



St. James the Greater Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 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?

Michelangelo (d. 1564) sculpted the figure of Moses for the tomb of Pope Julius II, which is found in the church of St. Peter in Chains in Rome. In this sculpture Moses is seated, holding the tablets of the Law, the Ten Commandments. Protruding from Moses' head are two horns, usually understood to symbolize wisdom. Moses' immense vitality seems to show God's Law as true wisdom. Various depictions of Moses often include him holding two tablets, the Law God gave him on Mt. Sinai.

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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Water and Thirst**

Water and thirst are the biblical imagery for the best and worst scenarios of the human situation, representing the best of hopes and worst of fears of the human being. Water represents God's presence to humanity; thirst represents humanity's absence from God.

In the Christian tradition, the living water is a symbol of the gift of faith which is manifested in the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. This biblical imagery of water is best summarized by the formula for the blessing of the water for baptism: "At the dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the wellspring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made the sign of the waters of baptism that make the end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led Israel out of slavery to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan, Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from His side as he hung upon the cross..."

Thirst, resulting from the absence or deprivation of water, becomes a metaphor for the need for God, for His saving love and forgiveness. When Christ was dying on the cross, one of his last statements was "I thirst!" The concluding words of the Book of Revelation (Rev. 11.17) state: "Let him who is thirsty, come forward; let all who desire it accept the gift of life-giving water." The fulfillment of God's plan of salvation is often described as the quenching of death-dealing thirst with life-giving water. Jesus speaks of God's overflowing love when He tells the Samaritan woman at the well: "The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." In a way, the Samaritan woman represents every infidelity borne of trying to quench our cravings on something other than the "living water" of God's love. We indeed are thirsty for healing, for an end to hatred and indifference. We are thirsty for love and forgiveness. We are thirsty for acceptance and meaning in our lives. In our hearts, we thirst for God to fill us with life-giving water that only He can give.

This season of Lent speaks of this thirst of the human spirit. Lent is a journey of the soul through the desert into the living water of Christ's resurrection. As we journey through Lent, let us ask God to pour His living water of faith upon all of us, to bless us with the water of life as we journey together in faith. As we make the sign of the cross with the water every time we gather for worship, we recognize and proclaim one faith in one God as we deepen our intimacy with Him.

St. Patrick's Day Road Race—Sunday, March 11.

Please be advised that this road race will be taking place in our area on Sunday morning. Allow extra time to get to Mass as there may be some traffic interruption.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 6

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, March 7

9:00am Michael Bailey—RIP

Thursday, March 8

9:00am Special Intention of Catherine Uy

Friday, March 9

9:00am Ella Onken—RIP

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm Jean Doucette—RIP

Sunday, March 11

8:30am Wayne Achtem—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm S/I of Karen & Gary Briand

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation

Classes begin this weekend!

Sundays 11:00-12:30

Starting this year, the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation will be combined as a 2-fold preparation celebrated together as part of the new diocesan approach. Registration is open to students who have been baptized and who are in grade 2 or higher. If you have not registered your child, please speak with Deacon Bruce or contact the office as soon as possible.

EI Shaddai Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community will be holding their first Worship Service at St. James on Saturday, March 10 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Healing Corner. On Thursday March 8th International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. With the *World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap Report* findings telling us that gender parity is over 200 years away, there has never been a more important time to keep motivated. While we know that gender parity won't happen overnight, the good news is that across the world women are making positive gains day by day. Plus, there's indeed a very strong and growing global movement of advocacy, activism and support. For more information about International Women's Day and events happening near you go to www.internationalwomensday.com.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	3 Paths to Holiness	9:30am
Wednesday	Reconciliation Choir	7:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group Opus Dei Men	9:30am 7:00pm
Friday	Cenacle Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm
Saturday		
Sunday	Reconciliation Class	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, Marjorie Lefavre, Darlene Otis, Laz Terek,
Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott

And for those who have died:

Patrick O'Connell, John Otis, Eleanor Mann,
Morghan Krieger, Tomas Sanchez, Wilma Gibbons

Parish Band—We are planning to form a parish band this coming spring. If you are interested and have experience in playing a musical instrument, please contact Michael Scholfield to set up an audition time. For more information contact Fr. Edmund or Michael at 587 578 9927 or mcscholfield@gmail.com

Carpet Mats Needed—We are in need of finding 20-30 sample carpet mats to be used for the classroom. Anyone who may know where we can get some of these donated, please contact the office.

