



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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

Prayer for the Week

Loving and gracious God,
may we come to know you more fully
as a loving parent ever at our side,
watching over us and providing for all we need.

May we live and move
and have our being in Christ,
in all that Christ has shown us.
May we follow the shepherd's voice more closely.
Open us to the action and power of the Spirit
so alive and present in our lives and world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Knowing the Shepherd

The image of the Lord as the Shepherd and us as the sheep is a very apt description of our human condition and our need for our Redeemer. Our own human behavior patterns and life habits are so much like that of sheep. We are stubborn, preferring to follow our own fancies and turn to our own ways. "We are all like sheep which have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own ways" (Is.53:6). Such stubbornness is interlocked with personal pride and self-assertion. We insist that we know what is best for us even though the disastrous results may be self-evident. Just as sheep will blindly, habitually, stupidly follow one another along the same little trails until they become ruts that erode into giant gullies, so we cling to the same habits that we have seen ruin other lives.

Obviously, we human beings need the help and support of the Good Shepherd to redeem us from our hopeless human situation. We need to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd through the Church and its servant leaders to redeem ourselves from our fallen nature. As a community, we seek the will of God in our lives by our personal prayer and discernment and adherence to the Church's teachings. We seek to encounter and experience God in everything we do. Constant connectivity with the Lord is what old theology refers to as "*the state of grace*", in contrast to "*the state of sin*".

In the gospels, we hear Jesus telling us: "*I have come that they might have life and have it to the full...*" Yes, it is only by following our Good Shepherd that we will be safe and find the pasture we need. If we resolutely choose to follow him – both in our private lives and in our public lives – we will be able to sing with the Psalmist: "*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose. Beside restful waters, He leads me. He refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the presence of the Lord for years to come.*" (Ps 23:1-3, 6)

A **Police Marathon** will be taking place in the area next **Sunday, April 29** from 6am-11am. Traffic may be disrupted that morning so give yourself some extra time to get to Mass.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 24

9:00am Jose' Perez—RIP

Wednesday, April 25

9:00am Patrick O'Connell—RIP

Thursday, April 26

9:00am John Otis—RIP

Friday, April 27

9:00am Sylvia Delanni—RIP

Saturday, April 28

5:00pm Genevieve Smith—RIP

Sunday, April 29

8:30am S/Intention of Margareth Moynihan

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Antonio Baffa—RIP

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 and at the office. For more information phone 403 243 0691 or visit www.calgaryprolife.com

The **Knights** of Columbus will again be selling Roses at the back of the church this Mother's Day. All money raised is in support of ProLife.

Healing Corner. "*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*" There are victims of family violence who may have turned away from the Church because they feel they have not been supported and perpetrators of family violence who need the Church to reach out to them and assisting them to get the help they need. Let us not forget those of God's sheep who we may overlook.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series Parish Council	9:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group Funeral—Aurora Zazula	10:00am 2:00pm
Friday	Cenacle Sandwich Day Bridge	9:30am 1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Class Wine & Cheese El Shaddai	11:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm

Please pray for the sick:

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

And for those who have died:
Aurora Zazula

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! Volunteers work with other volunteers for funeral lunches and other parish receptions.

*Volunteers needed to assist with **altar décor**. Time minimal and very flexible. No experience necessary as clear direction is provided.

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.

Consider attending the **Tuesday DVD series** held at 9:30am in the library for a truly deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a better understanding of our Catholic faith. Father Robert Barron takes us on a beautiful spiritual journey which explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life long process.

CWL comes to St. James Church!

Its official! The Catholic Women's League of Canada now has a branch at our church. We are still in the very early stages of planning so if you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see, please feel free to contact us. We will try to have a representative after each mass this weekend and will provide further contact info in next week's bulletin. In the meantime, please pray for our success and guidance and for inspiration on how you ladies can participate in our group!

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$270.00
Maintenance	\$697.00
Children's Collection	\$100.30
Regular	\$5401.65
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$6823.65

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Over: \$98.65

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$9847

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 & Nonno **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.

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.

Ministry Appreciation. At the end of the 5pm Mass on Saturday, April 28, we are recognizing the efforts of our **long-standing (and retiring) volunteers** 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. We are holding another recognition event in June for our other wonderful volunteers. Those we are acknowledging for many years of service to our parish: Florence Dickson, Anita Zyla, Cor & Tilly Stuijts, Arnie & Marie Funke, Del Fleming, Doris McCullough, Pauline & Monty Montemurro, Ted & Shirley Valentine, Trudy Martin, Engeline Piet, Tony Zuzic, Al Meier, Gen Spiro, Mary & Barry Corns, Merle Gonsalves, Anne Stang, Ann Smith, Anna Meagher, Wil Bauer, Darlene Otis, Sharon Jeanson, Colleen Montgomery, Madonna Shand, Midge Chartier, Sylvia Harris, Catherine Peet, Joe McNeil, Mary Jones, Pat & Larry Betts, Audrey McKean, Rob McKean, Becky Elder, Lucy Ciccaglione, Vicki Oliphant, Engeline Piet, Emil Rawlyk, Henry Vaugeois ***If you or someone you know should be included, contact the office as soon as possible.**

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 _____