



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 31, 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

Prayer for the Week

God, open my heart to change;
turn my selfishness to generosity,
turn my prejudice to acceptance;
turn my fear to faith;

Let me not hold back anything from your
nurturing, forgiving, and reconciling love.
Create in me a desire to take this Good News
of your forgiveness to others.

Create in me a willingness to be your
ambassador in the Way of Jesus.

Amen

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Light vs. darkness

The theme of blindness in today's readings, continues the Lenten tradition of preparing for the Easter baptisms. This period of the liturgical year is referred to as the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

Blindness, as attributed to the man born blind from birth in our gospel today, is a fitting image of the human condition we now know as original sin.

God's choice of David over his other brothers in the First Book of Samuel speak of our own inability to see spiritual truth as God sees it. David is portrayed as the least likely to be the candidate for divine election. God sees into the heart and directs the prophet to choose and anoint the young David and consecrate him to be shepherd of God's people as king. The blindness of those around David to his potential as God's chosen leader speaks of how sin can blind us to God's will for us.

The reality of original sin is alluded by St Paul in his letter to the Ephesian: "Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light...", using a metaphor to capture our desperate human situation without Christ's saving light that eradicate the effects of what we refer to as social sin which is the term the Church uses to refer to communal situations, social structures and institutions which are the result of the accumulated effects of personal sin. Pope John Paull II refers to it in these words: "Whenever the Church speaks of situations of sin or when the collective behavior of certain social groups, big or small, or even of whole nations and bloc of nations, she knows and she proclaims that such cases of social sin are the result of the accumulation and concentration of many personal sins." In the Eucharistic Prayer, we will proclaim: "Father... we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus. He came among us as a man, to lead us from darkness into the light of faith. Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin, but now through baptism in Christ we are reborn as adopted children..."

As we gather today, we ask God to let His light penetrate the darkness of our lives, shining forth in goodness, righteousness and truth. We seek His light and long to be become children of His light, good and pleasing in His sight.

Just as Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man to the wonders of belief in God's son, God calls us from our ordinary life and opens our eyes, through baptism and the other sacraments, to insight into his mighty works. God call on us to believe, to worship and to follow the footsteps of his son. God call us to new life, to become enlightened children of the light of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 2

9:00am Moe Nasser - RIP

Wednesday, April 3

9:00am SI - Engeline & Harry Piet

Thursday, April 4

9:00am Bernice Kunimoto - RIP

Friday, April 5

9:00am Meg Ormstrup - RIP

Saturday, April 6

5:00pm Omer Brandt - RIP

Sunday, April 7

8:30am Kay Rath - RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Domenico Vergato - RIP

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

Please pray for:

Mary Beaton, Terry Davidson, Estrella Haining, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Cher Kenny, Mariah Lerner, Joe McNeil, Mark Naylen, Mary Noseworthy, Rolande Parel, Harry Piet, Garry Ritter, Barbara Simmington, Sarah Straathof, Richelle Tabelaon, Shirley Valentine

And for those who have died:

Derryl Killan, Hilda Grill

Hike For Life Fundraiser Saturday May 11, 2019 8:30am—Noon Prince's Island Park. Join in the fun and help us to reach our Goal. Call for more information (403) 243-0691 or Register at www.calgaryprolife.com/hike-for-life .

Healing Corner. A relationship is not healthy when...Your value and your accomplishments are belittled. Your opinions count for nothing. You are called names that are embarrassing, hurtful and degrading. Your likes and dislikes are disregarded. You are intentionally kept away from family and friends. There is extreme possessiveness or jealousy. You are threatened. You, your family, your work, your church and your friends are disrespected. You are pushed, kicked or hurt. Your faith is ridiculed. Your every move is monitored. You are denied access to food, money or other family resources. You are blamed for all the problems. Contact CONNECT for help <http://www.connectnetwork.ca/> 1.403.234.7233(SAFE) 1.866.606.7233 Toll Free in Alberta

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:00PM on Fridays during Lent except Good Friday.

