



St. James the Great Church

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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

Divine Justice & Judgment

God created all things and desires all to be one, now and forever. God is just, always rejecting what is evil and embracing what is good. God is intimately aware of what we do and how it either draws us closer or pushes us away from the unity and goodness that God desires. God tolerates human sinfulness, which may seem unjust yet by doing so, God gives everyone a full measure of time in which to repent. God's justice is eternal and surpasses all human judgments in its love and goodness.

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 **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/Funeral Lunches**—Zita Fulawka, Teresa Schubert **Art & Environment Committee**—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla **Sudanese Choir**—David Odongi **Library**—Colleen Montgomery **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **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

A Life of Thanksgiving

The early settlers of North America originated Thanksgiving Day to celebrate a successful harvest. If the harvest was good, then the food was carefully stored and lasted for throughout the year. People celebrated and praised God for His goodness when they knew that they would have enough food to last the winter and would not starve.

In many places in the world, what happens to the harvest if no rain falls and there is drought? Without rain, the crops cannot grow and the harvest will be poor or none. Without food to gather, the families go hungry and even starve.

With today's grocery stores, most of us buy what we need without thinking about where they come from. We expect to have food, clothing and shelter without thinking about who provide all of our needs.

Just as God shares his gifts with us, so must we share these gifts with others as an act of thanksgiving. We share what God has given us by helping people help themselves. We have to work for a more equitable distribution of our world's resources. We have to work for justice and the development of peoples. We have to stretch beyond the comfort zone of our economic prosperity.

We pray: *"Almighty God, we are grateful to you for our existence. We are sorry for the complaints you often hear from us. In fact, "our cup runneth over". Help us to live your gift of life to the fullest each day of our life in the spirit of thanksgiving. Amen."*



Happy Thanksgiving!

Last Sunday's Donations

Maintenance Fund	\$6077.41
TIA	817.00
Children's Collection	26.30
Food Bank	5035.00
Regular	\$8644.95
PAPS*	1195.00
	<u>\$9839.95</u>

Thank you!

2017 TIA Goal: \$28,655 TIA to date: \$22,099

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 10

9:00am S/Intention of Michael Franko

Wednesday, October 11

9:00am S/Intention of David Dyck

Thursday, October 12

9:00am Joe Alexandre—RIP

Friday, October 13

9:00am S/Intention of Audrey Gabl

Saturday, October 14

9:00pm S/Intention of Denise Funke

Sunday, October 15

8:30am Fran Griep—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00 S/Intention of Fay Bond

Please pray for the sick:

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

And for those who have died:

Peter Lorot

Collection for Food Bank & Maintenance Fund

Beginning this weekend, the 2nd collection will change. The 2nd collection for the Food Bank will be taken on the first weekend of each month with the remaining collections of the month to be taken for the Maintenance Fund. As the Food Bank has consistently been well-supported, there is no need to collect more than once a month at this time.

IMPORTANT CHANGES:

*The Knights of Columbus **Fall Supper** will be held on **October 28** not November 18 as previously published.

***Live Christ, Share Christ Seminar** has changed to **Friday, November 10 & Saturday, November 11**

This Week's Events

Monday	Office Closed	
	No Christian Meditation	
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday		
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	Confirmation Class	11:00am

World Mission Sunday—This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 22. On that day, we celebrate who we are as Christians: missionary disciples. It's a time of prayer. We are also invited to look beyond our local Church in Canada and assist through financial gifts, the missionary work needed in the young dioceses in many developing countries. An example of this work is providing health care centres, building schools, and empowering lay pastoral workers, construction of convents and presbyteries. Please pray for the missions and show generosity on World Mission Sunday.

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 2 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.**

Thank you to Emil Rawlyk who has been coordinating our Sandwich Days for the past 30 years! He is stepping down from his position and we warmly welcome Vicki Oliphant for taking it over. This is a very special ministry whereby parishioners, along with the junior high students from St. James School, prepare and deliver sandwiches to the Drop-In Centre every month. These sandwiches provide lunch for the homeless in downtown Calgary.

