



St. James the Greater Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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

Did you know?

The word “gospel” means good news. Each of the Gospel writers has been assigned a distinctive symbol.

***Matthew:** a man, because his account begins with the human ancestry of Christ

***Mark:** a lion, a desert animal, because his account begins with John the Baptist who cries out in the wilderness

***Luke:** an ox, an animal used for sacrifice, because his account begins with Zechariah entering the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifice

***John:** an eagle, a bird that can fly highest in the sky, because his account begins with words that take the reader soaring into the heavens.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Life in Brokenness

Introduced by the Emmaus story, today's gospel contains the central theme of our faith: that the Messiah has to be broken and from the brokenness, He would be the source of healing. The two disciples tell the eleven and their companions how Jesus is made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Two broken-hearted disciples are approached by the risen Christ whom they thought to be a lonely traveler, a stranger. Then, Jesus opens their minds by sharing about Scriptures, by breaking the Word of God. Finally, they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Three kinds of brokenness are involved in the process towards to the recognition of the risen Christ in the Emmaus story: broken hearts, broken word and broken bread.

The disciples were broken-hearted after Christ died on the cross. We have to acknowledge our broken-heartedness in order to discover our courage and strength. We have to accept our woundedness in order to be healed. We have to accept the truth of our failures and frustrations in order to face the future with its promise of new life. It is difficult to recognize the risen Christ when we don't see the brokenness of our humanity. Our failure to identify our own crosses with the Cross of Christ makes us incapable to see them from the perspective of the resurrection. A broken, humble heart is necessary for a true relationship with the risen Christ. Our Christian life is like this journey to Emmaus. Our heartbreaks and difficulties can sometimes make us fail to recognize the risen Lord in the strangers we meet in our earthly pilgrimage.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus describe their experience with the breaking of the word in these terms: "Were not our hearts burning within us... while he was opening the Scripture to us?" This same fire characterizes our encounter with Word of God when our minds and our hearts are truly receptive to His message, when we lift our minds and our hearts to God.

Our Eucharist is rooted in this breaking of bread referred to in the Emmaus story. Our Eucharist becomes Christ's memorial of His love and presence for His disciples. Our Eucharist is realized through the breaking of our lives for the love and service for others. As grains of wheat and grapes are broken to become bread and wine, we have to be broken for others to accept the saving power of Christ's resurrection.

Healing Corner. *"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19) In a time of increasing violence in our homes and world let us not miss the "signs" of those who need our help. The signs may not be physically visible. Victims of domestic and family abuse are wounded in so many ways. Get to know your Church and community neighbors. Be there to support and refer them for help when they need it. Actively pass on the "signs of peace".

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 17

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, April 18

9:00am S/Intention of Cor & Tilly Stuijts
60th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, April 19

9:00am Robert Kiessling—RIP

Friday, April 20

9:00am Beth Firnesz—RIP

Saturday, April 21

5:00pm Special Intention of Del Croteau

Sunday, April 22

8:30am Special Intention of Judy Shires
10:00am St. James Parish
12:00pm John Kubik—RIP

Hymnal Dedications

Several months ago, the parish purchased the new Journeysongs hymnals. Many of our parishioners have dedicated a hymnal to their family or in memory of a loved one. There are still several more hymnals that can be dedicated. For the low price of \$20, a label on the inside of the cover will indicate who the hymnal has been dedicated to. Contact the office if you wish to do so.

Sick or dying loved one in hospital? There is a Catholic priest assigned to the hospitals and care facilities in Calgary. If you or a loved one is in hospital, hospice, or nursing home and would like to be visited by a priest, please ask the hospital staff to arrange it as they no longer ask the patients or their families. Alternatively, Fr. Edmund can be contacted through his voicemail.

38th Annual Hike for Life—Saturday, May 12 at Princes Island Park—8:30am Support Calgary Pro-Life Respect Life programs. Fr. Edmund will be doing the hike so please consider sponsoring him. Pledge forms are at the back of the church along the west wall. For more information phone 403 243 0691 or visit www.calgaryprolife.com

This Week at St. James

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| Monday | Christian Meditation | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday | Robert Barron DVD series Knights | 9:30am 7:30pm |
| Wednesday | CWL Choir | 7:00pm 7:30pm |
| Thursday | RC Mom's Group | 10:00am |
| Friday | Cenacle Bridge Tour Presentation | 9:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm |
| Saturday | El Shaddai | 7:30pm |
| Sunday | Pancake Breakfast | 11:00am |

Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Brian McAuley,
Gary Briand, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Tony
Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel
Serpas, Laz Terek, Marcelle Quaghebeur,
Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott, Gary Ritter,
Veronica Kubik, Terry Gonsalves, Mary Beaton

Volunteers Needed!

