



# St. James the Greater Church

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**Palm Sunday**

**March 25, 2018**

## **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

### **Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday

9:00am—3:00pm

\*Closed 12:00-12:30

## **The Church Says:**

In Christ, we are given the example of one who lived his life in perseverance. Even the threat of death could not lure Jesus away from total faithfulness to God. As followers of Christ, we, too, are exhorted to live our lives in perseverance, no matter what struggles or sufferings meet us in life.

## **Memorable People:**

St. Maximillian Kolbe, is a priest who gave his life in exchange for a fellow prisoner's in Auschwitz, a concentration camp, during World War II

St. Ignatius persevered in faith even as he was martyred by wild beasts in Rome. He wrote: "Do not stand in the way of my calling to life...Let me imitate the Passion of my God."

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund  
**The Story of the Donkey**

A poor farmer near Jerusalem had a small donkey which was so stupid to do any work. It could not carry anything on its back. So he told his family that he was going to kill the animal. But his children begged him to sell it, rather than harm it. *"How can I sell an animal that won't work?"*, the father insisted. His son suggested: *"Father, tie the donkey on a tree on the road to town and let it be known that whoever wants it may have it for nothing."* The next morning, that was what the father did. Soon, two men approached and asked to take the animal. *"It will carry nothing"*, the farmer warned the men. *"The Lord has need for it"*, replied one of the men. The farmer could not imagine what the Lord would want with such a useless donkey, but handed it over. The men took the animal to Jesus who stroked the sweet animal's face and then mounted it without trouble. So it was on the day we celebrate today the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on the back of this tiny donkey.

The donkey, the rejected animal, is a figure of Christ himself who is to be later rejected by his own people but would eventually become their savior. Christ is referred to as the *"stone rejected by the builders, becoming the cornerstone..."* (Mt. 21:24)

The people and circumstances we tend to reject are the same people and circumstances that become our salvation. *For God chooses the weak to confound the strong. He chooses the foolish to shame the wise.* (1Cor 1:27)

When God strokes us on our faces, we realize our limitless potential. When we submit to God our faults and failures, we are filled with His grace and blessing. It is in our weakness that God's power is at work with us.

As we join Jesus in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let us take with us our own wounds and weaknesses so He can transform them into a source of our healing and strength through the power of His resurrection.

**Healing Corner.** *"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is 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.

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, March 27**

9:00am S/I of Colleen & Bill Montgomery

**Wednesday, March 28**

9:00am Mildred Tamondong—RIP

**Thursday, March 29**

7:00pm Holy Thursday

**Friday, March 30**

3:00pm Good Friday

**Saturday, March 31**

8:00pm Jean Doucette—RIP

**Sunday, April 1**

8:30am Rudi & Carmela Torjan—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Jim Abbott—RIP

**Good Friday Collection**—The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled to take place on Good Friday, March 30. Our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

**Ministry Sign-Up for Holy Week**—There are still some empty spots to fill for Holy Week. Please consider volunteering. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church along the west wall.



### This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Robert Barron DVD series	9:30am
Wednesday	School Mass	1:15pm
	1st Reconciliation	6:30pm
	Reconciliation	7:30pm
	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	(No Morning Mass) Sandwich Day Last Supper Mass	7:00pm
Friday	Passion of the Lord	3:00pm
Saturday	Easter Vigil	8:00pm

**Office Hours**—The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

### 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, Marjorie Lefavre, Laz Terek,  
Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson,  
Wesley Scott, Gary Ritter, Veronica Kubik,  
Terry Gonsalves

### And for those who have died:

Wilma Gibbons, Beda Molina

**New Books!** - Thanks to generous parish donors, we have 4 excellent books available to parishioners. They will be displayed on the book rack near the baptistry. *Beautiful Hope* from Dynamic Catholic, *Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?* by Carl E. Olson, *The Case for Jesus* by Brant Pitre, and *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. Help yourself!

### Rejoice in God's Mercy

The Diocese of Calgary invites you to re-discover the meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation in your life. In addition to the regular parish schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at parishes throughout the Diocese of Calgary all the Wednesdays of Lent from 7:30-8:30pm.

With Passion Sunday we begin the final week of Lent and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Triduum. Rejoice in God's Mercy has aimed to invite you to participate more readily and more easily in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Most parishes have a regularly scheduled time for Reconciliation throughout the year or by appointment. Jesus never said that it would be easy to follow him but he also gave us this sacrament to help us own up to our failings, receive his strength, and start anew. Action: Take concrete steps to make the sacrament of Reconciliation an integral part of your life as a disciple of Christ.

### Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm  
(including Good Friday)

Holy Thursday—March 29  
7:00pm

Good Friday—March 30  
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—March 31  
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 1  
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

*\*Reconciliation available on Wednesdays through  
Lent from 7:30—8:30pm*

**Chrism Mass—Monday March 26, 7:30 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is a unique and significant celebration in the life of the diocese. During this Mass, Bishop McGrattan blesses the oil of catechumens, used in baptism and the oil of the sick. He also prepares and consecrates the oil of chrism that is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, as well as at the dedication of churches. When these oils are used throughout the diocese, the Bishop is symbolically present. The priests of the diocese concelebrate this Mass to manifest their unity with the Bishop and all renew their priestly vows. The actions that take place at the Chrism Mass are important for carrying out the daily ministry in each church in the diocese.

### Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$417.00
Maintenance	\$598.45
Children's Collection	\$48.00
Food Bank	\$120.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Regular	\$4957.80
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$6379.80

Weekly Goal \$6725.00

Short: \$345.20

*\*Pre-Authorized Payment System*

2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$5365

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
SATURDAY March 31 8:00pm	Holy Week Schedule	Holy Week Schedule	Holy Week Schedule
SUNDAY April 1 8:30 AM	Bill Fletcher Irene Thill	Kathy Oczkowski, Richard Belzil, Angela Alexandre	Nick Fader Alex Fader Bill Fletcher
SUNDAY April 1 10:00 AM	Kathleen McKay Dustin Greenwald	Brian Lerner Shirley Lutz Doris McCullough Brenda Lerner	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson, James Emado
SUNDAY April 1 12:00	Nakiru Ayudo Ayudo Ayudo	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Godfrey Bangisa Arkangelo Uyin	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](http://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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_