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 parish hall.

TO LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST SEMINAR (LCSC) is coming to St. James Church. The LCSC Evangelization program is geared towards lay empowerment in parish life. It is hosted by Couples for Christ Foundation for Family & Life. Everyone is welcome.

Content:

Day 1—Friday, November 10 (*note change)

Check in 6:30pm, Class 7-9pm
Orientation and overview
Session 1: Jesus the Messiah

Day 2—Saturday, November 11

Check in 8am, Class 8:30am-4pm
Session 2: Called to Witness
Session 3: Repentance & Faith
Session 4: The Gift of the Holy Spirit
Session 5: Growing in the Spirit

*Snacks will be provided before Friday's session begins; coffee & muffins & lunch on Saturday.

*Session is generally composed of a presentation by the resource speaker for 40 minutes followed by a group discussion or open sessions.

*A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who complete the course together with a copy of the course material for future reference.

*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.



LADIES, do you believe women play an important role in the Church and society? The **Catholic Women's League** is the voice of Catholic women expressing their values. The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support. The CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Please join us for an **Information Session** about the CWL on Sunday, November 12th immediately following the 10am Mass in the Music/Library room. All women over the age of 16 are welcome.

KC Fall Supper - October 28

As we are a small organization we would like to ask parishioners for their help with our biggest event of the year. We will be looking for volunteers to sell tickets, cook turkeys, bring a pie or help with setup or cleanup. We will have a volunteer list by the desk in the hall where we will be selling tickets starting this weekend. More information to follow.

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
SATURDAY October 14 5:00pm	Lois/Mike Ross Dorothy Whitson	Sean Brosseau Colleen Cove Gaby Morrissey	Henry Vaugeois, Larry Betts Glen Lilly	
SUNDAY October 15 8:30 AM	Kathy Oczkowski Irene Thill	Karen Serafini Andrew Serafini	Nick Fader Alex Fader	
SUNDAY October 15 10:00 AM	Sylvia Harris Zita Fulawka	Martin Onon Dustin Greenwald	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson	
SUNDAY October 15 12:00	Tina Allam Bill Michael	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Arkangelo Uyin	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliainoi, J. Atanasio,	Mimi, Okio, Antony, Aher, Achol, Darius

Syrian Family Sponsorship Committee Volunteer Opportunities

The St. James Syrian Family Sponsorship Committee was first convened in the fall 2015. Pat Barry agreed to lead our efforts as Chair, and continues to do so, though our numbers have reduced from approximately 20 to a present group of 6 to 8 active members.

In the past two years, our committee assisted five Syrian refugee families in re-locating from camps in Lebanon to Calgary, with financial support, leased residences, employment, education, language skills, health, transportation, and other needs. We meet monthly, and provide financial and other services to our adopted families as we can.

If you are interested in the committee, please contact Pat Barry at 403-214-3300 or pjbfmi3@gmail.com

Pizza Party for All Altar Servers!

Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Whether you are a current altar server or would like to be one, please let the office know that you would like to attend. Altar servers can be girls or boys of any age but must have already received First Communion.

Upcoming Elections—The Bishops of Alberta/NWT have issued a joint letter encouraging us to participate in the upcoming elections. Catholic School Trustees must 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 Church life. The ability to share faith with administration, teachers, students and the community is an essential feature of a Catholic School Trustee. As Catholics, we must make the moral choice to elect the trustees who will ensure the continued Catholic formation of our school communities. We have to exercise this responsibility in a spirit of prayer and with an informed conscience.

Archbishops Richard Smith & Gerard Pettipas, and Bishops William McGrattan, Gregory Bittman, 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.*

The **St. James School Knitting Club** is in need of knitting needles. We teach students in grades 4 through 9 to knit. They are enthusiastic learners, but we don't have enough needles to go around. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!



St. James Pray for Us!

Deadline for bulletin entries is Wednesday at noon.