We are in serious need of finding more **collection counters**. Volunteers help with the weekend collection on Monday mornings. There are 2 teams that alternate each month so the time commitment is very manageable. Please consider helping your parish in this way. Contact the office if interested. No experience is necessary though a Police Information Check will be required. Our **reception committee** is also in need of volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help!



All Ladies of St. James Parish: Are you called to be an advocate for human rights and social justice? Would you like to join women from all across Canada in an organization that can foster and celebrate your Catholic faith? Do you want to join an organization that recognizes and celebrates healthy family life? Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents? **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Catholic Women's League, the largest women's organization in Canada, invites you to create your own council at St. James. **Join us on Wednesday, April 18 at 7pm in the parish hall.** For more information contact Jan Myhre @ 403 828 4191 or by email to calgarycwlpreselect@gmail.com

Travel Event of the Decade Oberammergau 2020.

In the year of 1633, out of fear and desperation, the villagers of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau made a promise to God, which they have kept ever since. Every 10 years this village presents a spectacular Passion Play. In 2020, Fr. Edmund will be leading a group of likeminded travelers to experience this extraordinary event, performed for the 42nd time. Though the tour is still 2 years away, the limited number of tickets will be secured by June 30, 2018.

Join us on **Friday, April 20** at 7pm at St. James Church. Embark with us on a visual and musical journey to the imperial capitals of Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Munich, with the story of Oberammergau, both past and present. Opera singer, Jane Perrett, along with Ron Lonsdale of Collette Vacations will offer an evening that will be festive, informative, and beautifully entertaining. As seating is limited, we kindly ask you to **RSVP** by calling 403 401 8721 or email swickenden@cruiseshipcenters.com

First Communion Classes begin April 29!

Milestones this month... Congratulations to Cor & Tilly Stuijts celebrating 60 years of marriage, Brian & Brenda Lerner celebrating 35 years of marriage, and Hub Winter on his 101st birthday!

Last Week's Donations

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| TIA | \$375.00 |
| Maintenance | \$1008.50 |
| Children's Collection | \$36.35 |
| Food Bank | \$20.00 |
| Good Friday (Holy Land) | \$35.00 |
| Regular | \$9317.30 |
| PAPS* | <u>\$1422.00</u> |
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Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Over: \$4014.30

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$9427

Please consider Pre-Authorized Payment for your church contributions. You can use the easy-to-accomplish white envelope found in the pews and at the entrances. Our church also accepts stocks donation as well as bequests which can be indicated in your last will. Thank you for your generosity!

Windows Update. The dedication plaque for the Stained Glass Windows in the Altar area will be: *“In Memory of MJ “Sally” Stotts and the Intention of Generous Families... Easter 2018”* The St Francis of Assisi stained glass window to be installed this coming May at the back of the church will have the following dedication line: *“In loving memory of our dear Father & Nono **Francesco Mele.** The Mele & Aucoin Family.”* A St Kateri stained window is under consideration for the other side of the back of the church. St Kateri is the first indigenous Native American (Algonquin-Mohawk) saint to be canonized in the Roman Catholic Church. The “Lily of the Mohawks” is the patroness for environment and ecology, peoples in exile, Native Americans and World Youth Day. Stained glass for the transom windows of the church is also under consideration. Interested families may contact Fr Edmund for details. We express appreciation to all the families who have supported the initial fundraiser last December 2 for this ongoing project. On another note, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association will conduct this month an energy audit of our church facility on a grant basis (under \$12,000) after a lengthy application process. The audit will bring about recommendations for a greener and more energy-efficient approach to energy use, possibly including the replacement of our 50+year-old windows.

Mass with Filipino music.. Starting May 6 and on every first Sunday of the month, the El Shaddai Prayer Group will host the 12 noon Mass in English with hymns and songs in Filipino (Tagalog). Commentary, readings, homily and the Mass ritual will be in English. The prayer group will take care of recruiting and assigning lectors, Eucharistic ministers, collectors and ushers. A reception with coffee and goodies is an option. Just like the Sudanese-hosted Masses, this is part of the efforts towards integration of our ethnic groups into our community.

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| <p><i>Delicious</i> Pancake Breakfast</p>  | <p>The Knights of Columbus are pleased to be holding the next Pancake Breakfast after the 10:00am Mass on April 22. This is a great time to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy a delicious breakfast. The meal is by donation. Please give generously as proceeds are used to benefit the parish and community at large.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Garage Sale is scheduled for May 25/26. Gratefully accepted donations can be dropped off on May 24. (No clothing please.) More details to follow. Contact Al Meier for more information at (403) 225-3597.</p> |
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Ministry Appreciation. At the end of the 5pm Mass on Saturday, April 28, we are recognizing the efforts of our long-standing volunteers in our various ministries, followed with a Wine & Cheese reception in the Parish Hall. We also join Fr Edmund in celebrating his 39th year as an ordained priest on this day. If you know of someone who should be on our appreciation list, please contact the office. We are holding another recognition event in June for our other volunteers.

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 _____