



St. James the Greater Church

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 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

World Mission Sunday

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps:

*People in remote villages, towns and cities through the witness and works of missionaries and local priests;

*Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers;

*To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;

*Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.

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Parish Council—Nick Fader, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan, Arkangelo Uyin **Finance Committee**—Neale Johannesson, Terry Gonsalves, Gregory Tychon **Children's Liturgy**—Sarah Straathof **Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis **Altar Servers**—Jennifer Brosseau **Food Bank**—Danielle McKinnon **RCIA**—Karen Serafini, Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Sacramental Preparation**—Laura Meneses, Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Baptism Preparation**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald **Maintenance**—Arnie Funke **Knights of Columbus**—Tim Cove **CWL**—Lisa Frehlich **Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, Rose Lokiru **Hospitality**—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese Community**—Arkangelo Uyin **Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**—Al Meier **Reception Committee**—Zita Fulawka **Art & Environment Committee**—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla **Sudanese Choir**—Manas Ariki **Library**—Dianne O'Neill **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **Christian Meditation**—Florence Dickson **Landscaping Committee**—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns **Liturgy Committee**—Stephanie Davis, Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
The Soul of the Mission**

In a message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the theme: *“Charity: soul of the mission.”* This sense of charity is showed with our solidarity with fellow believers as we celebrate the Eucharist together and contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. For 80 years now, we have reached out lovingly towards our brothers and sisters in the missions. World Mission Sunday is our great act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially those who are in need, through our prayer, sacrifice and sharing.

In today’s gospel, we are reminded of our mandate to serve in imitation of Christ who gave his life as a ransom for many. We are invited to appreciate the spirit of love and service that Christ has left us as a legacy. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we are given a glimpse of God’s suffering servant, who has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, in obedience to will of the Lord.

After more than 50 years of witnessing to Christ’s gospel, we, as a Christian community at St. James, are asked to re-visit our sense of mission. We are challenged to review our stewardship of our lives, our time, our treasure and all the gifts that God has bestowed on us. We are called upon to continue witnessing to gospel values of care and hospitality, love and generosity, and justice and peace. We have to assess our sense stewardship of our gifts, our resources, our time and our treasure. How do we live the gospel mandate of sharing ourselves by reaching out beyond our own comfort zone?

Mission comes from a Latin word which means being “sent”. We are sent just as the Son of God is sent by the Father. We are commanded to proclaim the Good News of God’s kingdom in our world. We are sent to share ourselves with others, in terms of spending our time, our resources and our gifts especially with those who need our help and support. May our response to Psalm 33 be also our prayer to God as we re-visit our sense of mission: *“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”*

Congratulations to Shirley and Ted Valentine who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 13!

No coffee after 12:00 Mass next weekend due to the First Reconciliation class taking place that afternoon.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 23

9:00am Millicent & Philip Gonsalves—RIP

Wednesday, October 24

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Thursday, October 25

9:00am John Otis—RIP

Friday, October 26

9:00am Special Intention of Kirsten Lojek

Saturday, October 27

5:00pm Jeanne Hannan—RIP

Sunday, October 28

8:30am Hubert Winter—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Fr. Rupert MacLellan—RIP

Christmas Hamper Delivery—As per Diocesan directive, volunteers who wish to help with Christmas Hamper deliveries must now have their Police Information Checks (PIC) in place. If you would like to help deliver hampers this Christmas, please contact the office as soon as possible to **register** as a delivery volunteer and to determine the status of your PIC. The process usually takes 3-5 weeks to complete for those who are new or who are renewing an expired PIC. Since Christmas Hamper delivery is scheduled for 6pm on Monday, December 17, your quick response is greatly appreciated.

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
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Sandwich Day Bridge/Eucher	9:30am 1:00pm
Saturday	Parish Supper	6:00pm

Please pray for:

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,
Marie Hood, Marie Funke, John Dicey,
Loretta Gundry-White, Lado Family

And for those who have died:

Margaret Szabo, Alan Perry,
Gabriel Waschmann-Ortiz

What are Sandwich Days?—Once a month the junior high students from St. James School come to our parish hall and make hundreds of sandwiches for the homeless at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. This program has developed into a joint effort between the school and the parish in recent years. (Sorry, due to health regulations we can no longer accept sandwiches made at home.) This program was started by parishioners and has been operating as a parish ministry for almost 40 years!



Healing Corner. Faith communities and faith leaders have a unique role to play in responding to the needs of abuse victims and their families. First and foremost, faith communities need to be safe places to disclose abuse. . Persons of faith who are abused often feel that their spirit has been broken, that God does not care about their life, that they are worthless in every way. The healing journey from victim to survivor is long and arduous; ongoing emotional support and many caregivers are required. Many persons of faith who are abused would like assistance from both community agencies and their faith fellowship.

Parish Fall Supper

The Knights of Columbus invite you and your family to our annual Fall Supper on Saturday, October 27th. This traditional turkey supper is a great time to come together as a community to celebrate God's blessings while breaking bread with your fellow parishioners. Prices remain unchanged at \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and children not in school are free. This is the last weekend to purchase tickets. They will be on sale after the weekend Masses and through the parish office. We only have a limit to the number of tickets we can sell due to the capacity of the hall so don't delay. If you plan to attend, please feel free to bring a pie or if you would like to volunteer in any other way please call Real Phaneuf 403-542-5228. Help is always appreciated.

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.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$314.50
Maintenance	\$495.00
Food Bank	\$5090.00
Children's Collection	\$42.00
Flowers	\$30.00
Regular	\$7812.60
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$9145.60

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Over: \$2420.60

**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!!

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."

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

Upcoming:

Catholic Education Sunday—Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends —Sunday, November 4 (Turn your clocks back one hour.)

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 _____