



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 28, 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

The Church Says:

Jesus unfolds the Reign of God in his very person, in his ministry, Death and Resurrection. We are challenged to extend this reign—a kingdom of harmony, justice, and truth—by listening to Jesus' teachings, heeding his prophetic and paradoxical challenges, and offering all honor and praise to him, the Risen Lord of all creation. A prophet like Moses, Jesus mediates between God and humanity. But his words and works have effects according to divine power. He fulfills and is the high point of the prophetic tradition begun in Moses. He is the new Moses, the new lawgiver, leader, teacher, prophet, and deliverer. We believe that Jesus is not merely the greatest prophet, but is the eternal Son of God who became one with humanity in all things but sin.

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Pastoral Notes
By Fr. Edmund
Unity Beyond Ourselves

Last week, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was celebrated. Many ecumenical worship services were held in our city to pause and pray for the cause of unity of all Christians and all peoples of good. "Ecumenical" means among different religious denominations.

Reflecting on Christian unity makes us address our own respective sense of unity within our own churches. We cannot really speak about unity with other Christians when we don't appreciate and exercise our own commitment to unity among ourselves as members of our respective communities. In turn, we can only speak about such commitment to unity in our community when we live the unity and peace that should characterize our personal relationships in our respective families.

As Christians, we have to reach out. Like the original apostles, we are sent to proclaim the Good News of peace, love and unity to all peoples, starting with our own families and communities. It is ironic that the major conflicts in our world today are related to religion. Religion, which teaches that we have to love one another, has become the cause of division and violence. Marriage and family, which most religions consider sacred, have become the venue for unspeakable physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Churches, which act as the guardian of sexual ethics, have become in recent years the respondent for sexual abuse crimes.

Unity has to be referred to Someone beyond ourselves. The transforming power of Christ's love is what can make our life in community bearable and even beautiful. We cannot really escape from communion with others without breaking our faith in Jesus Christ who has sacrificed His life for the unity of God's children. We have to acquire the sense of humility that is the basis for working for spread of the gospel. When we are content with what God wants us to do, then God can do great things through us. We have to focus on what God is doing rather than on what we are doing. We have to "let go and let God..."

Fire in the Rose Reflection... God knows that we are lovable and capable, but sometimes we don't feel that way about ourselves. We can be tempted to let our mistakes and failures define us. Abusive behavior often springs from how we respect ourselves and care for the image of God in us. *Question of the Week:* What is one thing you can do for yourself on a regular basis that will make you feel good about yourself and make your life more balanced and harmonious?

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 30

9:00am Victor Caracciolo—RIP

Wednesday, January 31

9:00am Fred Phillips—RIP

Thursday, February 1

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Friday, February 2

9:00am Martin Mann—RIP

Saturday, February 3

5:00pm Carmine D'Ippolito—RIP

Sunday, February 4

8:30am Vera Boudreau—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Deak Cassidy—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

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| Monday | Christian Meditation | 7:30pm |
| Tuesday | Cenacle Parish Council | 9:30am 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | Choir | 7:30pm |
| Thursday | RC Mom's Group Liturgy Committee Meeting | 9:30am 7:00pm |
| Friday | CCO Summit | 7:30pm |

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

All about volunteering... Volunteering can be specific and needs not be a life-time commitment. Fe Belanhi volunteers her singing talent by leading the singing of the Responsorial Psalm at the 10am and 12noon Masses without being a member of a choir. Mary Corns, Evelyn Bond and their collaborators have been making a difference in the garden sections around the church during the gardening season. Anita Zyla and Lin Samson have been decorating our church all through the seasons. At this time, we still need volunteers for the following ministries: Children's Liturgy coordinator at the 10 am Sunday Mass by September, Caretaker for Altar Servers garments, Food Bank volunteers, and ministers in many areas in our liturgical celebrations. We welcome our new volunteers: Greg Tychon (Finance Committee), Danielle McKinnon and Glen Lily (Food Bank coordinators), Anne Stang (mending). May Christ, who voluntarily offered His life for us, bless your volunteer efforts. Please contact Fr Edmund or the office for details.

This year's **Together in Action (TIA)**, formerly Annual Bishop's Appeal, will be launched at the start of the Lenten season. The program needs a coordinator for our parish. The ministry requires coordination of our parish campaign, dissemination of the provided promotional materials and arranging possible resource speakers for the weekend Masses during the campaign period. For details, please contact Fr Edmund or the office.

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 16th. 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. If you would like to help us in any way we would like to hear from you. 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

SUMMIT: Are you looking for a chance to experience God's love? On Friday, Feb 2 at 7:30pm St James will be hosting a night of adoration and worship with the university student ministry Catholic Christian Outreach. CCO missionary and St. James parishioner Eloisa Greenwald will be giving a reflection on God's love and trustworthiness. The reflection will be followed by a holy hour of Eucharistic adoration and praise and worship music. Confessions will be available during the holy hour, and a reception will follow in the hall. All are welcome.

Last Week's Donations

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| TIA | \$854.00 |
| Maintenance | \$533.50 |
| Children's Collection | \$30.00 |
| Stock Share | \$6027.00 |
| Regular | \$3452.55 |
| PAPS* | <u>\$1195.00</u> |
| | \$4647.55 |

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Shortfall: \$2077.45

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

Next Weekend's Ministers

| Mass Times | Lectors | Communion Ministers | Ushers |
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| SATURDAY February 3 5:00pm | Kevin Morrissey Joanne Anderson | Colleen Cove Gabby Morrissey Ted Valentine | Larry Betts Glen Lilly |
| SUNDAY February 4 8:30 AM | Allison Hay Kathy Oczkowski | Irene Thill Bill Fletcher | Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher |
| SUNDAY February 4 10:00 AM | Vicki Oliphant Vivian Moody | Martin Onon Dustin Greenwald Cor Stuijts | Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado |
| SUNDAY February 4 12:00 | Tina Allam Bill Michael | Arkangelo Uyin John Atanasio Martin Onon Godfrey Bangisa | 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.

Planned Giving

Leaving a spiritual legacy, the legacy of faith in Christ, is the most valuable legacy we can pass on to our church community and to our children and our children's children... Stock shares 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.

On another note, a family is in the process of arranging a donation of a stained glass window (in the range of \$15000 or over) in memory of their father to be installed in one of our bigger windows at the back on the floor level.

Donation tax receipts are now in the mail. We are really grateful for the increasing interest in supporting our church. May God continue to bless your love and generosity! For details or to discuss your gift/donation, you may call the office or contact Fr Edmund.