



St. James the Greater Church

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Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018

Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20: 11-18)



Alleluia! He is risen!

Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Dawn after Darkness

The event of Easter, that is, Christ's resurrection is reckoned as happening at early Sunday morning. The narrative of the Easter event emphasizes dawning: dispelling the darkness, clearing up a sad misunderstanding with a joyous realization. A dawning after darkness: a new day, a new week, a new era, a new life.

Being raised to life in Christ, our thoughts and aspirations are meant to express this new life. The direction of Christian life is an onward and upward course. Retrogression or stagnation is not compatible with this new life. "If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above... set your minds on things that are above..." (Col 3:1-4)

Easter is living life on a higher level. It is constantly lifting our minds to the mind of our Savior, giving us a power that sublimates the weaknesses of our human nature. It is a capacity to see beyond the boredom and the routine of our ordinary lives.

Easter is a personal movement towards a living experience of Christ's resurrection. It is embracing our crosses as glorious crosses. It is granting forgiveness to those who are difficult or almost impossible to forgive. It is living our loved ones during moments of unlovable-ness. It is not regretting the past, but growing and living for the present and the future.

It is the power of Christ's resurrection which gives us the divine capacity to forgive, to look beyond the petty idiosyncrasies of our flawed relationships, to see the face of the Risen Christ in His unlovable likeness in the human flesh.

It is experiencing the joy of unselfishly giving oneself to a project or cause. It is deciding to do something that has to be done, even when we do not feel like doing it. It is willingly surrendering our power to decide to do God's will in our lives. Easter is joyfully facing our problems and difficulties with the faith that the Lord does not give us problems and difficulties which we cannot bear.

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



*Wishing all parishioners and
visitors a very blessed Easter!*

~Fr. Edmund & Staff

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 3

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Wednesday, April 4

9:00am Morghan Krieger—RIP

Thursday, April 5

9:00am Stephen MacNeil—RIP

Friday, April 6

9:00am Keith Corbett—RIP

Saturday, April 7

5:00pm Thanksgiving Cruz Family

Sunday, April 8

8:30am S/I of Brian & Brenda Lerner

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Susan Balyk —RIP

Healing Corner. Lord Jesus Christ, You told the women of Jerusalem not to weep for you but to weep for themselves. Be with women who suffer violence in their homes, as they weep for their sons caught up in the violence. Be with the women who live in domestic violence, who have learnt not to weep for their own pains, who have suffered so long they are numb. Strengthen your Church in its care and support of all who are in pain. Help us to be sensitive and caring for you are the Lord who suffers and serves. *(From Prayers for Peace, Decade to Overcome Violence)*

This Week at St. James

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| Monday | Office Closed No Christian Meditation | |
| Tuesday | Parish Council | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | Adoration Choir | 9:30am 7:30pm |
| Thursday | Opus Dei Men | 7:00pm |
| Friday | Cenacle Bridge | 9:30am 1:00pm |
| Saturday | Baptism Wedding Neil/Mahoney | 3:00pm 7:00pm |

Please pray for the sick:

Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Brian McAuley,
Gary Briand, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison,
Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,
Gabriel Serpas, Laz Terek, Gary Ritter,
Del Croteau, Marcelle Quaghebeur, Wesley Scott,
Robert Jackson, Veronica Kubik, Terry Gonsalves

And for those who have died:

Wilma Gibbons, Beda Molina, Garry Croteau

New Books! - Thanks to generous parish donors, we have excellent books available to parishioners. They will be displayed on the book rack near the baptistry. *Beautiful Hope* from Dynamic Catholic. Feel free to take one.

Did you know?

In pre-Christian times, the egg became a symbol of spring and fertility—something living coming forth from a seemingly “dead” shell. The custom of decorating special Easter eggs evolved soon after Christianity found a foothold in Europe and Asia. Eggs were included in the Lenten fast and for this reason they were also associated with the Easter season. Easter eggs were mostly covered with vegetable dyes. The Syrians and Greeks dyed the eggs crimson to suggest the Blood of Christ. Slavic eggs are lavishly and painstakingly decorated. Armenian eggs are decorated with hand-painted religious pictures and scenes. In Germany, Easter eggs are hung from trees and bushes.

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ALL LADIES OF ST. JAMES

PARISH: Are you called to advocate for human rights and social justice? Would you like to join women from all across Canada in an organization that can foster and celebrate your

Catholic faith? Do you want to join an organization that recognizes and celebrates healthy family life? Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Catholic Women's League, which is the largest women's organization in Canada, invites you to create your own council at St. James. Join us on **Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. For more information, contact Jan Myhre @ 403-828-4191 or by email at calgarycwlpreselect@gmail.com

TRAVEL EVENT OF THE DECADE. In the year 1633, out of fear and desperation, the villagers of Oberammergau made a promise to God, which they have kept ever since. Join us on Friday, April 20, 7:00 pm at St James Catholic Church, as we embark on a musical & visual journey to the Imperial capitals of Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Munich, with the story of Oberammergau, past and present. Opera Singer Jane Perrett will join us along with Mr. Ron Lonsdale of Collette Vacations, to offer you an evening that will be festive, informative, and beautifully entertaining. **As there will be limited seating for this event, we kindly ask you to RSVP by calling 403 401 8721 or email swickenden@cruiseshipcenters.com**

Last Week's Donations

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| TIA | \$417.00 |
| Maintenance | \$690.60 |
| Children's Collection | \$25.00 |
| Flowers | \$45.00 |
| Holy Land | \$25.00 |
| Regular | \$7175.35 |
| PAPS* | <u>\$1422.00</u> |
| | \$8597.35 |

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

*Pre-Authorized Payment System

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$5782

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!

Next Weekend's Ministers

| Mass Times | Lectors | Communion Ministers | Ushers |
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| SATURDAY April 7 5:00pm | Kevin Morrissey | Colleen Cove Gaby Morrissey Leila Wright | Larry Betts Glen Lilly |
| SUNDAY April 8 8:30 AM | Maureen Wickens Kathy Oczkowski | Colleen deSouza Andrew Serafini | Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher |
| SUNDAY April 8 10:00 AM | Brenda Lerner Darlene Otis | Elvira Castaneda Lindsay Davis Cor Stuijts | Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado |
| SUNDAY April 8 12:00 | Tona Allam Manas Ariki | Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Godfrey Bangisa Martin Onon | M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio, |

Man of the Shroud Exhibit—St. Peter's Parish is excited to bring back the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit during Holy Week and beyond. The Shroud Exhibit which is a 14' long and 3' wide replica of the Shroud of Turin (the most studied Relic in the history of the world) will be on display at St. Peter's Church from Friday, March 23 to Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Shroud experts will be available for guided tours and talks. Visit www.st-peters.ca for more information.

Diocesan Youth Rally— Theme is **Mission: Possible—Called to Be Holy** which will take place in Lethbridge on April 21, 2018. Michael Chiasson of Access 52 will be emceeing the event and performers 'Nun & Nunner' will be offering lighthearted, Catholic entertainment. The day will be filled with activities—Mass, talks, games, a social project, Adoration and fellowship. The Youth Office will be sponsoring the cost for renting buses to provide round-trip transportation from Calgary. Groups and individuals will be able to sign up for busing online soon. Brochures are available at the SW entrance of the church.

38th Annual Hike for Life—Saturday, May 12 at Princes Island Park—8:30am to 12:00 noon Support Calgary Pro-Life Respect Life programs. Sponsor Fr. Edmund or get sponsors and walk with friends. Pledge forms are at the SW entrance of the church. For more information, visit www.calgaryprolife.com or phone 403 243 0691.

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 _____