



St. James the Greater Church

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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 4, 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

Quotable Quote:

"...in order to perceive the true answer to the "why" of suffering, we must look to the revelation of divine love, the ultimate source of the meaning of everything that exists. Love is also the richest source of the meaning of suffering, which always remains a mystery: we are conscious of the insufficiency and inadequacy of our explanation. Christ causes us to enter into the mystery and to discover the "why" of suffering, as far as we are capable of grasping the sublimity of divine love. (Pope John Paul II, SD13)

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Bishop William McGrattan's Letter on Summer Jobs

Employment and Social Development Canada has changed the application process for the Summer Jobs funding program in 2018.

The following attestation is now required to be checked off by all organizations applying for federal funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program: "both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression." The government's website further specifies this includes "the right to access safe and legal abortions."

A number of faith-based organizations are deeply concerned and cannot acquiesce to this new requirement since it would infringe on our beliefs, in the "dignity and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death", and the right to freedom of conscience and religion in our democratic society. I share this adamant objection and am advising all Catholic parishes, organizations, and charities in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary not to sign this attestation if they are applying for a grant through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary operates many programs that serve people living in poverty and difficult life circumstances without asking about a person's background or belief. We serve because it is our witness of Christ through our faith that motivates us to do so. Therefore, I am disturbed and angry that our long-time tradition of service in our community has been disregarded in the formulation of application process changes. I strongly encourage you to contact your Member of Parliament asking them to remove the attestation from the application process and the determination of eligibility for funding.

The Bishop's Letter and more resources (FAQ, media reports, sample letter etc.) are available on our diocesan website:

<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/news-events/bishops-blog/summer-jobs.html>

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 6

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, February 7

9:00am Art Blott—RIP

Thursday, February 8

9:00am S/I of Brian & Paula McAuley

Friday, February 9

9:00am Gerald Rooney—RIP

Saturday, February 10

5:00pm Special Intention of Sam Edney

Sunday, February 11

8:30am John Kubik—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Special Intention of Harold Uy

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 run on Sundays from 11:00-12:30. The first part of the program will take place on March 4, 11, 18 with the Reconciliation Retreat on **SATURDAY, MARCH 24 at 10:30am**. The second part of the program will be on April 29, May 6 & 13 with the Communion Retreat on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00pm. Students must be accompanied by a parent. First Communion will be celebrated at all Masses on June 2 & 3.

Students who have already received First Communion but have not yet received First Reconciliation will attend the first 4 classes only (March 4, 11, 18 and retreat).

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group Opus Dei Men	9:30am 7:00pm
Friday	World Day of the Sick Mass	2:00pm

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,
Morghen Krieger

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.



Healing Corner... 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. Our abusive behaviour often springs from how we respect ourselves and care for the image of God in us. *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?*

Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday—February 14
Distribution of Ashes 9:00am & 7:00pm

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

Parish Penitential Celebration—March 20
7:30pm

Good Friday—March 30
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—March 31
8:00pm

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

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.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$5.00
Maintenance	\$643.35
Children's Collection	\$35.00
Food Bank	\$110.00
Regular	\$4508.80
PAPS*	<u>\$1195.00</u>
	\$5703.80

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Shortfall: \$1021.20

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 10 5:00pm	Luisa Zimich Joanne Anderson	Andrew Beingessner Colleen Cove Gabby Morrissey	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY February 11 8:30 AM	Maureen Wickens Allison Hay	Karen Serafini Andrew Serafini	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY February 11 10:00 AM	Elvira Castaneda Zita Fulawka	Brian Lerner Lindsay Davis Doris McCullough	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY February 11 12:00	Nakiro Ayudo Ayudo Ayudo	Bernadette Carrera Arkangelo Uyin John Atanasio, Godfrey Bangisa	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamoi, 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.

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 website or email or phone the Office.

Surname: _____

Given name: _____

Email: _____

Permission to receive parish emails: YES _____

Permission to receive parish bulletins: YES _____