



# St. James the Greater Church

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 18, 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

## World Day of the Poor

In a country as blessed as Canada, we are called to remember that while many have much, “the earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” While we benefit from God’s generosity, the Lord shares the earth with both the rich and poor alike. Regarding our responsibility to share with the poor, St. Ambrose says, “If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt.” Although our volunteer work and acts of generosity are good and useful, Pope Francis reminds us that charity becomes transformative when we have “a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life.” “This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ.”

*Letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary, from Theodorick Nowak, Director of Social Justice and Outreach Ministries - November 7, 2018*

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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund  
Apocalypse Now**

The movie *Apocalypse Now*, partly filmed on Philippine locations, portrays the horror of the Vietnam war and of any war for that matter, evoking such prophetic visions found in the Bible, suggesting that the end of the world is at hand.

In Christian theology, *apocalypse* is classified as *Eschatology*, the study of the things to come, like the end of the world, judgment and eternal life. *Apocalyptic writings* refers to Scripture texts about the imminent destruction of the world and the salvation of the righteous. Eschatology is a basic component of the study of theology as it relates to the themes that give consoling hope of God's promise of salvation and eternal life.

In our own time, we look at dangers that threaten even the very survival of the human race or of this world as we know it. Predictions of the end of the world have been made throughout history, growing out of the threatening disasters and the literal interpretation of biblical passages. In the face of suffering, danger and persecution, we have to hold on to our faith in God's love in our lives. We have to look forward to the eternal life that Christ, through his mercy and love, has gained for us through his own suffering, death and resurrection.

As trees shed leaves for the winter during this Month of Remembrance, we turn our thoughts to the final things. We reflect on death, judgment and eternal life. As we prepare for a new liturgical year, the Church asks us to reflect on the final end. We look at death as a time of fulfillment of our journey to the Father, even as we look forward to that time with a mixture of hope and fear. Our apocalyptic readings today remind us that our journey in this life is indeed short and that we don't even know the hour of our own death when we have to reckon with our Creator the life we have live on borrowed time.

*"Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of our death in unknown. Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice, that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love. And when our journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever. Amen."* (Rite of Committal, Order of Christian Funerals)

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.

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, November 20**

9:00am Cyril Almeida—RIP

**Wednesday, November 21**

9:00am Anne Mitchell - RIP

**Thursday, November 22**

9:00am Special Intention of Manuel Baling

**Friday, November 23**

9:00am Geraldine & Bob Franssen—RIP

**Saturday, November 24**

5:00pm Trevor & Rufina Gonsalves—RIP

**Sunday, November 25**

8:30am Betty Harrison—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Special Intention of Steve & Lucy

**UPDATE: Christmas Hamper Delivery—December 17 at 6pm** As per Diocesan directive, volunteers who wish to help with Christmas Hamper deliveries must now have their Police Information Checks (PIC) in place. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT SCREENING CAN ACT AS DRIVERS** along with a screened volunteer. (No children please.) If you would like to help deliver hampers this Christmas, please contact the office as soon as possible to **register** as a delivery volunteer so that we know how many helpers we have.

**2018-2019 Sunday Missals** are now available on the book rack near the baptismal font or through the office. Suggested donation \$5 each.

**Healing Corner.** November 18-24 is the 17th annual Bullying Awareness week. This year's theme is "ChooseKind". [www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/](http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/) Bullying is a conscious, willful and deliberate act of power through aggression that is repeated, unequal power, which creates fear in the victim and an inability to act. Bullying includes: physical aggression (hitting, kicking, taking or damaging belongings), verbal aggression (insults, name-calling, and repeated teasing), social exclusion, intimidation through spreading nasty rumours or threatening, sexual aggression, and cyber-bullying. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."* Let us not forget Christ's words that show us the way to treat one another and how to be kind.

### This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
	Mindfulness Movement	9:45am
	Knights Memorial Mass	7:00pm
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Wednesday	Red Wednesday Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	9:30am
Friday	Bridge/Eucher	1:00pm
Sunday	1st 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

**Red Wednesday**—November 21, 2018—On this day, the universal Church will honor and pray for our sisters and brothers throughout the world who face persecution as a consequence of their belief in Christ and His Church. People are encouraged to wear red on Red Wednesday.

### 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**.

### 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.

### 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.

**Fr. Nawras Sammour SJ** - Bridging Borders—November 23, 7-9pm at St. Stephens Protomartyr Church. Update on the situation in Syria and neighboring countries. For more information, contact Ted Valentine (403) 249-8832

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$712.00
Maintenance	\$335.50
Children's Collection	\$45.00
Catholic Education	\$340.00
Christmas/Food Hampers	\$120.00
Regular	\$4635.00
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$5968.00

Weekly Goal: \$6725 Short: \$757

\*Pre-Authorized Payment System

**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.***

**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 \_\_\_\_\_