



St. James the Greater Church

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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 mission of Christians in the world may take many forms, exhibiting a wide variety of activity. Love is the soul of this diverse apostolate and Christians draw their motivation for it and the strength to carry it out from the Eucharist, which is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (SC47). In their participation in the mission of Jesus to the world they witness to the love God has shown us in Jesus, and by their deliberate efforts place their own love at the service of Jesus’ mission in his Church.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Love & Friendship

As we reflect on Christian love and friendship, we have to address our own respective sense of love and friendship within our own church. We cannot really speak about love and friendship with others outside of our community if we don't appreciate and exercise our own commitment to friendship and love among ourselves as members of our respective communities. In turn, we can only speak about such commitment to love and friendship in our community when we live the love and friendship that should characterize our personal relationships in our respective families.

With the lack of this sense of love and acceptance, some people have decided to fashion a life of aloneness and loneliness to escape the hurtful experiences in community and companionship. In a way, we have learned to avoid relationships in order or avoid being hurt. We avoid reaching out. We avoid getting involved in the activities and programs because we want to be left to ourselves. But as Christians, we have to reach out. Spreading the Good News is possible through our personal interaction with people. Like the original apostles who were chosen by Christ in our gospel today, 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.

Our social nature has been given perfection and enhancement through the unifying love and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ. Community has been given a divine dimension by the Word becoming human in Jesus Christ. Every human effort to relate with others has become an experience of the sacred.

Love, based on mere human efforts, is an illusion. Love has to be referred to Someone beyond ourselves. We love as Christ loves us. The transforming power of Christian love is what can make our life in community bearable and even beautiful.

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 8

9:00am S/Intention of Doug Valentine

Wednesday, May 9

9:00am Eleanor Mann—RIP

Thursday, May 10

9:00am John Otis—RIP

Friday, May 11

9:00am Special Intention of Norma O'Hare

Saturday, May 12

5:00pm S/Intention of Carmel Campbell

Sunday, May 13

8:30am Inga Naglis—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Olindo Baffa—RIP

Fr. Edmund will be away on the Priests' Retreat May 15-18. There will be no weekday Masses that week.

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. Volunteers are needed. 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.

Healing Corner. *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* As we contemplate Christ's words to us, think of those who suffer domestic violence and discrimination. They need our love, compassion and support. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse and prejudice, in ourselves and for those who touch your lives; in Church, at home and in the streets. Reach out with love, become a disciple of Christ.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation CCO Enrichment	7:30pm 7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series	9:30am
Wednesday	School Marian Celebration Choir CWL	10:30am 7:30pm 7:00pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group Opus Dei Men	10:00am 7:00pm
Friday	Cenacle Bridge	9:30am 1:00pm
Saturday	El Shaddai	7:30pm

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.

New Marian Feast—Mary, Mother of the Church
Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar and celebrated every year after Pentecost. We will celebrate this Feast Day at St. James on May 22.



St. James' CWL Inaugural Meeting:

Calling all ladies of St. James Parish! Please come to our first CWL meeting to learn more about what it is, help us decide what our special interests will be, meet our new Executive Council, and have some fun meeting/visiting with the ladies of the parish.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$691.45
Children's Collection	\$36.25
Good Shepherd (Seminary)	\$210.00

Regular	\$7040.15
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$8462.15

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$10379

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.

Chance 2 Enhance Car Raffle—In support of Catholic Education, the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation is sponsoring a Car Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Parishioners and interested community members can order tickets at www.theccef.ca or buy them from their local Catholic school. Many prizes to be won. Grand Prize is a 2018 Toyota Rav4! Thank you for your support. **Draw date: Wednesday, June 6.**

Permanent Diaconate—Apply by May 31, 2018

The Diocese of Calgary is looking for men of prayer and charity who are prepared to serve the church in ordained ministry as permanent deacons. Men must be Roman Catholic, married or single, 35 to 60 years of age, minimum grade 12 education, be of sound moral character and mature faith. During 4 years of Human, Spiritual, Theological, and Pastoral formation, the aspirant will prepare for the threefold ministries of Charity, Word, and Sacrament that are the call of the deacon. For more information about Permanent Diaconate, please contact Deacon John Walsh at John.Walsh@calgarydiocese.ca Application deadline: May 31. More information at www.calgarydiocese.ca {under Faith & Life, click Permanent Diaconate}



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 _____