



St. James the Greater Church

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**Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord
April 21, 2019**

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia! To him be glory and power for all the
ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!*

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Mary Magdalene as our Easter Witness

The gospel accounts depict Mary Magdalene as the first physical witness to Christ's resurrection. She is present at the empty tomb with the two apostles on Easter morning. She meets and converses with the Risen Lord in the garden. She is called by name by the Lord who bids her: "Go and tell my brethren..."

But more important than her being the material witness to the resurrection is the fact that her life has been made new in Christ Jesus. Her conversion enhances her witness to the faith. Her great love takes away her many sins and strengthens her in her struggle to be faithful.

Before the resurrection, Mary is fearful, confused and desolate. We identify with her in our fears, broken relationships and isolation. After the resurrection, Mary becomes lively and hopeful. With her, our spirits soar as the risen Lord calls her by name. Easter is Christ's invitation for us to witness to His good news. Easter is the confirmation of the sacredness of our humanity.

It is interesting to note that in the garden of the resurrection, Mary Magdalene, in the midst of tears, mistakes Jesus for the gardener. In a way, Jesus is the gardener in our garden of life. Christ's resurrection cultivates our faith in the barren soil of our human brokenness and sinfulness.

Like Mary Magdalene on the first Easter morning, we are commanded by the Risen Lord to share God's love to all the world. The event of Easter inspires us to widen our horizons, to bid farewell to whatever may cloud our vision or dim our spirits, to see beyond and to imagine a future filled with possibilities. 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.

Our Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

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

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 you a very
blessed Easter!*

~Fr. Edmund & Staff

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am Gary Mogenson—RIP

Wednesday, April 24

9:00am John Dicey—RIP

Thursday, April 25

9:00am Sofia deLavega—RIP

Friday, April 26

9:00am Rudy Agustin—RIP

Saturday, April 27

5:00pm Jean Jesperson—RIP

Sunday, April 28

8:30am Special Intention of Bill Batdorf

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Alfredo Renaldi—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.

This Week at St. James

Monday	Office Closed No Christian Meditation	
Tuesday	Cenacle	9:30am
Wednesday	Adoration Choir	9:30am 7:30pm
Thursday		
Friday	Sandwich Day Bridge	9:00am 1:00pm
Saturday	Memorial Mass (Mele) Confirmation Retreat Wine & Cheese Reception	11:00am 1:00am 6:00pm
Sunday	Thanksgiving Mass/Reception	5:00pm

Please pray for the sick:

Mary Beaton, Terry Davidson, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, John Klein, Cher Kenny, Mariah Lerner, Joe McNeil, Mark Naylen, Mary Noseworthy, Roland Parel, Harry Piet, Gary Ritter, Sarah Straathof, Richelle Tabelon, Shirley Valentine.

And for those who have died:

Derryl Killan, Hilda Grill, Gilda Diaz, Pam Rawlinson, Fr. Ed Flanagan



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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First Communion—The Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 5 at 10am Mass. Please pray for our 24 students preparing for this special day.

Sacrament of Confirmation

with

Bishop Emeritus Frederick B. Henry

Friday, May 17 at 7pm

Please pray for the 17 students and 3 adults who will be confirmed.



News from the Knights of Columbus

***Annual Knights Garage Sale**—May 31 & June 1
More details to follow.

*The Knights will be selling **roses on Mother's Day** May 12, 2019 in support of Calgary Pro-Life. \$5 each. Our Council has also sponsored a bus headed to Edmonton for the **Alberta March for Life** on Thursday, May 9th. Seats on the bus are available at no cost, should you be interested in showing your support in front of the Alberta Legislature. Contact Tim Cove for details and to reserve your spot 403-463-4505.

***Thank you** to all who attended and volunteered at our six **Fish Fry** nights. We served over 500 meals and raised \$2,000 which will be donated to the parish for projects. We hope you enjoyed this fun family event and hope to see you next year.

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$275.00
Maintenance	\$403.40
Children's Collection	\$43.20
Flowers	\$25.00
Regular	\$3633.70
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$5055.70

Weekly Goal \$6725.00 Short: \$1669.30

**Pre-Authorized Payment System*

2019 TIA GOAL: \$33105 To Date: \$14121

Please consider Pre-Authorized Payment for your church contributions. Forms for PAPS donations can be found at the entrances and at the office. Our church also accepts stocks donation as well as bequests which can be indicated in your last will. Thank you for your generosity!

*Fr. Edmund's 40th Year as a Priest
1979 April 28 2019*

Saturday, April 27, 5pm Mass

followed by wine & cheese reception in the parish hall

Sunday, April 28, 8:30am, 10am & 12:00pm Mass

followed by coffee & cake reception in the parish hall

Sunday, April 28 5pm

Thanksgiving Mass with Vicar General Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon as presider and preacher for 40 years of priesthood of Fr. Edmund Vargas, Fr. Ben Marino, Fr. Vince Borre & Fr. Jun Tabale. (Ordinandi 1979 for the Diocese of Virac, Philippines). Reception to follow in the parish hall. Hosted by the Filipino Catholic Society and Filipino groups in Calgary.

All events will take place at St. James Church. All are welcome to attend!

Sacraments

Baptism—please book an appointment to meet with Fr. Edmund 2-3 months prior as a baptism workshop may be required

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist—now prepared together in the Diocese—registration opens in June—classes begin in the Fall

Confirmation—celebrated every 2 years in our parish

Marriage—please contact the parish at least 6 months in advance of your proposed wedding date—A marriage preparation program is required.

39th Annual Hike for Life—Saturday, May 11 at Prince's Island Park—8:30am to 12:00 noon
Hikers please register at www.calgaryprolife.com or call 403 243 0691. Support this important fundraiser which sends the Educational Resource Consultant to schools and groups, free of charge, to present the message that **all human life is a gift from God from conception until natural death**. Last year, 4346 students heard the interactive presentations. Help us reach even more young people this year. Sponsor Fr. Edmund. Pledge forms are at the entrances of the church. If you wish to hike and need a blank form, please call the parish office.

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 _____