



# St. James the Greater Church

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**Ascension of the Lord**

**May 13, 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:**

Church leadership from the time of Peter to the present day has been passed on in the Church in what is called 'apostolic succession'. Church leadership exists in a hierarchy, or ordering, of roles. All the baptized share in the priesthood of Christ and all in the Church are equal. Some members of the Church by the grace of the Holy Spirit are called to leadership in the Church and receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The hierarchy of roles in the Church includes the Pope, who is the bishop of Rome, bishops, priests, deacons, and laity. Religious brothers and sisters are a part of the Church's laity and do not receive Holy Orders. Each of the orders in the Church has particular functions, including the laity, who have their particular apostolic role.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund  
**Motherhood for All**

Motherhood goes beyond maternity. Motherhood transcends life itself. In fact, it is far more spiritual than physical. The essence of motherhood lies in the spiritual bond between the mother and the child. Such spiritual bond can actually exist without the biological relationship of mother and child. And task of mothering is not limited to mothers. The task of nurturing, caring and educating is shared by all in the community. This is the reason the term 'mother' is also referred to a school as 'alma mater', to mother earth or mother church. Motherhood presents to us a reality that is beyond the physical, biological or earthly. Motherhood reminds us of the reality of the human spirit in a culture that is presently engrossed with the purely material and physical. Motherhood is kind of heroism that actually reminds us of spiritual redemption, rebirth and resurrection.

Christ's ascension, which we celebrate today, deals with a reality that is beyond the earthly and physical. Like motherhood, Christ's ascension is mysterious, spiritual and faith-oriented.

We, as a Christian community at St James for more than 50 years, is a living testament of a people who adheres to the power of the resurrection and ascension and the presence of the Spirit in our life. As a people, we proclaim Christ's message of love and liberation through our word and example. This is the basis of our Christian tradition. He is with us: yes to the end of time.

Today's celebration marks the beginnings of the church's outreach in continuing the work of Christ in our world. Let me end with a story about a woman who saw a poorly dressed and ill-nourished little girl playing in the street. The woman became angry and said to God: "Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied: "I did do something about it: I created you." The story invites us to ask ourselves "How serious do we take the mandate of Jesus to transform our world into the kind of place God created it to be?"

Motherhood is a call to transformation of this world to a more loving place. It is a vocation not only for mothers but all the rest of us.

*Happy Mother's Day!*



**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, May 15**  
9:00am No Mass

**Wednesday, May 16**  
9:00am No Mass

**Thursday, May 17**  
9:00am No Mass

**Friday, May 18**  
9:00am No Mass

**Saturday, May 19**  
5:00pm Ron Holland—RIP

**Sunday, May 20**  
8:30am S/I of Marissa & Ashlynn Lerner  
10:00am St. James Parish  
12:00pm Rinaldi Family—RIP

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

**Mindfulness Movement Classes** - Suitable for all adults, this multi-level holistic practice includes exercises to release tightness/tension, improve flexibility, strengthen the core, breathing and meditation to quiet the mind and release stress. Chairs or props will be used where required, such as for balance. The one hour classes will be on Tuesdays, 9:45 am, May 15, 22, 29, June 5 in the new classroom. The cost is "pay what you can". Classes will be taught by Nancy, a certified instructor and can be reached at 403-830-4570 if you are interested or have any questions.

**Healing Corner.** *"Arise then...women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!" (Howe, Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870)* Mother's Day is celebrated to honor all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Most countries including US, Australia, Canada and India celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May. Mother's Day came into being due to the efforts made by Ms Julia Ward Howe and Ms Anna Jarvis. The Resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day was signed by US President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914. Since then people across the world have been celebrating Mother's Day with joy and devotion. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, of all ages!

### This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation CCO Enrichment	7:30pm 7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series Knights of Columbus	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
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, Tom Imeson, Cathy Gleason

### And for those who have died:

Judy Welch, Lynne Tsubouchi

### 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

### Holy Land & Rome with Pope's Audience.

Join Fr Edmund on October 7-17 for a pilgrimage to the Land where Jesus lived (Israel) and a visit to the Centre of Catholicism (Rome), including an audience with Pope Francis. For details, please call Mylene at Mariden International at 1- 800 -627-4336.

### 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 at 9:00am.

### Knights of Columbus Garage Sale Friday, May 25—12:00noon to 7:00pm Saturday, May 26—9:00am to 3:00pm

Items for the garage sale can be dropped off at the parish hall on Thursday, May 24 from 9:00am to 8:00pm, and on Friday, May 25 from 9:00am to 10:30am. No clothing please.

### Mass with Filipino music (El Shaddai Update)...

On Saturday, June 2, 7pm & on July 7, 7pm, the El Shaddai Prayer Group will host a Mass in English with hymns and songs in Filipino (Tagalog), followed by Worship & Praise. Their temporary Prayer Meeting (Gawain) on Saturday, 7 pm is as follows: May 19 (cancelled), May 26, June 2 (starts with Mass), June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 (starts with Mass), July 14, July 21 & 28.

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$25.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
Children's Collection	\$25.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$626.00
Food Bank	\$656.75
Regular	\$5868.15
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$7290.15

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

\*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$10404

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](mailto:marylou.legeyt@calgarydiocese.ca)


**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](http://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](mailto:John.Walsh@calgarydiocese.ca) Application deadline: May 31. More information at [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca) {under Faith & Life, click Permanent Diaconate}

**Pastoral Care Workshop**—Wednesday, May 23 1:00-3:30pm in the parish hall

Guest speaker Micheline Pare’ will speak on “Compassion Care”. Anyone interested in getting involved with pastoral care, please contact Stephanie Davis at (403) 246-5585.

 <p>Catholic Christian OUTREACH</p>	<p>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. For more information, contact Dustin Greenwald at <a href="mailto:dustin.greenwald@cco.ca">dustin.greenwald@cco.ca</a> or at 587-583-4007.</p>
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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 \_\_\_\_\_