



# St. James the Greater Church

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 11, 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

## Prayer of the Week

*God of this vast universe, you have created us in your image and likeness, empowering us to experience wonder and joy at the goodness of all of life. Each day the beauty of your wonderful world surrounds us.*

*Give us the eyes to see your marvelous works, the ears to hear the music of life, and the conviction to respond to the needs of others.*

*Give us generous and thankful hearts, that we might share all our blessings to build your kingdom here and now. We want to live in the blessed assurance that Christ will come again to embrace us.*

*Empower us in the living Spirit, breathed into us from creation's dawn. Amen.*

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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund  
Remembering our beloved dead....**

With the whole Church, we celebrate this month the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. We celebrate the love we have shared with our beloved dead, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

We pause and reflect on our certain faith in the mystery of the Communion of Saints, that is, our interrelationship as the pilgrim church with those suffering in purgatory and those triumphant in heaven. We pause to offer our special prayers and sacrifices for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

When death comes so close to us, as in a family, we can feel more the emptiness and devastation that come with bereavement. Yet in our loss and bereavement, we discover God's presence in the sympathy and love our friends and family offer us in our time of need. We learn to appreciate more the real value of the gifts of faith, family and friendship. We discover the value of sympathy and solidarity that make us go through our difficulties and challenges in life with more faith, more hope and more love.

As we remember our loved ones, we offer our prayers for them. We are encouraged to show sympathy and support for our families in their time of bereavement, especially those families who are alone in coping with this difficulty and challenge.

We pledge that every gesture of affection and friendship we show to one another on behalf of our beloved dead become a sign of God's love for all of us. The legacy of love and friendship that our loved ones have left us should inspire and move us to live a life full of love and concern for one another.

Our faith in the death and resurrection of Christ is the legacy of His self-sacrificing love for all of us. In so many ways, we celebrate the greatest love that this world has ever known through Christ's own offering of his life for the forgiveness of our own sins, including the sins of our loved ones who have gone before us.

**Healing Corner.** Where does abuse come from? Family Violence does not happen in a vacuum. It couldn't be so widespread or have carried on so long in silence if it were only a matter of a few people not controlling their tempers. Abuse is rooted in a host of personal and social values that we have come to accept as right or necessary or "normal". *"God, we know that many of your children have been hurting for a long time. Open our eyes to their pain and help us to reflect on the values we hold which may contribute to the pain and silence around family violence."*

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, November 13**

9:00am Gisele Jeanson—RIP

**Wednesday, November 14**

9:00am Dariana Belloni-Corti - RIP

**Thursday, November 15**

9:00am Henri Dumonceau—RIP

**Friday, November 16**

9:00am Al Foster—RIP

**Saturday, November 17**

5:00pm Lottie Carpenter—RIP

**Sunday, November 18**

8:30am Betty Harrison—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Marcellino Carrera—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.

**Campaign for Additional Stained Glass Windows** has been recommended by the Pastoral Council in its last two (2) meetings. In addition to the Holy Spirit window (\$10,000 by a local artist) above the sanctuary and the St. Francis window (\$15,000 by a Toronto-based company), we are looking at a matching window of St. Kateri on the other side of the back of the church. Other stained windows can also be considered to enhance the spiritual ambience of our worship space. We are appealing to our families for possible sponsorship towards this project which features a dedication plaque. All contributors will be issued tax receipts. Please contact Fr Edmund for details.



**November**  
Month of  
The Souls in  
Purgatory

### This Week at St. James

Monday	Office Closed Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Funeral (Loretta Gundry-White) Pastoral Care Workshop	9:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Prep Class	11:00am
Sunday	Reconciliation Class	2:00pm

### Please pray for:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek,  
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,  
Lado Family, Lauralei Dumonceau

### And for those who have died:

Margaret Szabo, Alan Perry,  
Gabriel Waschmann-Ortiz, Loretta Gundry-White



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### 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 bring the new UNWRAPPED gift for the child on the tag and drop it off at the office or under the tree by **Sunday, December 10th**.

### 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.

**Wanted organ donors...** Our aging Rodgers electric organ, according to a recent assessment by a local expert, requires repairs in the console itself as well as in its worn-out speakers. Estimated repair cost is \$4000 to \$5000. The organ as it is has no market value. The resale value after repairs would be less than half of the repair cost. After looking at various options, we are leaning towards the latest, state-of-the-art Roland DX708 piano/organ at \$7499 through a local dealer. If we make the order now, it would take four (4) months to be delivered. We are appealing to our families for possible sponsorship or contributions towards this organ replacement project which feature a dedication plaque. All contributors will be issued tax receipts. Please contact Fr Edmund for details.

Please feel free to add the names of 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.

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$75.00
Children's Collection	\$35.00
World Mission	\$165.00
Catholic Education	\$3050.70
Food Bank	\$195.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Regular	\$5712.50
PAPS*	\$1333.00
	<u>\$7045.50</u>

Weekly Goal: \$6725.00 Over: \$320.50

\*Pre-Authorized Payment System

**Thank you! Due to the generosity of our parishioners, we have met and exceeded our**

## 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.***

**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 visit [www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey](http://www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey). Thank you in advance!

**Join Fr. Adrian Martens**, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and the Calgary Interfaith Council Dialogue Co-chair, in a dialogue on the state of the world today and the response of religions. The dialogue will cover the topic of problems in society and how religions can address these problems through peaceful means to benefit society at large. When: **Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018** at 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Where: Prince of Faith, Lutheran Church (2523 56 St. NE, Calgary). All are welcome!

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, LOURDES AND BARCELONA:** Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona: St. Anthony's Parish along with Holy Spirit Parish will be leading a pilgrimage from **May 10-19, 2019**. The highlight of the visit to Fatima will be midnight (May 12-13) procession with the statue of the Virgin Mary. An information session will be held at St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Monday, November 19 at 7 p.m. Contact Eden D'Souza 403-461-2748 or [edsouza@cruiseshipcentres.com](mailto:edsouza@cruiseshipcentres.com).

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission to receive parish emails: YES \_\_\_\_\_ To receive parish bulletins: YES \_\_\_\_\_