



St. James the Greater Church

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 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 stigmata (from Latin for “marks”) are bodily signs of Christ’s Passion. Saint Paul refers to carrying the “marks” of the Lord Jesus (see Galatians 6:17). The most notable stigmatic was Saint Francis of Assisi, who experienced the wound marks of Jesus in 1224, two years before his death. Stigmata may be visible or, as in the case of Saint Catherine of Siena, invisible.

Foundations in Faith
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Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with the messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

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**Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
Length, Meaning & Direction**

Today's long Gospel reading reminds us that Christianity is not about speed, short-cuts or anesthesia. In truth, it is about length, pain and suffering.

We now live in a world where pain and waiting are to be avoided at all cost. We have acquired a mentality that has a very low tolerance for anything that involves length, mistakes and suffering. Our waiting has been reduced by super-fast procedures: *pentium* computers, automatic teller machines, fast food, instant photo-processing, instant messages, instant coffee and sometimes, instant marriages. Our threshold for pain and suffering has been minimized by so-called miracles of medical science and technology: *Advil*, *tylenol forte*, abortion pill and mercy-killing.

Even our relationships have been adversely affected by what we call a "computer" mentality which rejects human error and waiting time. Such mentality disposes us to seek quick solutions to long-term problems, especially in marriage and family life. We have developed a passion for painlessness and velocity. And we have lost our sense of direction and meaning.

Besides being person-oriented, Christian life is process-oriented. Resurrection comes only after passion and death. Christianity does not take away our problems and fears. It gives us the strength to face and endure them. It gives us a sense of Christian purpose and meaning. It makes us understand the meaning of our struggle for sanity.

Like this reflection, our life can be short and quick. But it has to have direction and meaning. Let us re-learn our sense of Christian purpose, which is rooted in the mysteries we celebrate these days. Life in the fast lane requires a consciousness of our Christian sense of direction. We have to hold on together with our Christian vision, if we don't want to lose our way in this maze of quick fixes.

Healing Corner. *"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."* As we welcome Jesus this Palm Sunday, let us remember to welcome all around us as well. Jesus has always reminded us to take care of everyone, especially those who are most in need of our love and prayers. Some live in families and communities that are abusive, some are homeless, some are elderly and neglected.... Reach out to them all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 16

9:00am David Blais —RIP

Wednesday, April 17

9:00am Millicent & Philip Gonsalves—RIP

Thursday, April 18

7:00pm Holy Thursday

Friday, April 19

3:00pm Good Friday

Saturday, April 20

8:00pm S/Intention of Elaine Sissons

Sunday, April 21

8:30am Les Badry—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Pauline Knapik—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, John Klein, Cher Kenny, Mariah Lerner, Joe McNeil, Mark Naylen, Mary Noseworthy, Rolande Parel, Harry Piet, Gary Ritter, Barbara Simmington, Sarah Straathof, Richelle Tabelaon, Shirley Valentine

And for those who have died:

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



Last Week's Donations

Food Bank	\$545.40
TIA	\$1393.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Flowers	\$65.00
Children's Collection	\$37.30
Regular	\$6357.90
PAPS*	<u>\$1534.00</u>
	\$7891.90

Weekly Goal: \$6725

TIA to Date: \$13846 2019 TIA Goal: \$33105

**Pre-authorized Payment System*

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

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 and the Outdoor Way of the Cross beginning at 9:00am on Good Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Don't forget to sign up for Holy Week Ministries

Holy Week is this week! Please check the sign up sheet at the back of the church near the baptismal font and consider signing up for the various ministries still needed.

Holy Week Notes

The Holy Week starts with the re-enactment of the messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his paschal mystery. In our liturgical celebration, this remembrance is done with the blessing of the palms and the procession at the beginning of Masses on Palm Sunday. This Sunday is also designated as Passion Sunday when we read the long narrative on the passion and death of the Lord Jesus.

