



# St. James the Greater Church

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**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**April 8, 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

\*Closed 12:00-12:30

## **Did you know?**

Prior to receiving Holy Communion, Catholics offer one another a sign of Christ's peace. This liturgical gesture today is usually a handshake or an embrace, but originally it was a kiss. Sharing "the kiss of peace" has had various meanings throughout Christian history, including communion, reconciliation, and affirmation of prayer.

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us—all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A**—Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B**—Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C**—Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. (Excerpts from [www.divinemercury.org/message](http://www.divinemercury.org/message))



## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, April 10

9:00am Julia Almeida—RIP

### Wednesday, April 11

9:00am Millicent & Philip Gonsalves—RIP

### Thursday, April 12

9:00am Manny Jaswal—RIP

### Friday, April 13

9:00am Special Intention of Mary Beaton

### Saturday, April 14

5:00pm Thanksgiving Mass—Cruz Family

### Sunday, April 15

8:30am Jacqueline & Duane Leuschen—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Eleanor & Martin Mann—RIP



## Hymnal Dedications

Several months ago, the parish purchased the new Journeysongs hymnals. Many of our parishioners have dedicated a hymnal to their family or in memory of a loved one. There are still several more hymnals that can be dedicated. For the low price of \$20, a label on the inside of the cover will indicate who the hymnal has been dedicated to. Contact the office if you wish to do so.

**Healing Corner.** “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Just as Jesus calls us to believe in Him even though we have not seen Him in person, let us believe that there are those around us who need our assistance even if we have not seen their pain nor heard their cries for help. Let us be open to believing that we can support those who suffer from abuse and trauma. Reach out with love to our friends and church members and be available to their needs.

### This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series	9:30am
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
Friday	Cenacle	9:30am
Saturday	Memorial Mass	11:00am

### Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Brian McAuley, Gary Briand, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel Serpas, Laz Terek, Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott, Gary Ritter, Veronica Kubik, Terry Gonsalves, Mary Beaton

### And for those who have died:

Wilma Gibbons, Beda Molina

### Travel Event of the Decade Oberammergau 2020.

In the year of 1633, out of fear and desperation, the villagers of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau made a promise to God, which they have kept ever since. Every 10 years this village presents a spectacular Passion Play. In 2020, Fr. Edmund will be leading a group of likeminded travelers to experience this extraordinary event, performed for the 42nd time. Though the tour is still 2 years away, the limited number of tickets will be secured by June 30, 2018.

Join us on Friday, April 20 at 7pm at St. James Church. Embark with us on a visual and musical journey to the imperial capitals of Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Munich, with the story of Oberammergau, both past and present. Opera singer, Jane Perrett, along with Ron Lonsdale of Collette Vacations will offer an evening that will be festive, informative, and beautifully entertaining. As seating is limited, we kindly ask you to RSVP by calling 403 401 8721 or email [swickenden@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:swickenden@cruiseshipcenters.com)

### Volunteers Needed!

We are in serious need of finding more collection counters. Volunteers help with the weekend collection on Monday mornings. There are 2 teams that alternate each month so the time commitment is very manageable. Please consider helping your parish in this way. Contact the office if interested. No experience is necessary though a Police Information Check will be required.



### Sick or dying loved one in hospital?

There is a Catholic priest assigned to the hospitals and care facilities in Calgary. If you or a loved one is in hospital, hospice, or nursing home and would like to be visited by a priest, please ask the hospital staff to arrange it as they no longer ask the patients or their families. Alternatively, Fr. Edmund can be contacted through his voicemail.

Next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is April 22 after the 10:00am Mass.

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$1107.00
Maintenance	\$614.00
Children's Collection	\$41.00
Food Bank	\$130.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$2379.00
Regular	\$8764.75
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	<b>\$10186.75</b>

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Over: \$3461.75

\*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$6472

Please consider Pre-Authorized Payment for your church contributions. You can use the easy-to-accomplish white envelope 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!

## Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY April 14 5:00pm	Joanne Anderson Lois/Mike Ross	Sean Brosseau Ted Valentine Leila Wright	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY April 15 8:30 AM	Colleen deSouza Richard Roe	Allison Hay Angela Alexandre	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY April 15 10:00 AM	Riet Wynker Kim Moody	Dustin Greenwald Cor Stuijts Brian Lerner	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY April 15 12:00	Tina Allam Bill Michael	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Godfrey Bangisa Arkangelo Uyin	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio,

**Man of the Shroud Exhibit**—St. Peter's Parish is excited to bring back the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit during Holy Week and beyond. The Shroud Exhibit which is a 14' long and 3' wide replica of the Shroud of Turin (the most studied Relic in the history of the world) will be on display at St. Peter's Church from Friday, March 23 to Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Shroud experts will be available for guided tours and talks. Visit [www.st-peters.ca](http://www.st-peters.ca) for more information.

**Diocesan Youth Rally**— Theme is **Mission: Possible—Called to Be Holy** which will take place in Lethbridge on April 21, 2018. Michael Chiasson of Access 52 will be emceeing the event and performers 'Nun & Nunner' will be offering lighthearted, Catholic entertainment. The day will be filled with activities—Mass, talks, games, a social project, Adoration and fellowship. The Youth Office will be sponsoring the cost for renting buses to provide round-trip transportation from Calgary. Groups and individuals will be able to sign up for busing online soon. Brochures are available at the SW entrance of the church.

**38th Annual Hike for Life**—Saturday, May 12 at Princes Island Park—8:30am to 12:00 noon Support Calgary Pro-Life Respect Life programs. Sponsor Fr. Edmund or get sponsors and walk with friends. Pledge forms are at the SW entrance of the church. For more information, visit [www.calgaryprolife.com](http://www.calgaryprolife.com) or phone 403 243 0691.

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 \_\_\_\_\_