St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 3, 2019

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 for the Week

O God, you have created, formed and appointed me to speak your word of truth and justice for others.
Open my lips.
Put your word in my mouth.
Give me the strength I need to live as Jesus calls me.
Help me stand and walk straight.
Empower me with your love and truth.
I ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

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Parish Council—Nick Fader, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan, Arkangelo Uyin **Finance Committee**—Neale Johannesson, Terry Gonsalves, Gregory Tychon **Children's Liturgy**—Sarah Straathof **Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis **Altar Servers**—Jennifer Brosseau **Food Bank**—Dawn Gray **RCIA**—Karen Serafini, Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Sacramental Preparation**—Laura Meneses, Deacon Bruce Jurgens **Baptism Preparation**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald **Maintenance**—Arnie Funke , Al Meier, Tony Zuzic **Knights of Columbus**—Tim Cove **CWL**—Lisa Frehlich **Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, Rose Lokiru **Hospitality**— Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese Community**—Arkangelo Uyin **Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**— Al Meier **Reception Committee**— Zita Fulawka **Art & Environment Committee**—VACANT **Sudanese Choir**—Manas Ariki **Library**— Dianne O'Neill **Christian Meditation**—Florence DIckson **Landscaping Committee**—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **Liturgy Committee**—Stephanie Davis, Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

The Church Says:

Prophets hear God's truth within and have the call to speak this truth. Often this truth involves an unpopular message that requires some change in values and behavior. Prophets have long been part of God's workings with the Israelites. The major Hebrew Scripture prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The minor prophets include Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Jonah. Prophets often experienced great difficulty and distress, leading Jeremiah to remark that it would be better if he had not been born. Christ continued to speak a prophetic word that was not received well in his hometown. As followers of Christ who listen to God's voice, all Christians are called to speak a prophetic word. This word often goes against common values of society and calls for a way of living in harmony with God's ways. The prophetic voice often speaks for just rights for others.

Did You Know?

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph presented the child Jesus in the Temple according to the Jewish law, forty days after his birth. It was formerly called Candlemas Day because of the tradition of processing lighted candles and reciting the famed prayer of Simeon, *Nunc Dimittis* (You can dismiss your servant in peace.) See Luke 2:29-32.

February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, who is said to have miraculously saved the life of a child choking on a fish bone. On February 3, it is customary for Catholics to have their throats blessed with a prayer that through the intercession of St. Blaise they be delivered from ailments of the throat and every other evil.

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Do you have a green thumb? A creative side? Your parish needs you! Over the years, our parish has been blessed to have individuals who have committed to keeping the altar area adorned with flowers, plants, and various altar settings. These add much to the overall ascetics of the sanctuary. Presently, we have no one to take this on. This is not a difficult role and direction will be provided. Hours are minimal and flexible—perfect for one person or a small group. Contact the office for more information.

Important Notice: Due to an increase in thefts from parked vehicles in the area, parishioners are advised to lock their vehicles and keep bags and important belongings out of sight when in the church.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 5
9:00am Moe Nasser—RIP

Wednesday, February 6
9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Thursday, February 7
9:00am Luigi & Filomena D'Ippolito—RIP

Friday, February 8
9:00am Karen Moran—RIP

Saturday, February 9
5:00pm Giuseppe Antonelli—RIP

Sunday, February 10
8:30am S/Intention of Sarah Straathof
10:00am St. James Parish
12:00pm S/I Chris, Aline & Ben Batdorf

**Previously scheduled Masses may be re-scheduled without notice at the pastor's discretion should there be imminent need.*

2018 Income Tax Receipts have been mailed out this week. If you do not receive your tax receipt, please inform the office.

2019 Donation Envelopes—There are still several donation envelope boxes that have not been picked up. Please check to see if a box for you is there. If you haven't received a box but would like one, please call the office. If you prefer to make regular donations through our Pre-Authorized Payment System, please pick up a form from the church entrance or at the office.

Healing Corner. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Corinthians 13: 4-7.

Family violence and abuse is the exact opposite to this. The abuser will say they cannot live without you but will verbally, physically, emotionally, financially, sexually and spiritually abuse you to manipulate and control you. If the love in your life is like this, reach out for help.

