



St. James the Greater Church

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5th Sunday of Lent

March 18, 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:

The practice of prayer is the habit of being aware of the abiding presence of God, whom we acknowledge as Father, Son, and Spirit. It is the attempt to direct one's whole self to the awareness of this presence, to be in communion with the Trinity. This communion is always possible for believers, because we have been united with Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism, the gateway of life in the Trinity. Prayer, which can be vocal or unspoken, is always Christian because we are united with the Father and the Spirit through Christ our mediator. Because our prayer is as boundless as Christ's love, it can be extended throughout the Church, his Body, and to all the world.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
The Lazarus Prototype

The story of the resurrection of Lazarus has always been considered a proto-type of our spiritual conversion. His physical death is typical of our spiritual death.

Just as Christ went to the tomb of Lazarus to resurrect and liberate him, He comes to our dead and dying world to regenerate us by conversion. He comes to liberate us from the encumbrances of spiritual grave clothes: old bad habits, rags of self-righteousness and unwillingness to forgive. Christ comes to our lives to destroy the darkness in our souls and enlighten our minds to inspire and guide us in our journey back to our heavenly Father. He has come to redeem us, to rescue us from the clutches of the sin and death.

The miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead represents the power of Christ's own resurrection and its saving efficacy to liberate us from sin and death, which is also a consequence of sin.

As we spend the last few days of the Lenten season, let us reflect on our life that has been influenced by the power of evil. Let us examine our old bad habits that can be classified addictions controlling our sense of freedom and dignity and sons and daughters of God. Let us see the darkness that hovers over our horizon because we have chosen to veer away from the light of Christ. Let us feel the weakness that results from our inability to exercise the works of love and mercy mandated by the Gospel. As we reflect on the Christ's life of love and forgiveness, let us express sorrow for our own unwillingness to forgive one another from our hearts. Let us appreciate how Christ, dying on the cross, expressed forgiveness to those who brought him to his painful suffering and death. Let us learn that forgiveness is a higher level of strength and that the capacity to forgive not human, but a free gift of participation in God's divine love and mercy. Let us be more attentive to Christ's invitation for us to become a forgiven and forgiving community. Let us re-learn to be more open to the healing sacraments of the Church. Let us re-visit the importance of the works of mercy as a reparation for our own sins and the sins of others.

As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, let us re-learn to associate our own trials and tribulations with the saving sacrifice of Christ on the cross. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's death on the cross, especially on Good Friday, let us have the courage to approach His rich mercy and forgiveness.

In a revelation to St. Faustina in October 1937, Jesus requested daily prayer at 3 pm to honor the hour of His death and to implore mercy for sinners. *"If only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of my death. This is the hour of mercy for the whole world... In this hour, I refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."* (Diary, 1320)

May these last days of the Lenten period help us to come forth from our spiritual grave to the overflowing grace of God's liberating love and mercy.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 20

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, March 21

9:00am S/Intention of Elaine & Jim Joyce

Thursday, March 22

9:00am S/I of David & Audrey Cadegan

Friday, March 23

9:00am S/Intention of Bill Lerner

Saturday, March 24

5:00pm S/Intention of Makena Hill

Sunday, March 25

8:30am Barbara Schmeekle—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Giuseppe Antonelli—RIP

Good Friday Collection—The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled to take place on Good Friday, March 30. Our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Parish Band—We are planning to form a parish band this coming spring. If you are interested and have experience in playing a musical instrument, please contact Michael Scholfield to set up an audition time. For more information contact Fr. Edmund or Michael at 587 578 9927 or email to mcscholfield@gmail.com

Ministry Sign-Up for Holy Week—Sign up sheets for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans and Altar Servers can be found at the back of the church along the west wall. Your help is greatly appreciated! We also need 12 volunteer 'apostles' to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series Parish Penitential Celebration Knights of Columbus	9:30am 7:30pm 7:30pm
Wednesday	Reconciliation Choir	7:30pm 7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	9:30am
Friday	Cenacle Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm
Saturday	Reconciliation Class Retreat	10:30am

Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Brian McAuley, Gary Briand, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel Serpas, Marjorie Lefavre, Darlene Otis, Laz Terek, Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott, Gary Ritter

And for those who have died:

Wilma Gibbons, Dominic Angelo Lokamu

Carpet Mats Needed—Thank you to Roger vanHorne for finding the carpet mats we need for the students!

New Books! - Thanks to generous parish donors, we have 4 excellent books available to parishioners. They will be displayed on the book rack near the baptistry. *Beautiful Hope* from Dynamic Catholic, *Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?* by Carl E. Olson, *The Case for Jesus* by Brant Pitre, and *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. Help yourself! Donations welcome.

Rejoice in God's Mercy

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30-8:30pm.

A seed must die to produce new life. In dying to self we choose to trust and to exercise faith, hope and love. These virtues lead us into intimate contact with God and transform us into new life in the image of Christ.

Action: What can you do to die to self during this week of Lent? Which virtues will help you to glorify God in this way?

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm

Parish Penitential Celebration—March 20
7:30pm

Holy Thursday—March 29
7:00pm

Good Friday—March 30
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—March 31
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 1
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

**Reconciliation available on Wednesdays through Lent from 7:30—8:30pm*

Stations of the Cross and our Friday Fish Fry

These are great events held each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) with all profits being donated to projects in the parish. We charge \$5 per piece of fish and it comes with coleslaw, all the French fries you can eat and an ice cream sandwich but best of all you get an opportunity to enjoy a family evening with your parish community.

A special thank you to Maria Petrollini & Maria Faba for making the delicious Italian gnocchi to replace the Fish Fry this weekend!

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$417.00
Maintenance	\$127.00
Children's Collection	\$20.00
Food Bank	\$536.40
Flowers	\$10.00
Regular	\$4955.80
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$6377.80

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Short: \$347.20

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30,990 To Date: \$4948

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!

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY March 24 5:00pm	Luisa Zimich Kevin Morrissey	Sean Brosseau Colleen Cove Leila Wright	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY March 25 8:30 AM	Irene Thill Richard Roe	Karen Serafini Andrew Serafini	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY March 25 10:00 AM	Zita Fulawka Elvira Castaneda	Martin Onon Dustin Greenwald Cor Stuijts	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY March 25 12:00	Tina Allam Bill Michael	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Godfrey Bangisa Martin Onon	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio,

Man of the Shroud Exhibit—St. Peter's Parish is excited to bring back the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit during Holy Week and beyond. The Shroud Exhibit which is a 14' long and 3' wide replica of the Shroud of Turin (the most studied Relic in the history of the world) will be on display at St. Peter's Church from Friday, March 23 to Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Shroud experts will be available for guided tours and talks. Visit www.st-peters.ca for more information.

Diocesan Youth Rally— Theme is **Mission: Possible—Called to Be Holy** which will take place in Lethbridge on April 21, 2018. Michael Chiasson of Access 52 will be emceeing the event and performers 'Nun & Nunner' will be offering lighthearted, Catholic entertainment. The day will be filled with activities—Mass, talks, games, a social project, Adoration and fellowship. The Youth Office will be sponsoring the cost for renting buses to provide round-trip transportation from Calgary. Groups and individuals will be able to sign up for busing online soon. Brochures are available at the SW entrance of the church.

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 _____