



# St. James the Greater Church

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 28, 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 liturgical ministry, priests wear an alb (the white garment of Baptism), a chasuble (a decorative overgarment), and stole (a narrow band of cloth over the shoulders). Bishops wear these vestments with the addition of a miter (a pointed hat, symbolizing their office of ruling) and walk with a crosier, or shepherd's staff, showing their role as shepherd of God's people. Deacons wear albs, dalmatics (similar to a chasuble but closed on both sides), and stoles over one shoulder.

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## Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund Bartimaeus as Model

Bartimaeus can be our perfect model for Christian life in three ways.

First, Bartimaeus seized the opportunity when it presented itself. When he realized that Jesus was passing by, he shouted at the top of his voice: "*Son of David, have mercy on me!*" and he did not stop shouting. Despite the opposition of those who were telling him to keep quiet, he kept shouting all the louder. Do we have this kind of persistence and courage when it comes to seeking God. Are we persistent in prayer? Are we determined to be freed from our spiritual blindness at all cost?

Secondly, Bartimaeus knew exactly what he wanted. When Jesus asked him, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" He had no hesitation whatsoever. "*Teacher, let me see again!*", he answered immediately. Do we have any idea of what we really want out of our life? Can we say with the same conviction: "*I want to see, Lord. I want to understand what are the real values in life... what it means to be a true Christian... and how I can find happiness in serving you and my neighbor...*"

Lastly, Bartimaeus was grateful. He followed Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. He had become a fearless disciple of Jesus, ready to share whatever fate awaited Jesus in Jerusalem. Are we ready to sacrifice everything in order to follow Jesus faithfully, even with our lives? Not necessarily in a swift and bloody martyrdom, but more probably in the slow and bloodless martyrdom of the daily service of our neighbor? Are we willing to carry our daily cross in the company of Jesus?

*"Lord Jesus, heal our spiritual blindness. Give us the courage to follow you faithfully on the road to life. Give us strength to live for you day by day in the loving service of our brothers and sisters. Be on the road of life our peace and our joy. Amen."*

**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.

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, October 30**

9:00am Simone Dumonceau—RIP

**Wednesday, October 31**

9:00am Meg Ormstrup—RIP

**Thursday, November 1**

9:00am All Saints

**Friday, November 2**

9:00am All Souls

**Saturday, November 3**

5:00pm All Souls

**Sunday, November 4**

8:30am All Souls

10:00am St. James Parish—All Souls

12:00noon All Souls

**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 [www.tinyurl.com/fc087c](http://www.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](http://www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey)**. Thanks, in advance, for completing this survey!

### This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Parish Council	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday/Sunday	Catholic Education	

### 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



**Remember** to set your  
clocks back one hour  
next weekend!

### Catholic Education Sunday—November 4

Next weekend is Catholic Education Sunday. Our 2nd collection next weekend will be for Catholic Education. As our Alberta bishops taught us in 2017: "The nature and mission of our schools is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." We, as faithful Catholics, are entrusted to ensure our children are immersed in Catholic teachings throughout their education. We all must work to preserve and enhance the precious gift of publicly funded Catholic education. To that end, The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the educational experience of Calgary Catholic students. We do so with your generous donations received on Catholic Education Sunday. Please support quality Catholic education in Calgary.

### St. James School Fundraiser

In years past, St. James Parish has generously supported the St. James School through their Safeway grocery card fundraiser but due to recent changes with that program it is no longer feasible for the school to continue with it. So this year the school will be using Purdy's chocolates as their fundraiser. Tables will be set up in the parish hall to sell Christmas chocolates after the 5pm Masses on November 10th and 17th and after the 10am Masses on November 11th and 18th. Deadline for orders is November 25. School volunteers will deliver orders to the parishioners the first week of December. If you wish to check out Purdy's Christmas products in advance, please visit [www.purdys.com](http://www.purdys.com)

**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	\$65.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Food Bank	\$45.00
Children's Collection	\$120.00
World Mission	\$1785.50
Regular	\$3679.00
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$5012.00

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Short: \$1713.00  
\*Pre-Authorized Payment System  
TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$31578

**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](http://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."

**Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Children First** is a 5-week parents education program that encourages separated and divorced parents to put the needs of the children first as the family adjusts to a new type of lifestyle in two separate homes. Sessions begin on Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm on Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20 & 27. For more information or to register, call 403 -218-5505 or by email to [lifefamily@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:lifefamily@calgarydiocese.ca)

**Sisters of Divine Mercy—Grief and Loss Day Retreat—**Sisters of Divine Mercy invite you to a day retreat to help you find strength, consolation and peace in times of grief and loss. Saturday, **Nov 10** from 10:30am to 4pm at the Divine Mercy Centre. Call 585-755-1019 for more information.

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 \_\_\_\_\_