World Day of the Sick
February 15 at 2:00pm

"They brought to him all who were sick...and he cured many." (Mk1:32-34) On Friday, February 15 at 2:00pm, St. James Parish will host a special Mass and anointing for those who are ill or infirm in body or in spirit and for family members and caregivers who love and support them. Everyone is encouraged to come and join the prayer for God's healing presence. Please join the Pastoral Care Team in the hall after the Mass for coffee, tea, and dessert. Members of the Pastoral Care Team are Anna Meagher, Sharon Jeanson, Catherine Peet, Patricia Betts, Millie Shyba, Ann Smith, Kathy Oczkowski, Angela Alexandre, Mary Corns, Colleen deSouza, Mary Lojek, Darlene Otis, Lucy Ciccaglione, Velma O'Reilly, Elizabeth Taylor, Vicki Oliphant, Arnie & Marie Funke. For more information, contact the Pastoral Care Coordinator, Stephanie Davis at (403) 246-5585.

Please pray for:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek,
Rolande Parel, Shirley Valentine, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Sarah Straathof, Joe MacNeil,
Terry Davidson, Gary Ritter, Marie Hood,
Marie Funke, Patrick Lony, Chris Fotur,
Anne Lado, Michael Scholfield, Mary Figley

And for those who have died:

Pauline Knapik, Omer Brandt,
Pauline Miller, Faye Watkins

Please pray for our students who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation over the next few months with our catechists Laura Meneses, Deacon Bruce, Belen Thompson and Joanne Anderson.

The **Food Bank has a new coordinator!** We welcome Dawn Gray who has taken on this role. Thank you to Danielle McKinnon and Vivian Moody who will help Dawn with the transition. We are still in need of volunteers to help pack and distribute hampers from the parish on Thursdays and Fridays. Please call the office for more information. The Food Bank provides food hampers to those in need within our parish boundaries every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of each month except January.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	Adoration	9:30am
	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Ladies	10:00am
	Opus Dei Men	7:00pm
Friday	Bridge	1:00pm
Saturday	El Shaddai	7:00pm
Sunday	Confirmation Class	2:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation— Confirmation classes have begun! The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to students in grade 6 or higher who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you have missed registration but would still like your child to be confirmed this year, please contact the office as soon as possible. A copy of your child's baptism certificate and $25 registration fee are required. Our parent/child classes run on various Sundays from 2:00-3:30pm. Complete class schedule is available on our parish website or during class time. Confirmation will be celebrated with Emeritus Bishop Henry on Friday, May 17 at 7pm. Confirmation is celebrated every 2 years at St. James Parish.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	$55.00
Maintenance	$350.65
Children's Collection	$26.00
Food Bank	$45.00
Regular	$4628.55
PAPS*	$1333.00
	$5961.55

Weekly Goal: $6725 Short: $763.45
**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

Thank you for your generosity!

Class Schedule for Sacrament Preparation Program
**all classes are 2:00-3:30pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted*

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 to allow for missed classes to be made up.* ***NO COFFEE AFTER 12:00 MASS ON CLASS DAYS.*

Chance to Participate in Research Study

Kassy Tobias, a member of St. Patrick's Parish is conducting a research study for her Honours project in Psychology at St. Mary's University. This study will help to better understand the learning and testing processes of high school math students. The results of this study will help teachers create math tests so that the assessment is equal for all students. If you have completed gr. 9 or gr. 10 mathematics and if you are interested in participating in this study, please pick up a package at the SW entrance of the church or at the parish office. Participating in this study will have no impact on your grade at school and your responses will be completely confidential (This means that your teachers will not know about your participation or answers). If you decide to participate in this study, there is a chance to win one of three $25 Amazon gift cards. For more information, please contact kassandra.tobias@stmu.ca

Film Screening of "Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death"—Filmmaker and pro-life speaker Kevin Dunn will be on hand for a screening of his new film. Kevin travelled to four countries to see how euthanasia and assisted suicide laws are shaping the culture around us. Find out what we can do to stem the tide. Thursday, February 21 at 7pm at Holy Spirit Parish (10827 24 St SW). For more information call 403 281 6626. See the trailer at fatalflawsfilm.com

2019 Annual Men's Conference—*Be Not Afraid; To Be A Saint*—March 15 &16, 2019 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 541 Silvergrove Dr. NW. Special guests are Bishop Scott McCaig, CC and Jeff Cavins. For more information or to register, visit www.godsquad .ca

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND | Join Fr Bill Corcoran of St. Pius X Parish on a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Centre and Knock Shrine Ireland, the Emerald Isle. Over 10 days and nine nights (**Sept. 3-12, 2019**) you will journey through the Giant's Causeway, Blarney Castle / Stone, the Rock of Cashel, Guinness and more. For complete details, e-mail fatherbill.stpiusx@telus.net

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