



# St. James the Greater Church

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**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**February 11, 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?**

*Viaticum is the final Holy Communion given to the sick who are near death. The word means “food for the journey” and thus indicates our belief that life does not end in death. Rather, those who die “in Christ” begin a new form of life, victorious in the Lord Jesus. At death, life is changed, not taken away.*

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund  
**Christ Heals Through Us**

In our world today, wellness is equivalent to physical health because our world conceives reality as a physical one. During the time of Jesus, physical illness is considered by many as an effect of spiritual infirmity. It is even labeled as a punishment for sin. The old world conceives reality as a spiritual one. *"Now you are well again, do not sin any more..."* is the prescription given to the sick man whom He has healed.

We often come across the word psychosomatic which is a combination for two Greek words which means soul and body. It refers to a phenomenon, usually a disorder or illness, resulting from the interaction between mind and body. Anxiety or stress or anger produces a dysfunction or structural damage in bodily parts. Psychosomatic disorder may affect almost any part of the body. People with psychological problems develop migraines, ulcers, impotence or skin rashes, even blindness or paralysis.

In many healing episodes, Jesus would forgive the sins of the sick before healing his or her physical sickness. In a way, many of our physical issues result from malfunctions of our spirit. Spiritual awakening may bring about a wide variety of healings. We have to be careful though not to equate illness with sinfulness, as the ancient Israelites used to do, considering illness as a punishment from God for some wrongdoing. There is no such direct connection between sin and bodily ailment. Some of the greatest saints have endured agonizing illnesses during their lives whereas some of the worst sinners have enjoyed perfect health during their lives. We can never be certain that a sickness is psychosomatic or an effect of sin. But we can always ask ourselves if our spiritual state has something to do with our medical ailments.

When Jesus told the leper to show himself to the priest and make an offering for the cleansing as Moses prescribed, He was actually telling him to straighten his relationship with God, that is, to take care of his spiritual state as well. What we should pray and hope for is the spiritual healing of our sicknesses. And such spiritual healing is not necessarily manifested by the cure of our physical problems. Spiritual healing transcends physical suffering. Spiritual healing touches the soul. It brings about inner peace. It also makes us accept the redemptive benefits of physical infirmities.

When we begin to see our own suffering in the light of Christ's life, we acquire a personal closeness to the Source of all healing. We begin to appreciate that the deeper the pain, the nearer we become to God.

**Liturgy 101—Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm**

Calling Parish Council and all Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Ministry Coordinators. Please plan on attending an interactive workshop to discuss the liturgical protocols for Holy Week and beyond.

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, February 13**

9:00am Joe Alexandre—RIP

**Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)**

9:00am Special Intention of Ferlita Bond

7:00pm Peter Funke—RIP

**Thursday, February 15**

9:00am Special Intention of Linda Edney

**Friday, February 16**

9:00am Jean Doucette—RIP

**Saturday, February 17**

5:00pm Arnie Thiele—RIP

**Sunday, February 18**

8:30am Gerald Rooney—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Martin Mann—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 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	Ash Wednesday School Mass Choir	9:00am/7:00pm 10:30am 8:00pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	9:30am
Friday	Stations Fish Fry	6:00pm 6:30pm
Saturday		
Sunday	Parent Info/Class Registration	11:00am

### 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, Tomas Sanchez

**Video Surveillance** (24/7) is now in effect in the church, hall and entrances for safety and security. All motions are always recorded on a HD hard-drive for a period of time for review purposes. (You are encouraged to smile when you are on camera...)



**Healing Corner.** Women who are battered are not the only victims in the household left quivering under the shadow of family violence. Children who witness violence against their mothers experience emotional trauma and may become victims of these violent outbursts themselves. These circumstances can lead to psychological disturbances with long-lasting repercussions. Children in violent households can become withdrawn and perform poorly in school and may find themselves caught in an unending cycle of victimization; many become abusive individuals and aggressors later in life. Protect our children and break the cycle of violence.

### 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 will be bringing our parish community together with a Fish Fry each of the first 6 Fridays in lent. The price will remain the same this year with each piece of fish costing \$5 and is served with coleslaw and all the French fries you can eat. The event starts immediately after the Stations of the cross which is held at 6:00. This is a wonderful affordable family event and all proceeds raised will be used to support projects within the parish.

The Knights of Columbus would also like to acknowledge the students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition in January at St. James School. Of the 20 students that participated in this competition, 10 will move forward to participate in the Council and Regional Championships that will take place in March. We would like to thank everyone that participated this year and wish the winners success in the rounds to come. A special thanks to Mr. Basha who generously supports this event each year.

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$872.90
Maintenance	\$175.00
Children's Collection	\$20.30
Food Bank	\$271.75
Regular	\$4828.75
PAPS*	\$1195.00
	<u>\$6023.75</u>

Weekly Goal \$6725.00  
Shortfall: \$701.25

\*Pre-Authorized Payment System

## Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 17 5:00pm	Lois Ross Mike Ross	Andrew Beingessner Ted Valentine	Larry Betts Glen Lilly
SUNDAY February 18 8:30 AM	Kathy Oczkowski Liz Desjardins	Colleen deSouza Angela Alexandre	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY February 18 10:00 AM	Dustin Greenwald Kathleen McKay	Martin Onon Dustin Greenwald Cor Stuijts	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY February 18 12:00	Ayak Tiordit Rose Lokiru	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 by emailing or phoning the office.

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to receive parish emails: YES \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to receive parish bulletins: YES \_\_\_\_\_