



# St. James the Greater Church

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**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**January 21, 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?**

Catholics refer to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as “going to confession”. What we confess first and foremost is the gracious love and generous mercy of God who draws us back to a close relationship.

Saint John Paul II asked forgiveness on behalf of the Church’s past faults and failings. He invited all believers to repentance so that the Church could enter the third millennium of Christianity renewed.

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## Pastoral Notes

By Fr. Edmund

### The God of the Ordinary

The gospel scene described in today's gospel is without so many details, mentioning only the basic essentials. No doubt, the call of Peter was preceded by a more prolonged process. But in this gospel narrative only the bare call/response is left. This simplification of the narrative clarifies the message Mark wants to convey. The soul of the scene emerges in its clarity and simplicity. And it is this: the ideal way to respond to God's invitation to follow Him has to be immediate, unconditional and wholehearted.... And this also applies to us. Our discipleship has to be immediate, unconditional and wholehearted.

This call of the first disciples recounted in our gospel today can prove to be encouraging and inspiring for us as we reflect on our discipleship.

For one thing, Jesus chose ordinary men to the huge task of evangelizing the world. These men chosen by Jesus are described as "uneducated, ordinary men" (Acts 4:13), fishermen and laborers who worked for a living. Considering the tremendous task of spreading the Good News through the entire Roman Empire, the choice of these men was questionable, to say the least. From a purely human perspective, it was not a very wise choice. For this kind of undertaking, one would expect to choose men who have gone to rabbinic schools or people with some proven ability to carry out a public function. Yet, these seemingly poor and ineffectual men, once they received the Holy Spirit, went on to preach boldly the message of their Master and in the end died for the faith they proclaimed. In spite of the overwhelming challenges they faced including hostility, persecution and martyrdom, the Good News has been proclaimed to almost all of the Roman Empire and many people had been drawn to Christ.

We, too, are ordinary people. And Jesus depends on us for continuing the mission of the first disciples. We are, in fact, the successors of the first disciples. Like them, we are sent by Jesus to spread the Good News, to proclaim it and to witness to it. True, not all of us are called to do it by word, but our lives should be an eloquent witness to our faith. This is a real possibility for all of us. Thorough our lives, the saving Word of God reaches others, making Christ known to a world that is so badly in need of Him, His forgiveness, His healing and His joy.

**Funeral Mass for Eleanor Mann**  
Saturday, January 27 at 1pm

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, January 23

9:00am S/Intention of Audrey MacDonald

### Wednesday, January 24

9:00am S/Intention of Catherine Peet

### Thursday, January 25

9:00am Alex & Connie Ciccaglione—RIP

### Friday, January 26

9:00am Earl MacDonald—RIP

### Saturday, January 27

5:00pm Jean Doucette—RIP

### Sunday, January 28

8:30am Eileen Anderson—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Tony DeCoste—RIP

## First Eucharist/First Reconciliation

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. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the meeting.

### Parent Information Meetings & Class Registration

**11:00am**

Sunday, February 18, 2018

or Sunday, February 25, 2018

Classes will begin on March 4 and run most Sundays from 11-12:30 until May 27. (No class on April 1, 8, 15, 22 and May 20) Students must be accompanied by a parent. First Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on **June 2nd\* & 3rd.\*** (\*note correction)

*Students who have already received First Communion but have not yet received First Reconciliation will attend the first 4 classes only (March 4 -25).*



**This Week at St. James**

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Liturgy Committee	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group Sandwich Day	9:30am

**Please pray for the sick:**

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet,  
Brian McAuley, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison,  
Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,  
Gabriel Serpas, Marjorie Lefavre, Darlene Otis,  
Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson

**And for those who have died:**

Patrick O'Connell, John Otis, Eleanor Mann,  
Morghan Krieger

**The Economics of the Sacraments.** Classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will begin with an Orientation Session on either February 18 or 25. Every family should be able to have their children avail of the preparation materials or classes even if they are not able to afford them. The *Celebrate and Remember* series by the United States Bishops' Conference, recently mandated in the diocese, costs \$25 per workbook (one for First Reconciliation and another one for First Eucharist). The catechists' and home study materials are extra. But material costs should not deprive our children from preparing or receiving the sacraments. Instead of charging an amount to cover the workbooks, we are asking participating or non-participating families to make their own voluntary contributions. For the Confirmation Class last year, registration fees to cover materials were waived but families were provided offering envelopes for their consideration. The costs for materials and the reception were covered by the contributions. Some families gave much more, subsidizing the others who gave less. Our Church is about families helping other families. We also acknowledge Deacon Bruce and our volunteer catechists who help in this ministry. Canon Law stipulates that sacraments should be made available (as well as their preparation requirements), without any monetary considerations. This also applies to the other Sacraments, including funerals. We also encourage members of our congregation to consider making a special offering for this purpose.

