



St. James the Greater Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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?

Saint Joan of Arc (d.1431) responded at her trial to a question put to her by the judges. She summed up the faith and the good sense of believers who are members of the Body of Christ when she said, "About Jesus Christ and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing, and we shouldn't complicate the matter" (Acts of the Trial of Joan of Arc).

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Trusting in Jesus...

The image of Jesus as our vine and we as His branches speaks of our dependence on our Savior and Redeemer. Today's readings remind that our souls thirst for God and His love. He is the only source of eternal life and apart from him we will not survive.

It is told that Rick Husband, the commander of the Columbia shuttle which was lost last February 1, together with his crew, had dinner in a famous restaurant in Houston, near the Space Center area, before the fatal mission. And during the dinner, the owner of the restaurant requested him for autograph on an enlarged picture of Rick in his space suit as part of a growing collection of photos of astronauts in the walls of the restaurant. And Rick obliged and added to his signature the reference *Proverbs 3:5-6*.

Proverbs 3:5-6 reads: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way."* Chapter 3 of Proverbs is entitled in the new translations of the Bible as *Advice to Young People*.

Of course, Rick Husband had no clue of the tragic end of his mission into space. But the 45-year-old US Air Force colonel, who earned the degree of a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, had so much spiritual insight into things that he did in his life, especially working as an astronaut. This statement from the commander of the space shuttle mission speaks of a profound faith that is uncharacteristic a human being of such prime age, peak health, high prestige and even considerable wealth. In a way, this statement from Proverbs summarizes the spirit of Christian life.

As we continue with our journey of faith in our community, let us renew our trust in the Lord. Let us not rely on what we think we know. Let us remember the Lord in everything that we do so that he would show us the right way...

Mass with Filipino music.. On Saturday, May 5, 7 pm (not Sunday, May 6, 12 noon), the El Shaddai Prayer Group will host a Mass in English with hymns and songs in Filipino (Tagalog). Commentary, readings, homily and the Mass ritual will be in English. The monthly Mass with Filipino music will be celebrated every first Sunday of the month, starting on June 3 at 5pm, followed by an agape (reception). Everyone is welcome.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 1

9:00am Special Intention of Jacky Salter

Wednesday, May 2

9:00am Special Intention of Dave Dean

Thursday, May 3

9:00am Special Intention of Mike Duranti

Friday, May 4

9:00am Louis Prieto—RIP

Saturday, May 5

5:00pm Gerald Norris—RIP

Sunday, May 6

8:30am Patrick O'Connell—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Filomena Baldino Baffa—RIP

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 on Mother's Day. All money raised is in support of ProLife.

New Online Diocesan Magazine—The first edition profiles Bishop McGrattan as it highlights his first year in office. Getting to know our Bishop will help readers know a little more about our Diocese. Content is now live on the Diocesan website front page: www.calgarydiocese.ca

Healing Corner. *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5) As we enter the growing season in Calgary let us be the branches of help to those who suffer from domestic violence and bullying. We can be the assistants for God to tend to those in need and aid them to become healthy and bear fruit.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series	9:30am
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
Friday	Cenacle	9:30am
	Bridge	1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Class *	11:00am
	El Shaddai	7:30pm

*Note Baptism Class (May 5) To register, please call the office.

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.

***Pastoral Care** —visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound

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. For more information call 403 401 8721.

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	\$142.00
Maintenance	\$40.00
Children's Collection	\$50.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Good Shepherd (Seminary)	\$598.60
Food Bank	\$390.50
Regular	\$3762.55
PAPS*	\$1422.00
	\$5184.55

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Short: \$1540.45

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$9989

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!

Silver Jubilee for Fr. Jaroslaw “Yarek” Dziuba—Join St. Joseph’s Parish in celebrating Fr. Yarek’s 25 years of priesthood on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Mass at 10am with a reception to follow in the St. Joseph’s parish hall. Best wishes donations will be accepted at the reception. Please RSVP to Marilou LeGeyt at marylou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca

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. This weekend, at the 5pm Mass, we acknowledge the efforts of our **long-standing (and retiring) volunteers** followed by a Wine & Cheese reception in the Parish Hall. We also congratulate Fr. Edmund in celebrating his 39th year as an ordained priest on this day. 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 MacNeil, Mary Jones, Pat & Larry Betts, Audrey McKean, Rob McKean, Becky Elder, Lucy Ciccaglione, Vicki Oliphant, Emil Rawlyk, Henry Vaugeois, Charlotte Raaymaker, Stephanie Davis, Vivian Moody, Loretta McDonald, Ann St. Onge, Andrew Beingessner, Mary Beaton. A great big thank you to all of you who have given tirelessly of your time and talent to help the parish run smoothly. We couldn’t do it without you! (We will be holding another event in June for our other wonderful volunteers!)



Are you interested in articulating your faith in a clear and simple way? Are you unsure of just how all the puzzle pieces of our faith fit together? Are you interested in taking a new step in your faith journey for your sake or the sake of a loved one? At St. James parish we will have weekly meetings that address some of these bigger questions. This appeal is to leaders in the parish like the Knights, CWL, RCIA, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir members or really anyone interested in growing in their faith or helping others. These meetings will take place Mondays at 7:30pm (approx. 1 hr) beginning May 7th and running weekly until June 11th in the hall.

If you’re interested but need more details I encourage you to contact me at dustin.greenwald@cco.ca or at 587-583-4007. My name is Dustin and I have been a missionary for 10 years and I’m excited to dialogue with anyone interested!

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 _____