



St. James the Greater Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

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

Memorable People

While there are few married Saints celebrated in the Church calendar, Saint Margaret of Scotland found time to be a wife, queen, mother, and Saint. She raised six children. Working with her husband, King Malcolm, she found time every day to rise early to prepare breakfast for the hundreds of beggars that gathered outside the castle each day.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

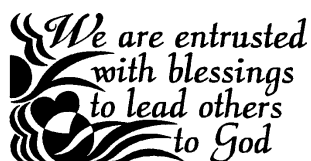
God's Overflowing Grace

The first recorded miracle of Christ, where He turned water into wine at a wedding at Cana, demonstrates that marriage and family play a paramount role in the mystery of our redemption. Having chosen to be born from a marriage, Christ also chose to show publicly His power and glory for the first time on a wedding occasion. It also shows the important role of Mary, who prompted Christ to intervene on behalf of the wedding parties, as intercessor of God's graces. It also illustrates the need for us, as servants of God, to fill our own proverbial jars for God to intervene in our own complicated lives and to heed the advice of the Mother of God to do whatever her Son tells us to do.

The overabundance of wine in this story goes beyond the wonderful story of the couple who, after being spared of the troubling misunderstanding between their respective families about the wine, should have lived happily ever after. In Scriptures, the wedding banquet is used as the image of God's kingdom. God's people is often referred to as his bride. Christ is presented as delighting in his bride, that is, the Church. The miracle story is a sign that with Christ's coming into our world, a new and wonderful age has come, a time of great abundance and overflowing blessings. This miracle story is a powerful story of God's grace and presence in our life. With God's sharing of our humanity through Jesus Christ, we share God's divine life. God offers us the gift of a share in his life, the gift we call grace.

In our midst, we see God's gifts and graces manifested through the generosity and love of our fellow believers who willingly share their time, talent and treasure to build and strengthen our community. The efforts of our volunteers who constitute the bulk of our workforce in this community are a testament of God's overflowing grace and blessing for us. As a community, we have to be more expressive of our gratitude for God's graces and gifts by becoming more faithful stewards of our life and its bountiful resources.

As we continue with the new year, let us resolve to be more conscientious of the use of the world's resources and the talents with which God has gifted us. Let us be more gentle with the personal relationships we have with one another.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 22

9:00am Letty Dumangas—RIP

Wednesday, January 23

9:00am Deceased Rausch Family

Thursday, January 24

9:00am Christine Conlisk—RIP

Friday, January 25

9:00am John Otis—RIP

Saturday, January 26

5:00pm Margaret Szabo—RIP

Sunday, January 27

8:30am Kay Rash—RIP

10:00am S/Intention of Tom Valentine

12:00pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—RIP

**Previously scheduled Masses may be re-scheduled without notice at the pastor's discretion should there be imminent need.*

Calling all Ladies: CWL Introductory Meeting—Wednesday, January 23 at 7pm in the parish hall. Here is an opportunity to get involved, meet other women, and learn more about CWL and the Catholic faith.

Altar Décor—Can you help? We are in need of volunteers who are interested in helping with our altar décor. Direction will be provided. Volunteers will be responsible for ordering and arranging flowers or potted plants, and caring for them during the week. No experience needed. Minimal time required. Hours are flexible. Contact the parish office for more information.



Healing Corner. God knows that we are lovable and capable, but sometimes we don't feel that way about ourselves. We can be tempted to let our mistakes and failures define us. Since abusive behaviour often springs from how we respect ourselves and care for the image of God in us. What is one thing you can do for yourself on a regular basis that will make you feel good about yourself and make your life more balanced and harmonious?

**World Day of the Sick
February 15 at 2:00pm**



“They brought to him all who were sick...and he cured many.” (Mk1:32-34)
On Friday, February 15 at 2:00pm, St. James Parish will host a special Mass and anointing for those who are ill or infirm in body or in spirit and for family members and caregivers who

love and support them. Everyone is encouraged to come and join the prayer for God’s healing presence. Please join the Pastoral Care Team in the hall after the Mass for coffee, tea, and dessert. Members of the Pastoral Care Team are Anna Meagher, Sharon Jeanson, Catherine Peet, Patricia Betts, Millie Shyba, Ann Smith, Kathy Oczkowski, Angela Alexandre, Mary Corns, Colleen deSouza, Mary Lojek, Darlene Otis, Lucy Ciccaglione, Velma O’Reilly, Elizabeth Taylor, Vicki Oliphant, Arnie & Marie Funke. For more information, contact the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Stephanie Davis at (403) 246-5585.

