



St. James the Greater Church

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 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?

The “twelve days of Christmas” are counted from December 25 to January 6, the day of Epiphany. In some cultures, children receive gifts on this day, a reminder of the wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus. In Puerto Rico, for example, on the eve of January 6 (“Three Kings Day”), children fill shoes with hay for the camels and horses of the Magi. The next day the hay is gone, replaced with toys and candy.

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund Of Givers & Gifts

The early Church told the story of astrologers who noticed a new star they were sure belonged to a very special person. This story was one way of explaining that Jesus has come not only for the Chosen People, but for all peoples, as St Paul writes to the Ephesians in our second reading. The magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh as gifts to the child Jesus. These were material gifts that were symbolic of inner gifts. Gold was a sign that the child was king. Frankincense was a sign of reverence for God and symbolic of the child's priesthood. Myrrh, a spice for burials, is sign of humanity and the child's prophetic mission.

The age-old tradition of giving gifts is related to the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord when the wise men gave gifts to the new-born king as symbols of homage. In a way, we give gifts during this Christmas season because we believe that gifts given to others are given to Christ himself. Hopefully, we have come to realize that the greatest gift we receive at Christmas is Christ Himself.

At the end of this giving season, it is time to reflect on the inner gifts we can continue to offer to God and share with one another. We also have to think and reflect about volunteer work which expresses our gratitude to God who has gifted us with our respective talents, time and treasure. Becoming faithful and generous stewards of God's gift is in keeping with our paying homage to our King and Saviour.

Epiphany is a time to celebrate the truth of God's presence in our midst. Fully aware God's presence in our midst, we invoke God's presence in our lives as we begin a new year.

To conclude this reflection, I would like to paraphrase a prayer used for the blessing of homes which embodies our faith in God's presence in our everyday life: *"Lord, God of heaven and earth, you have revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our homes and all the members of our parish community. Fill us all with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 8

9:00am Moe Nasser—RIP

Wednesday, January 9

9:00am Henry Dumonceau—RIP

Thursday, January 10

9:00am Teresa Conlisk—RIP

Friday, January 11

9:00am Meg Ormstrup—RIP

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm John Otis—RIP

Sunday, January 13

8:30am S/I of Sarah Straathof

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm S/I of Eve Cassetti

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

A Our Lady of Monserrat (Black Madonna) stained glass window has been underwritten. The new window, now in the design stage, will be located on the north side of the church, to match the St Francis window on the south side. See photo below. Families who are interested in sponsoring stained glass installations in the church may contact Fr. Edmund for options and possibilities.



Calling all Ladies: CWL Introductory Meeting—Wednesday, January 16 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.

**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:

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

Congratulations to Maria and John Petrollini celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this weekend!

Thank you to all who helped with the various liturgical ministries during the holidays. Your participation was greatly appreciated!

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	8:00pm
Tuesday		
Wednesday	No Choir	
Thursday	Regnum Christi Ladies	10:00am
	Opus Dei Men	7:00pm
Friday	Bridge Club	1:00pm
Saturday	Baptism Class	11:00am
Sunday	Confirmation Registration	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.



Thank you to those who have allocated United Way contributions to St. James Parish this year!

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$635.00
Maintenance	\$397.35
Children's Collection	\$35.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Food Bank	\$140.00
New Year's Day	\$2633.70
Regular PAPS*	\$9372.20
	<u>\$1333.00</u>
	\$10705.20

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.*

Volunteers Build Community and help the parish run smoothly. There are many volunteer opportunities at St. James Parish. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Fr. Edmund or the parish office.

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| *Altar Servers (after First Communion) | *Children's Liturgy |
| *Ushers | *Building Maintenance |
| *Hospitality/Coffee After Mass | *Landscaping |
| *Reception Committee | *Sacramental Preparation |
| *Lectors | *Eucharistic Ministers |
| *Altar Décor | *Collection Counters |
| *Sacristans (prepare the altar for Masses) | *Food Bank |
| *Choirs |and more |

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 _____