



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday

May 12, 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

Did you know?

The earliest paintings of Jesus are of the image of a shepherd holding a sheep on his shoulders. These are found in the catacombs of Saint Callistus and Saint Priscilla in Rome. The bishop of a diocese is known as the “chief shepherd” of the local Church. His crosier, or staff, is modeled on a shepherd’s crook.

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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*".

It is following our Good Shepherd that we will be safe and find the pasture we need. If we resolutely choose to follow Him, we will be able to proclaim 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)

Librarian Needed—We are in need of a volunteer to oversee our parish library. This is a role that requires minimal time in simply keeping the books organized. No experience needed. Thank you to Dianne O'Neill who has been in this role for the past several months.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 14

9:00am Peter Valentine—RIP

Wednesday, May 15

9:00am Ivan Smrdelj—RIP

Thursday, May 16

9:00am Ann Beausejour—RIP

Friday, May 17

9:00am Special Intention of Tommy Crowe

Saturday, May 18

5:00pm Filomena D'Ippolito—RIP

Sunday, May 19

8:30am Frank Banwell—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm James E. O'Byrne—RIP

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

Please Pray For:

Mary Beaton, Terry Davidson, Estrella Haining, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, John Klein, Cher Kenny, Mariah Lerner, Joe McNeil, Mark Naylen, Mary Noseworthy, Rolande Parel, Harry Piet, Gary Ritter, Barbara Simmington, Sarah Straathof, Richelle Tabelon, Shirley Valentine

Sacrament of Confirmation

with Bishop-Emeritus Frederick Henry

Friday, May 17 at 7:00pm

Reception to follow.

Rehearsal—Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm



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. Also, some perpetrators of family violence may feel that the Church has not reached out to them and nor assisted 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	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	Adoration Choir	9:30am 7:00pm
Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED Confirmation Rehearsal	6:30pm
Friday	No Bridge Confirmation Celebration	7:00pm

Hike for Life—Thank you to everyone who sponsored Fr. Edmund for the Hike for Life this weekend. Please drop off your pledge money to the office by May 20. If you did not sponsor Fr. Edmund but would still like to make a donation, please submit it to the parish office by May 20.



This Sunday is both Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday.

Like a loving mother—the Good Shepherd knows all of his flock and desires only to give them life. The second collection this weekend supports the education and formation of seminarians.

Your generous donation helps ensure that the flock of Christ will never perish.

My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. (John 10. 27-28)

Knights of Columbus Garage Sale St. James Church

Friday, May 31 12:00-7:00pm
Saturday, June 1 9:00am—3:00pm

Items for the garage sale can be dropped off at the parish hall on Thursday, May 30 between 9:00am and 8:00pm, and on Friday, May 31 between 9:00am and 10:30am. No clothing please. For more information, contact Al Meier at 403-225-3597.

Next **Pancake Breakfast**—Sunday, May 26 following the 10am mass

The Knights will be selling **roses** after the Masses this weekend in support of Pro-Life. \$5 each.

Thank You from Fr. Edmund...

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for the prayers and best wishes on the occasion of my 40th year as an ordained priest. Once again, I renew our resolve as priests in making our communities healthy and alive in our time: *“to draw a diverse and sometimes fractious community into the unity of prayer and faith, to preach the Gospel with power and clarity, to live the exemplary life that inspires the people of God, to work with skill and sensitivity with lay-workers in building up the community to be a source of unity and not division, to publicly represent the mission of the church with integrity...”* (Bp Fred Henry in a congratulatory message for my 25th year as priest)

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$1025.00
Food Bank	\$612.75
Maintenance Fund	\$100.00
Children's Collection	\$40.00
Holy Land	\$30.00

Regular	\$5315.70
PAPS*	\$1534.00
	\$6849.70

Weekly Goal: \$6725

TIA to Date: \$15321 2019 TIA Goal: \$33105

**Pre-authorized Payment System*

*Fr. Edmund's 40th Year as a Priest
1979 April 28 2019*

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make Fr. Edmund's anniversary weekend so special. We especially thank Lisa Frehlich and her crew of kitchen helpers, Lin Samson, Linda Elarko, Noeme Elmas, the Knights of Columbus, Parish Council, the Catholic Filipino Society, El Shaddai, Sabatar Fine Baking (Mele), Yum Bakery, Michael Scholfield, Quinn Brosseau, Julia Fielden, Patrick Conrath, Jacinta Green, and all the singers. Thank you to our photographers Bandi Szakony, Rodel Lozano, Joseph Revelar, Ted Carrera and Mike Serquina. Many thanks to everyone who helped in one way or another during the various Masses and receptions that took place over the weekend. And, of course, a thank you to all those who came out to the events to celebrate with Fr. Edmund! It was great to see so many parishioners and friends in attendance.

Thank You!

Mark your calendars! The **Feed the Hungry Dinner on November 10, 2019** will be sponsored by our parish. Feed the Hungry is a weekly Sunday dinner program that serves a full course meal to 500 homeless and under-privileged individuals and families within Calgary. This program is held at St. Mary's Hall (221—18th Ave SW). As an outreach program, our parish will sponsor the November 10, 2019 Feed the Hungry event along with 25 volunteers from Christ Church Anglican and Cathedral Church of the Redeemer Anglican. Our own parish will need 75 volunteers to help with meal preparation and service duties for the morning and afternoon shifts under the direction of the Feed the Hungry coordinators. St. James Church has also committed a \$5000 pledge to Feed the Hungry. Monetary donations are welcome. More information to follow.

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism—Please book an appointment with Fr. Edmund 2-3 months prior as a baptism preparation class may be required.

First Reconciliation/First Communion—Now prepared together in the Diocese. Registration opens in June. Classes will begin in the fall. More information to be announced.

Confirmation—TBA

Marriage—Please contact Fr. Edmund at least 6 months in advance of your proposed wedding date. A marriage preparation program is required.

If you wish to receive our weekly bulletin via email, please contact the office or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Email: _____

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