



St. James the Greater Church

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Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

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

Morning Prayer/Rosary

8:30am Tuesday thru Friday

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday

9:00am—3:00pm

Closed 12:00-12:30

Did You Know?

“Baptismal fonts come in varying shapes suggesting different effects. For example: there are cross-shaped fonts suggesting that the one being baptized is joined to the Death of the Lord on the Cross; rounded fonts to suggest the womb of mother Church giving birth to God’s adopted children; there are octagonal fonts to suggest the “eighth day” of the Resurrection and our new creation; square fonts to suggest that Baptism is the door to new life; and rectangular fonts suggesting a tomb in which we die with Christ to sin.” Our own font at St. James Church is a in the shape of a footprint to signify walking in Jesus’ footsteps bringing light into the world.

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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
The Lord's Baptism**

The Lord's baptism, which we celebrate today, is symbolic of the Father's approval of His Son's ministry of preaching the good News of Salvation that would culminate in His passion, death and resurrection. When Christ submitted Himself to be baptized by John in the Jordan River, God's stamp of approval was executed by the symbolism of a dove and a voice from above which said, "This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

From the scene of the baptism of Jesus, we learn this important lesson: the only thing that really matters is to hear God tell us: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests." Once we really believe this, we can face the unknown with a peaceful heart. As it is said: "We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future."

The celebration of the Lord's baptism makes us reflect on the need to ask God to consider or approve what we plan to do with our respective lives. It speaks of the need to submit ourselves and our decisions to God's clearance. It makes us consider seriously the need to get God's opinion on what we undertake or do on a daily basis, giving our life and acts a kind of stamp of approval from the Almighty Father. What does God think or feel about what I am doing? If Christ would have to do the things I am concerned with, how would He go about them? These are questions that are disturbing enough to make us reflect on how much we really mean when we pray on a daily basis "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

The Lord's baptism demonstrates that His approach is perfectly personal and realistic which we have to emulate. Our personal desire to ask God what He thinks or feels about our life and acts is the beginning of an authentic, personal spirituality that can be a solid basis for our life as a Christian and as a member of our faith community. Our daily dialogue with God has to deal with the things that are deep within our hearts including our faults and frustrations. The sacraments and the other rites of our respective religions can be formal and solemn opportunities for such an ongoing personal dialogue. In the last analysis, our personal approach to God becomes the basis of our religion of our attitude towards people, events and things. Our coming to worship becomes more meaningful when it is the result of our deep personal relationship with our Savior. Institutional religion cannot produce or induce this personal aspect of our faith without our own individual effort to encounter Christ in our daily experience.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 15

9:00am Gisele Jeanson—RIP

Wednesday, January 16

9:00am George Funke—RIP

Thursday, January 17

9:00am Special Intention of Tom Linahan

Friday, January 18

9:00am Emily Tighe—RIP

Saturday, January 19

5:00pm Margaret Szabo—RIP

Sunday, January 20

8:30am Dennis Gruenwald—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Loretta Gundry-White—RIP

**Previously scheduled Masses may be re-scheduled without notice at the pastor's discretion should there be imminent need.*

Calling all Ladies: CWL Introductory Meeting—*NOTE: DATE CHANGE: Wednesday, January 23 at 7pm in the parish hall. Here is an opportunity to get involved, meet other women, and learn more about CWL and the Catholic faith.**



Healing Corner. In Corinthians 12, Paul compares the church to a human body where all parts are necessary to make the body complete. In many ways a community functions the same way. Think about those in your church or in your community who may not feel included. Bring one such person to mind. What is one thing you can do as a congregation or community member to help that person feel included? "God, give me the strength and courage to risk reaching out to someone who I know does not feel included in our community. Be with me in case my friendship is rejected. Hold me in the palm of Your hand."

**Sacrament of Confirmation
Parent Information and Registration
Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm**

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if he/she was not baptized at St. James. Registration is \$25. Classes will run on Sundays from 2:00-3:30pm according to the schedule that will be provided. This is a parent/child program so a parent or guardian must attend with their child. Classes begin January 20. The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to students who are in grade 6 or higher and have received Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation.