It is to be noted that as we reflect on the passion narrative, we must avoid any anti-Semitic impressions, especially with respect to the account of Matthew and John. These accounts reflect the first-century conflict between Jewish Christians and the synagogue on the identity of Jesus. When the evangelists refer to "the Jews", we know they are not saying all Jews, either of Jesus' time or our time, are responsible for his death. As Christians, we must remember: "Christ, out of infinite love, freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all people, so that all might attain salvation. It is the duty of the Church, therefore, in its preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as the sign of God's universal love and the source of all grace." (Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions)

Holy Wednesday is also referred to as Spy Wednesday. We recall how Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

In this diocese, the Chrism Mass is celebrated on Holy Monday. At this Mass, the Sacred Chrism and other holy oils are blessed by the bishop, together with the representatives of the priests and the faithful from all parts of the diocese. The celebration is a sign of unity and communion of the priests and the faithful with their bishop. Representations from the parishes take an active part in the celebration as readers, gift bearers or servers. The celebration should foster the relationship of the bishop with the liturgical life of the parish.

Holy Week Notes—cont'd

The Easter Triduum starts with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and culminates with the Easter Vigil. *"Through His paschal mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, He restored our life."* For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection, is the high point of the liturgical year.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper features the Washing of the Feet which symbolizes Christ's service and charity. It is for this reason that the procession of the gifts should include gift for the poor. This is the last celebration of the Eucharist before Easter Vigil. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed and people are encouraged to do adoration until midnight. A single genuflection is always made before the Blessed Sacrament. The double genuflection is no longer made. If possible, crosses are removed from the church; if left, they are veiled. Holy Water is removed from the Baptismal Font and the fonts at the church doors and are refilled only after the Easter Mass with its renewal of baptismal promises.

We fast on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare more deeply in the joy of the resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

The Veneration of the Cross is done during the Good Friday Service, together with Holy Communion. After the service, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed. The altar is stripped of its cloth without ceremony.

On Holy Saturday, we remain in recollection at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on His sufferings and death, refraining from celebrating the Eucharist until the night. Throughout this day, the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. During the solemn vigil service, a night of prayer which looks forward to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, mourning gives way to Easter joys, which is celebrated for the next fifty days.

St. Augustine said that the Easter vigil, the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, is to be considered the mother of all vigils. During this night, the people of God keep watch as they await the Christ's Resurrection.

The Ceremony of the Light and the Easter Proclamation are celebrated at the start of the service, followed by the readings which recall the history of our salvation that climaxes at Christ's resurrection. The readings outline the whole process of our salvation from sin and death. At the Easter Vigil, catechumens (if any) are baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist. Candidates for full communion (if any) are also received by professing their faith, getting confirmed and partaking in the Eucharist.

Children's Liturgy—In order to continue running this program in September, we need more volunteers. It requires little time and all the work is done for you in advance. No experience is required. Please contact Sarah Straathof for more information at (403) 249-5515. Children's Liturgy is a wonderful program for ages 3 to 6. Younger children are welcome to attend *if supervised by a parent*.

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!

First Communion

Final Session (4)—Sunday, April 14

RETREAT—Saturday, May 4 1:00-2:30pm

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



Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop –Emeritus Frederick Henry

Final Session (7)—Sunday, April 7

RETREAT—Saturday, April 27 1:00-2:30pm

REHEARSAL—Thursday, May 16 at 6:30pm

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION—Friday, May 17 @ 7:00pm



Together in Action 2019. This year's theme is from Isaiah 61:1 *"The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..."* In the words of Bishop William McGrattan: *"Together in Action reflects the Church's preferential option for the poor and its missionary impulse. It embraces charity and justice, service and sacrifice so that our proclamation of the gospel is authentic and joyful... As blessed children in the family of God, it is inherent that we are the hands and feet of Christ here on earth, Therefore, let's care for the poor and those in need among us for the common good and dignity of every person."* Our parish goal is \$33,105.00. So far, we have contributed \$13,846. Please consider a generous contribution. Any excess contributions will be towards our Building Maintenance Fund.

Mark Your Calendars! *NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Knights of Columbus Garage Sale— May 31 & June 1—Accepting donations Thursday, May 30.
Details to follow.

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