



St. James the Greater Church

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 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

Morning Prayer/Rosary

8:30am Tuesday thru Friday

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

9:00am—3:00pm

Closed 12:00-12:30

Did You Know?

“For the first reliable fountain that brought running water into the heart of Siena, an Italian city high in the hills, the artist Jacopo della Quercia (d.1438) sculpted Mary, the Mother of God, holding the Christ child. They are surrounded by the figures representing Wisdom, Hope, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, Humility, Temperance, and Faith, bounded at its far ends by women with children, symbolizing earthly and divine Charity. It is as if these virtues of the believer’s life flow from or out of the refreshing and life-giving waters of revelation given in Jesus by his mother, our mother Mary, symbol of the Church itself, all held and contained by the love of God.”

Foundations in Faith
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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Rich Towards God**

In the gospel today, Jesus reminds us of the responsibility of being or becoming rich. Jesus warns His listeners about the dangerous tendency to constantly desire for more inherent in our increasingly materialistic society.

Jesus reminds us, through the rich man in the gospel story, *"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!... It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of the needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God!"* Jesus also assures us *"there is no one who has given up house or brother or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for His sake and the gospel who will not receive in the present age a hundredfold of what they give up with persecutions and eternal life in the age to come."*

This parable teaches us that life is not all about the abundance of the things we possess. In ancient Mediterranean society, everything exists in a limited supply that has been already distributed. Anyone who experiences sudden increase in income even unintentionally is thought to be taking what does not belong to him and is considered a thief. This thievery creates a needful person. St. Jerome in his commentary on Jeremiah says: *"Every rich person is a thief or an heir of a thief."* The things that one does not use belong to those who need them. Justice requires that everyone gets what he requires for a decent life.

The parable polarizes the passion to accumulate wealth against becoming rich towards God. It passes the verdict on a life dedicated among other things to the pursuit of material wealth. The parable demonstrates the absurdity of a life programmed on the desire to acquire resources one cannot retain or even fully enjoy. The judgment passed by the gospel parable on a life based on wealth is the same as the judgment of the Book of Ecclesiastes on life in general: *vanity of vanities*.

The philosopher William James expresses this gospel wisdom by declaring: *"The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life."* We have to live for the future, that is, for eternal life because we shall spend the rest of our days there.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 16

9:00am Special Intention of Fay Bond

Wednesday, October 17

9:00am Special Intention of Jim Bond

Thursday, October 18

9:00am Special Intention of Luchie Osiowy

Friday, October 19

9:00am Special Intention of Matthew Lojek

Saturday, October 20

5:00pm Special Intention of Marie Funke

Sunday, October 21

8:30am James Beckie—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Bruno Romanzin—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 Counter *Altar Servers *
Server Garment Cleaning *Flowers/Décor
*Reception Committee *Pastoral Care
*Lectors *Eucharistic Ministers *Children's
Liturgy Leaders *Sandwich Days

Flourishing Congregations Survey...

Imagine if all churches could be strengthened across Canada, ours included. Our congregation has partnered with the Flourishing Congregations Institute to be part of this transformation, and we would like your help! **Please take 20 minutes to fill out an anonymous national online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/fc087c>.** We hope for 50% or more of our adult attenders to fill out the 20 minute survey. With strong survey involvement, we will access data unique to our congregation/parish. Fill out the survey in the next month and be entered into a draw for one of five \$50 Amazon gift cards. To learn more about the survey, the larger project, and many of the anticipated benefits to arise, visit **www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey**. Thanks, in advance, for completing this survey!

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
	Knights of Columbus	7:30pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
	Refugee Committee	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm

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,
Loretta Gundry-White

And for those who have died:

Margaret Szabo

Mindfulness Movement Classes will be offered starting on Tuesdays, Oct. 16 at 9:45 am in the parish boardroom. This multi-level holistic practice is suitable for all adults and includes exercises to: release tightness/tension, improve balance and flexibility to prepare for winter activities, breathing and meditation to quiet the mind. Chairs or props will be used where required to enable participation at all abilities. The cost of this one hour class is "pay what you can" and continues until Dec. 4th. Classes will be taught by Nancy, a certified instructor. Contact Nancy at 403-830-4570 for more information.

Healing Corner. *"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."* Being abused can be the most traumatic times of our lives. We are not able to manage on our own so it is the time to call on God. Trust that God knows more about what way that is best for us to escape these situations and make a better life for ourselves and our children. He is always there to carry us in times of need and comfort us in times of despair. Of course we also need to take some steps ourselves and reach out to resources that work with abused women and children. We have our work to do and God can guide us, making the impossible possible. Remember to 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.

Parish Fall Supper

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 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.

World Mission Sunday—Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, and schools, and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Island and some of our Canadian dioceses.

Christians of the Holy Land will be selling religious articles after each Mass this weekend in the hall. Funds raised support Christians living in the Holy Land.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$640.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Food Bank	\$420.00
Children's Collection	\$22.50
Regular	\$7615.05
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$9037.05

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Over: 2312.05

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$31513

Thank you! Due to the generosity of our parishioners, we have met and exceeded our 2018 TIA goal 3 months early!

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.*

Over the past weeks, the world has been witness to immense sufferings as a consequence of natural disasters: the tsunami in **Sulawesi, Indonesia** and the flooding in **Kerali, India**. The Diocese is currently accepting donations:

***Online:** Visit www.calgarydiocese.ca and click "Donate"

***Cheque:** Please make cheque payable to "Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary" and mail or drop off to the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120-17 Ave SW, Calgary T2S 2T2), earmarked "Tsunami in Indonesia" and/or "Flooding in Kerala."

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

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 _____