Please pray for:

Pauline Miller, Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek,
Rolande Parel, Shirley Valentine, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Sarah Straathof, Joe MacNeil,
Terry Davidson, Gary Ritter, Marie Hood,
Marie Funke, Patrick Lony, Chris Fotur, Anne Lado

And for those who have died:

Kay Rash, Wilma Ochabilla, Fr. Jim Hagel,
Sr. Mary Spence, Pauline Knapik

Fr. Edmund will be away on vacation from January 21 to February 10. Visiting priests will celebrate our weekday and weekend Masses. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on weekdays during this time but will still be available on Saturdays.

Please Note Change: The Baptism Preparation Class previously scheduled for January 12 has been changed to January 19 at 11:00am

The **Food Bank** needs your help! Our current Food Bank coordinator, Danielle McKinnon, is stepping down and we need a new coordinator. We thank Danielle for her commitment to this ministry during her time as coordinator. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Fr. Edmund or the parish office. Other volunteers are also needed to pack hampers and distribute them. Minimal time required.



This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Funeral (Pauline Knapik) Knights	10:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:00pm
Thursday	Regnum Christi Ladies	10:00am
Friday	Bridge	1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Prep El Shaddai	11:00am 7:00pm
Sunday	Confirmation Class	2:00pm

Altar Décor—HELP NEEDED—We are in need of volunteers who are interested in helping with our altar décor. Direction will be provided. Volunteers will be responsible for ordering and arranging flowers or plants, and caring for them during the week. We thank Lin Samson and Anita Zyla for the time they have given in making our sanctuary look so beautiful over the past years. Both ladies are retiring in January so your help is needed. No experience needed though helpful. Minimal time required. Contact the parish office for more information.



Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$690.00
Maintenance	\$115.00
Children's Collection	\$34.00
Food Bank	\$476.70
Christmas/New Years	\$188.00
Regular	\$4745.55
PAPS*	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$6078.55

*Weekly Goal: \$6725
Pre-Authorized Payment System

Thank you for your generosity!

Class Schedule for Sacrament Preparation Program

**all classes are 2:00-3:30pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted*

First Communion (Part 2)

Session 1—Sunday, January 27

Session 2—Sunday, February 24

Session 3—Sunday, March 24

Session 4—Sunday, April 14

RETREAT—Saturday, May 4 1-2:30pm

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST—Sunday, May 5 @ 10:00am Mass

New program prepares students for both First Reconciliation and First Communion in the same school year. Please speak to the catechists if your child will be missing a class to arrange an alternative class at another parish. As of this year, all parishes in the Diocese are offering the same program on different days to allow for missed classes to be made up. **NO COFFEE AFTER 12:00 MASS ON CLASS DAYS.*

World Day of the Sick—St. James Parish—Mass with the anointing of the sick will be celebrated on Friday, February 15 at 2pm. Refreshments to follow in the parish hall.

GriefShare at St. Michael's—St. Michael's grief support ministry invites anyone who has experienced loss of a loved one to participate in GriefShare, on **Mondays** at 7 p.m. beginning on **Jan. 14, 2019**. The program will run for eight Mondays and consists of a video seminar, group support discussions and a personal workbook. Free-will giving or \$10 for the booklet. Contact parish@saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423.

Theology of the Body Conference—Expert speakers will gather for one amazing conference in Calgary! **Fri & Sat, March 8 & 9, 2019 at St. Michael Catholic Community** Guest speakers: Christopher West, Mike Mangione, Sr. Helena Burns and many others! This is a two day conference exploring theology and practical applications of human sexuality. For more info: <http://news.calgarydiocese.ca>

COVENANT LIVING OPEN HOUSE You are invited to visit Evanston Summit, a Catholic-based senior living community, at their Open House after Mass on Sundays (January 6, 13, 20 & 27). There will be refreshments and a tour of the Seniors Living Community. **Where:** Evanston Summit, 150 Evanspark Manor NW, Calgary. Drop in between 11 am and 4 pm. For more information about Covenant Living, visit www.covenantliving.ca

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 _____