Rejoice in God's Mercy

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30-8:30pm.

Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. He quickly responds to the appalling acts taking place in the temple with holy audacity, righteous anger, and consuming zeal. Just as Jesus clears the temple, if we are living temples of the Holy Spirit, we can also ask what abominations are taking place in us. **Action:** Pray to the Holy Spirit to identify what needs to change in your life. Dare to ask God for help and mercy.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm
Parish Penitential Celebration—March 20 7:30pm
Holy Thursday—March 29 7:00pm
Good Friday—March 30 3:00pm
Easter Vigil—March 31 8:00pm
Easter Sunday—April 1 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

*Reconciliation available on Wednesdays through Lent from 7:30—8:30pm

Stations of the Cross and our Friday Fish Fry are going great. If you haven't joined us yet you don't know what you are missing. These are great events held each Friday of Lent with all profits being donated to projects in the parish. We charge \$5 per piece of fish and it comes with coleslaw, all the French Fries you can eat and an ice cream sandwich but best of all you get an opportunity to enjoy a family evening with your parish community.

Special Event: March 16, 2018—Our wonderful Italian ladies will be cooking a delicious gnocci main dish for us. Italian Night will replace our Fish Fry for that evening. Price for this special meal will be \$10/person again with all proceeds being donated to projects in the parish.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$429.40
Children's Collection	\$20.15
Flowers	\$105.00
Food Bank	\$60.00
Regular	\$4957.81
PAPS*	\$1195.00
	\$6152.81

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Shortfall: \$572.19

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

2018 TIA GOAL \$30, 990.

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY March 10 5:00pm	Joanne Anderson Brendon Engelman	Andrew Beingessner Sean Brosseau Leila Wright	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY March 11 8:30 AM	Bill Fletcher Allison Hay	Colleen deSouza Angela Alexandre	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY March 11 10:00 AM	Sylvia Harris Riet Wynker	Cor Stuijts Brian Lerner Shirley Lutz	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY March 11 12:00	Manas Ariki Tona Allam	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Martin Onon Godfrey Bangisa	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamoi, J. Atanasio,

God's Squad Men's Conference—Though we do not live in a time where the Catholic Faith is threatened as was the Judaism of Esther's generation, we need committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Teenagers and men with conviction who will recognize God has called us to be Catholics "for such a time as this" because we live in a generation where there are many forces intent on undermining Catholic faith, identity and practice. This year's conference will be held at St. Peter's on the evening of March 16th from 6-9 PM and March 17th from 9-4 PM. Speakers: Fathers Jerome Lavigne, Jonathan Gibson, Cristino Bouvette and Raymond de Souza. If you are 14 or over, please join us so that we can discover more how to form the virtues of courage, strength and unity. For more information and to register please go to WWW.GODSQUAD.CA.

Sacraments

Baptism—If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Fr. Edmund to arrange a preliminary meeting. Attendance at a Baptism Workshop is required. A copy of the child's birth certificate is also needed. Registration forms for baptism are available on our website. The candidate may have one or two godparents who are to be chosen by the parents, have the ability and intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, and be a confirmed Roman Catholic who is leading a harmonious life in harmony with the Catholic faith (including marriage), will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.

Marriage—to arrange a marriage, please arrange to meet with Fr. Edmund several months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required prior to the marriage.

Anointing of the Sick—Contact Fr. Edmund at any time to arrange for the anointing of the seriously sick or dying. Messages left on his voice mail will be returned promptly.

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 _____