



St. James the Greater Church

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2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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

The Church Says:

The Christian tradition has seen in Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, a foreshadowing of God's offering Jesus up to a sacrificial death. The reading from Romans relates the justification of sinful humanity to God's overwhelming love shown in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. Thus, the sacrifice prefigured by Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son is perfectly realized in Jesus Christ who freely offers himself to the Father as a ransom for our sins. Through his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus establishes in his blood the new and eternal Covenant.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Moments of Self-Giving

The transfiguration was an awe-inspiring experience of God's presence for Jesus and for his disciples. It was an incredible show of divine support, grace and inspiration at the time when Jesus faced the most trying period of his life: the decision to offer himself for our salvation through his own passion and death. This illuminating experience would carry him through the dark days of confusion, insecurity and terror that would come after this encounter with the Other. Jesus received the affirmation of his mission to give himself up from the great figures of his tradition, representing the law and the prophets.

All of us need some graced memories or God-filled experiences to recall or return to when faced with difficulty and challenge in our journey of faith.

These graced-filled experiences or God-moments can inspire us and carry us through the darkness and difficulty of our trying periods of our journey. Our own stories of struggle in the faith can sustain us in our trials and tribulations. These God-moments may not approximate Christ's transfiguration on a mountaintop but their significance can help us in efforts to do God's will when we recognize and acknowledge it in our prayer and discernment. These moments are marked with self-giving and generosity that fulfill the deepest hunger of our souls.

All grace-filled memories or God-filled experiences are times when we realize giving ourselves to others in the spirit of self-sacrifice and true love. These are moments when we imitate God's generosity and love which embody the essence of our personal commitment to Christ who gave himself up for our freedom from sin and death. Our struggling efforts to offer ourselves to God and others can be transformed into meaningful faith experiences by returning to our graced-filled memories when we experienced God's love and presence in our lives.

In our own lives, we have had experiences of self-giving that continue to inspire and strengthen us in our efforts to love and serve. These are our own transfiguration experiences that transform our own selfish self into a self-giving person. These self-giving moments make us more aware of our own giftedness that should move us to share and care for another.

Healing Corner. As the Lord is transfigured and we are instructed to "listen to him", so we must change ourselves into those who have compassion and listen to our fellow human beings when they suffer from the effects of abuse and harassment. Let us become more like Christ with each passing day.

Three Paths to Holiness: Please join us for Robert Barron's DVD series. Tuesdays beginning February 20 at 9:30am in the parish library. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 27

9:00am Eileen Anderson—RIP

Wednesday, February 28

9:00am Vera Delaney—RIP

Thursday, March 1

9:00am Phil Kennedy—RIP

Friday, March 2

9:00am Special Intention of Elisa Uy

Saturday, March 3

5:00pm Irene Maclean—RIP

Sunday, March 4

8:30am Joan Pinto—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Special Intention—Anonymous

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation

Starting this year, the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation will be combined as a 2-fold preparation celebrated together as part of the new diocesan approach. Registration is open to students who have been baptized and who are in grade 2 or higher. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the meeting.

Parent Information Meeting & Class Registration

11:00am

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Classes will run on Sundays from 11:00-12:30. The first part of the program will take place on March 4, 11, 18 with the Reconciliation Retreat on **SATURDAY, MARCH 24 at 10:30am.** The second part of the program will be on April 29, May 6 & 13 with the Communion Retreat on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00pm. Students must be accompanied by a parent. First Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on June 2 & 3.

Students who have already received First Communion but have not yet received First Reconciliation will attend the first 4 classes only (March 4, 11, 18 and retreat).

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	3 Paths to Holiness Liturgy 101	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Reconciliation Choir	7:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	9:30am
Friday	Cenacle Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm

Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Brian McAuley, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel Serpas, Marjorie Lefavre, Darlene Otis, Laz Tarek, Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott

And for those who have died:

Patrick O'Connell, John Otis, Eleanor Mann, Morghan Krieger, Tomas Sanchez, Wilma Gibbons

Liturgy 101 Workshop—Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm, in lieu of the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee meetings. All Council members, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Ministry Coordinators and PROSPECTIVE liturgical ministers are encouraged to attend this interactive workshop to discuss the liturgical Holy Week and weekend protocols and other liturgical issues.

Rejoice in God's Mercy

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30-8:30pm.

White Peter tells Jesus "it's good to be here", he is also genuinely terrified. The work of a Christian calls for our courage, trust, faith. The challenges of Christian living bring us out of complacency and into authentic discipleship where we encounter Christ in one another. **Action:** Go outside of your comfort zone. Ask the Holy Spirit to identify Christ to you in people you may have overlooked.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm

Parish Penitential Celebration—March 20
7:30pm

Holy Thursday—March 29
7:00pm

Good Friday—March 30
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—March 31
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 1
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

**Reconciliation available on Wednesdays through Lent from 7:30—8:30pm*

Friday Fish Fry—The Knights of Columbus will be bringing our parish community together with a Fish Fry each of the first 6 Fridays in lent. The price will remain the same this year with each piece of fish costing \$5 and is served with coleslaw and all the French fries you can eat. The event starts immediately after the Stations of the Cross which is held at 6:00. This is a wonderful affordable family event and all proceeds raised will be used to support projects within the parish.

Parish Band—We are planning to form a parish band this coming spring. If you are interested and have experience in playing a musical instrument, please contact Michael Scholfield to set up an audition time. For more information contact Fr. Edmund or Michael at 587 578 9927 or mcscholfield@gmail.com

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$240.00
Maintenance	\$411.00
Children's Collection	\$34.00
Flowers	\$313.00
Regular	\$3706.87
PAPS*	<u>\$1195.00</u>
	\$4901.87

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Shortfall: \$1823.13

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

2018 TIA GOAL \$30, 990.

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY March 3 5:00pm	Brendon Engelman Kevin Morrissey	Colleen Cove Gabby Morrissey Ted Valentine	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY March 4 8:30 AM	Richard Roe Maureen Wickens	Karen Serafini Andrew Serafini	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY March 4 10:00 AM	Darlene Otis Mary Lojek	Lindsay Davis Marin Onon Dustin Greenwald	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY March 4 12:00	Nakiro Ayudo Ayudo Ayudo	Bernadette Carrera Arkangelo Uyin, John Atanasio Godfrey Bangisa	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio,

Chalice—Thank you parishioners for purchasing a gift from our Chalice Christmas Gift Catalog. The number of donors through the catalog increased by 14.1% ! Thanks to those gifts, more children will be healthier and able to go to school; more families will become self-reliant and have more hope for a brighter future.
-Fr. Pat Cosgrove

Sacraments

Baptism—If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Fr. Edmund to arrange a preliminary meeting. Attendance at a Baptism Workshop is required. A copy of the child's birth certificate is also needed. Registration forms for baptism are available on our website. The candidate may have one or two godparents who are to be chosen by the parents, have the ability and intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic who is leading a harmonious life in harmony with the Catholic faith (including marriage), will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

Marriage—to arrange a marriage, please arrange to meet with Fr. Edmund several months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick—Contact Fr. Edmund at any time to arrange for the anointing of the seriously sick or dying. Messages left on his voice mail will be returned promptly.

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 _____

Permission to receive parish bulletins: YES _____