Lenten Recollection Saturday April 6

Parish Penitential Celebration (April 9) 7:30PM

Holy Week

Holy Thursday (April 18) 7:00pm

Good Friday Passion (April 19) 3:00pm

Holy Saturday Vigil (April 20) 8:00pm

Easter Sunday (April 21)
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Parishioners are also invited to attend the Chrism Mass at 7:00pm on April 19 at St. Mary's Cathedral

“Celebrating the Paschal Mystery...” will be the theme of a **Lenten Recollection on Saturday, April 6, 6:30-9:00 PM** with **Fr Edmund** as facilitator. The Holy Week celebrations will be explained in the context of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Hosted by the El Shaddai Prayer Group, the recollection is open to everyone.

Lenten Fish Fry—Join us, as the Knights of Columbus are again hosting Fish Fry nights each Friday of Lent until April 12th (no Fish Fry on Good Friday). This is a great family event and a great value at \$5.00 per piece of fish served with coleslaw and all the French fries you can eat. You even get an ice cream sandwich for dessert! This event always requires lots of help so if you are willing to assist in any way it would be most appreciated.



“Filipino” music will be featured at the regular parish Mass at **5PM every First Saturday** of the month, starting in April. Hymns and sung parts of the Mass will be rendered in Filipino. The El Shaddai Calgary Chapter will do the music ministry and help out in other ministries for this monthly Mass. The cell group of El Shaddai Calgary Chapter holds its Worship Service (*gawain*)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday

Tuesday BCHS Mass 11:15am

Wednesday Adoration 9:30am

Thursday Regnum Christi Women 10:00am

Friday Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
Fish Fry 6:30pm

Saturday Filipino Music Mass 5:00pm
Lenten Recollection 6:30pm

Sunday Confirmation Class 2:00pm



to the generous parishioners of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary for supporting Catholic Education Sunday in November 2018. We had a record number of readers attending 156 masses across 43 parishes. We witnessed our schools and parishes joining together to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of Catholic Education and the contribution it makes to our communities.

The CCEF was blessed to receive **\$86,998** from your generous donations *which will enable us to provide leading edge opportunities* for our 56,000 students .

Lenten Missions & Retreats 2019: A list outlining dates and details has been posted on the bulletin board.

“For the peace of Jerusalem, Pray” The Good Friday Pontifical Collection on April 19th, 2019 is in support of the Holy Land

Silence During Lent

During Lent we should take time to pray and meditate before Mass, therefore we ask that when you enter the church, do so quietly, and respect those who are already there praying. **Please refrain from visiting in the sanctuary. Silence in the sanctuary should be observed before and after Mass.**

Class Schedule for First Communion Preparation

**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 1:00-2:30pm
CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST—Sunday, May 5 @ 10:00am Mass

Class Schedule for Confirmation Preparation

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

- Session 1—Sunday, January 20
- Session 2—Sunday, February 3
- Session 3—Sunday, February 10
- Session 4—Sunday, March 3
- Session 5—Sunday, March 10
- Session 6—Sunday, March 17
- Session 7—Sunday, April 7

RETREAT—Saturday, April 27 1:00-2:30pm
CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION—Friday, May 17 @ 7:00pm

Outdoor Way of the Cross —Volunteers are needed for the 36th annual Outdoor Way of the Cross which takes place at 9am on Good Friday, April 19 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Volunteers are needed for readers, first aiders, crowd control, and volunteers to carry the cross. Contact Marilou at 403 218 5519 or visit [www. wayofthecross.ca](http://www.wayofthecross.ca)

Mark your calendars! The **Feed the Hungry Dinner on November 10, 2019** will be sponsored by our parish. *Feed the Hungry* is a weekly Sunday dinner program that serves a full course meal to 500 homeless and under-privileged individuals and families within Calgary. This program is held at St. Mary’s Hall (221 -18th Ave SW). As an outreach program, our parish will sponsor the Nov 10, 2019 *Feed the Hungry* event along with 25 volunteers from Christ Church Anglican and Cathedral Church of the Redeemer Anglican. Our own parish will need 75 volunteers to help with meal preparation and service duties for the morning or afternoon shifts under the direction of the *Feed the Hungry* coordinators. St James Church has also committed a \$5000 pledge to *Feed the Hungry*. Monetary donations welcome. More information to follow.

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