



St. James the Greater Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

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

Catholic Education Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday. Our 2nd collection this 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.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
"Rejoice and be glad!"

In Alberta, the yearly celebration of Catholic Education Sunday is an opportunity for Catholic schools and our faith communities to promote their important and distinctive mission. In keeping with the theme for this year's Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the theme for this Catholic Education Sunday is "Rejoice and Be Glad". Our theme is further inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation and the call to holiness. It highlights the important role that our schools play in nurturing the call to holiness for our children and youth. Our schools also help students know Christ through religious education, prayer, and a safe, caring school community that encourages them to discern their vocations. Pope Francis reminds young people that Jesus looks to them and invites them to journey with him. They are urged to be open to God's plan in becoming joyful disciples. Catholic Schools, along with the family and the parish community, support our young people in their journey of faith. Teachers, students, parents and priests together are witnesses to, and agents of, the Good News proclaimed by Jesus Christ. This faith witness is described in the apostolic exhortation as the "saints next door". It reminds us that in every circumstance there are people of faith who inspire us to respond openly to the love of God and to serve Him generously. Sustained by such a bold vision, Catholic Schools encourage students to grow in their faith, to live its principles and to act in ways that make a positive difference in their local communities and the global community.

The universal call to holiness has particular importance in the life of a Catholic School. Catholic education invites students to respond to the personal call of Jesus to embark on a journey of holiness. They are encouraged to grow in the knowledge of how God is active and present in their lives. They are called to enter into a living relationship with God. Catholic schools put Christ, the witness of faith, and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre of the educational enterprise. By placing Christ at the centre of all they are and all they do, Catholic schools make sure that a student's journey into adulthood is also a journey of faith. A journey which recognizes that true knowledge, learning, justice, peace and human freedom are a response of love to the God who is Love. We know that life is not without its challenges and temptations, which can distract our children and youth from responding to the call to holiness. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Mt. 5:12). This scripture quote, which roots the apostolic exhortation, recognizes that there will be many challenges in the quest for holiness. However, these challenges are not met with fear. They are met with courage and an assured confidence of the abiding presence of God. It is this confidence rooted in Christian hope that guides our Catholic Schools to instill and nourish, through many learning experiences, the belief that each child is created in the image of God and with God, all things are possible. We, the Alberta and NWT Bishops, are grateful for parents who entrust their children to our Catholic School system and for parishes that minister to them. On Catholic Education Sunday, we express our appreciation for the administrative, professional, pastoral and support staff, who are dedicated to the noble task of assisting children and youth to follow the call to greater holiness. They help students grow in the assured belief that God journeys with them.

May God bless you and continue to sustain your faith-filled mission with His grace.

*(Message from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta & NWT for
Catholic Education Sunday 2018)*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 6

9:00am Betty Harrison—RIP

Wednesday, November 7

9:00am Special Intention of Rowena Uy

Thursday, November 8

9:00am Special Intention of Edna Salise

Friday, November 9

9:00am Moe Nasser—RIP

Saturday, November 10

5:00pm Maria Elena Monroy—RIP

Sunday, November 11

8:30am Sr. Gerry Hagel—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Ademo LoGullo—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 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**. 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 Opus Dei Men	9:30am 7:00pm
Friday	School Remembrance Day Mass Bridge/Eucher	1:15pm 1:00pm
Saturday/Sunday	Purdy's Chocolate Sales	

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

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,
Lauralei Dumonceau

And for those who have died:

Margaret Szabo, Alan Perry,
Gabriel Waschmann-Ortiz

Healing Corner. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Let your love show as you refuse to accept violence in yours and others' relationships. Seek help if you are experiencing violence and abuse. God wants only love in our lives.

Congratulations to Joan and Roger Huot celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week!

Book of Remembrance—Please feel free to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the Book of Remembrance at the front of the church. They will be remembered at Mass throughout the month of November.

Christmas Hampers

If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas Hamper this year, please contact the office. Deadline for hampers is **Monday, December 10**. Monetary donations and donations of non-perishable, unexpired food are welcome.

Angel Tree

Last year, our Angel Tree was such a huge success that the decision has been made to continue it again this year. On November 24 & 25, Christmas gift tags will be hung from the gift tree in the sanctuary. Each tag indicates the age and gender of the children to whom Christmas Hampers will be given this year. Please attach the tag to your new UNWRAPPED gift for that child and drop it off at the office or under the Angel Tree by **Sunday, December 10th**.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$196.25
Maintenance	\$667.50
Children's Collection	\$38.00
World Mission	\$143.00
Regular	\$4304.75
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$5637.75

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Short: \$1087.25

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

TIA Goal: \$30990 TIA to Date: \$31774

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.*

Planting a Future: Planned Giving Seminar—Wednesday, November 7

Registration at 1:45pm Presentation 2:00-3:30pm Learn how to maximize your legacy for your family, friends and charity. Discussions: Converting your assets into an income you can't outlive and still leave a lasting legacy; minimizing or even eliminating taxes on your estate; avoiding double taxation on your "red" retirement accounts; bypassing upfront capital gains taxes. Seats are complimentary but limited. Contact Doreen for location and to reserve a seat for you and your guest at 403 218 5522 or doreen.thibeault@calgarydiocese.ca

Mindfulness Movement Classes will be offered at St. James Church starting on Tuesdays, Oct. 16 at 9:45 am in the Outreach Room. 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. Contact Nancy at 403-830-4570 for more information. **NO CLASS ON NOV 6.**

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 _____