Please pray for:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek,
Rolande Parel, Shirley Valentine, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Sarah Straathof, Joe MacNeil,
Terry Davidson, Gary Ritter, Marie Hood,
Marie Funke, Patrick Lony, Chris Fotur,
Anne Lado, Faye Watkins

And for those who have died:

Kay Rash, Wilma Ochabilla, Fr. Jim Hagel,
Sr. Mary Spence, Pauline Knapik, Omer Brandt,
Pauline Miller

Please pray for our students who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation over the next few months with our catechists Laura Meneses, Deacon Bruce, Belen Thompson and Joanne Anderson.

The Food Bank has a new coordinator! We welcome Dawn Gray who has taken on this role. Thank you to Danielle McKinnon and Vivian Moody who will help Dawn with the transition. We are still in need of volunteers to help pack and distribute hampers from the parish on Thursdays and Fridays. Please call the office for more information. The Food Bank provides food hampers to those in need within our parish boundaries every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of each month except January.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Adoration Choir CWL	9:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm
Thursday	Sandwich Day Regnum Christi Ladies	9:30am 10:00am
Friday	Bridge	1:00pm
Saturday	El Shaddai	7:00pm
Sunday	1st Communion Class	2:00pm

LOVE THY BODY at THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE 2019 | We might think we do, but do we really love our bodies? How can we truly respect and love ourselves the way God commands us to? Let's examine love, sex, relationships, heaven, hell, human desires, sex/gender and the eternal destiny of the human body, male and female. Save the date: **Fri & Sat, March 8 & 9 at St. Michael Catholic Community in Calgary.** Guest speakers include Christopher West, Mike Mangione, Sr. Helena Burns, Kevin Muico, Fr. Thomas Loya and Vicki Thorn. This two-day conference will explore theology and practical applications of human sexuality. Visit: <http://TOB.calgarydiocese.ca>

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$775.00
Maintenance	\$504.80
Children's Collection	\$15.00
Food Bank	\$155.00
Christmas/New Years	\$165.00
Regular	\$7276.30
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$8609.30

Weekly Goal: \$6725
*Pre-Authorized Payment System

Thank you for your generosity!

Class Schedule for Sacrament Preparation Program
**all classes are 2:00-3:30pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted*

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 to allow for missed classes to be made up. **NO COFFEE AFTER 12:00 MASS ON CLASS DAYS.*

Natural Family Planning Teachers: Begin training to become an Accredited Teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method® from the comfort of home! Part 1 of the Teacher Training Correspondence Course will be offered in a series of interactive Webinars from February - August 2019. Successful completion of Part 1 is a pre-requisite to attend the Part 2 Workshop planned for Fall 2019! Registration deadline for webinars: February 4, 2019. For more details about the Teacher Training process and to register, visit billingslife.ca

2019 Annual Men's Conference—Be Not Afraid; To Be A Saint—March 15 &16, 2019 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 541 Silvergrove Dr. NW. Special guests are Bishop Scott McCaig, CC and Jeff Cavins. For more information or to register, visit www.godsquad.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND | Join Fr Bill Corcoran of St. Pius X Parish on a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Centre and Knock Shrine Ireland, the Emerald Isle. Over 10 days and nine nights (**Sept. 3-12, 2019**) you will journey through the Giant's Causeway, Blarney Castle / Stone, the Rock of Cashel, Guinness and more. For complete details, e-mail fatherbill.stpiusx@telus.net

BLESSING FOR COUPLES—All married couples are invited on **Saturday, Feb. 9** for an event with Bishop William McGrattan and St. Michael's Marriage Ministry. Where: St. Michael's Catholic Community (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). The evening will begin at 7:30 pm with a liturgy and blessing for married couples, followed by a reception with snacks, refreshments, cash bar, and live jazz entertainment. Registration: 403-249-0423 or <http://saintmichael.ca/events>

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 _____