**Upcoming Liturgy Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, February 1 at 7pm

**The First Annual Mardi Gras Dinner**, originally scheduled on February 10, is now **postponed** to **June 26**, Tuesday, 7pm which is the last meeting date for our Parish Council before the summer months when a BBQ dinner is usually hosted for them by Fr Edmund. The dinner will also be a Volunteer Appreciation Night to acknowledge our retiring volunteers and to invite new and returning volunteers. Details will be provided at a later date.

**Remembrance Tree** - all memorial cards, photos, and mementos that were hanging on our Remembrance Tree can be claimed at the office. Any items not claimed by the end of February, will be discarded.

**Stations of the Cross**—6pm on Fridays thru Lent



**Friday Fish Fry**—The Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry events begin on February 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be held after the Stations of the Cross on each Friday in Lent except Good Friday. This is a big undertaking and we would

encourage any members of the parish to join us in this Lenten journey as we use our gifts to give back to the church and create a vibrant community. If you would like to help us in any way we would like to hear from you. You can contact Real Phaneuf at 403-243-0128. All profits from the Friday Fish Fry will be used to support projects within our parish.

**World Day of the Sick—February 9 at 2:00pm**

St. James Parish will host a special Mass and anointing service for those who are ill or infirm in body, mind, or in spirit, and for those family members and caregivers who love and support them. Everyone is welcome. Please join the Pastoral Team in the hall for coffee, tea and dessert

**Last Week's Donations**

TIA	\$864.00
Maintenance	\$400.00
Children's Collection	\$35.00
Regular	\$5499.60
PAPS*	<u>\$1195.00</u>
	\$6694.60

*Weekly Goal \$6725.00*  
*Shortfall: \$30.40*

*\*Pre-Authorized Payment System*

## Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY January 27 5:00pm	Brendon Engelman Kevin Morrissey	Andrew Beingessner Sean Brosseau Gabby Morrissey	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY January 28 8:30 AM	Liz Desjardins Colleen deSouza	Karen Serafini Andrew Serafini	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY January 28 10:00 AM	Riet Wynker Mary Lojek	Doris McCullough Elvira Castaneda Lindsay Davis	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY January 28 12:00	Rose Lokiru Ayak Tiordit	Bernadette Carrera Arkangelo Uyin John Atanasio	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio,

### 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.

**CHANGE OF LOCATION!!** Due to the high interest for this event, the location on January 21st has been moved from Sacred Heart Church to St. Albert the Great.

**Relic of St. Francis Xavier**—The sacred first class relic of St. Francis Xavier's forearm is making a rare visit to Canada. Presented by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, Catholic Christian Outreach, and the Jesuits of Canada. The relic pilgrimage is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of our greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. More details at [ccc.ca/relic](http://ccc.ca/relic)

#### St. Albert the Great Church

10 Prestwick Dr. SE  
January 21, 2018 1:00pm—10:00pm with Mass at 5:00pm with Bishop McGrattan

#### St. Michael Church

800 85 St, SW  
January 22, 2018 7:00pm—10:00pm

**Stock shares donation**, anyone? This type of donation is also a way to help support our church. We have just received a recent stock shares donation which the diocese facilitated and converted into cash in the amount of \$6027. For details, you may call the office or contact Fr. Edmund. We are grateful for the increasing interest in supporting our church. On another note, a family is in the process of arranging a donation of a stained glass window in memory of their father to be installed in one of our bigger windows at the back in the floor level. The cost of the stained glass window is in the range of \$15000 or over. In the next little while, the donation tax receipts will be in the mail. May God continue to bless your love and generosity!