trauma and may become victims of these violent outbursts themselves. These circumstances can lead to psychological disturbances with long-lasting repercussions. Children in violent households can become withdrawn and perform poorly in school and may find themselves caught in an unending cycle of victimization; many become abusive individuals and aggressors later in life. Protect our children and break the cycle of violence.

### This Week at St. James

Monday	No Christian Meditation Office Closed	
Tuesday	Cenacle Finance Committee	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women Opus Dei Men	9:30am 7:00pm
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday	Funeral—Margaret Szabo	10:00am

**Christians from the Holy Land** will be here next weekend selling religious articles from the Holy Land after each Mass. Proceeds help to support the many persecuted Christians living in the Holy Land.

#### 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:

Fr. Bernie Black

#### Morning Prayer

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

#### 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 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)

### Parish Fall Supper

The Knights of Columbus invite you and your family to our annual **Fall Supper** on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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 and through the parish office. This event sells out every year so get your tickets early so you will not be disappointed. If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Real Phaneuf at 403 542 5228.

#### Electronic Bulletin :

This 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.



*Thank you, Lord, for our many blessings! Happy Thanksgiving!*

#### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$33.00
Maintenance	\$394.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Children's Collection	\$53.00
Regular	\$3887.18
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$5309.18

*Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Short: \$1415.82*

*\*Pre-Authorized Payment System*

*TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$30873*

*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.***

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.

**Parish Mission at St. Patrick's Parish** (1414 Shawnessy Blvd SW) will be holding a 3 - evening parish mission October 22-24, 2018—**The Path to Intentional Discipleship.** Presented by Fr. Michael Sweeney OP, Co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Additional details available at [www.stpatrickcalgary.com](http://www.stpatrickcalgary.com)

**CWL Members** are invited to pray the **Rosary on Sunday, October 7, 2018** on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Joining in prayer with our sisters and brothers to pray for peace in our respective nations. Canadians can join in praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy in union with other Catholics across Canada at 3pm Central Time on Sunday, October 7, or while viewing the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally.

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 \_\_\_\_\_