



St. James the Greater Church

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Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 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

The Church Says:

Pentecost Sunday, which concludes the fifty days of the Easter Season, celebrates the conferral of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered Apostles and Mary. The Sacrament of Confirmation perpetuates this grace by which new members are sealed with the gift of the Spirit. Catholic teaching emphasizes that those confirmed are sealed in the Lord and cannot be confirmed again. When baptized as an infant, Confirmation is celebrated later, when children and youth are able to understand the Sacrament. Confirmation remains a sealing of the Baptism. The Spirit is already received at Baptism. The laying on of hands was the origin of the Sacrament, and took place immediately after the Baptism of adults when the bishop was present. The oil has meanings of joy, abundance, limbering, healing, soothing, and sealing. Oil cannot be easily removed.

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Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, Rose Lokiru **Hospitality**—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese**

Community—Arkangelo Uyin **Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**—Al Meier **Reception Committee**—Zita Fulawka **Art &**

Environment Committee—VACANT **Sudanese Choir**—Manas Ariki **Library**—VACANT **Christian Meditation**—Florence Dickson

Landscaping Committee—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **Liturgic Committee**—Stephanie Davis,

Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

We are the Church

While the word 'church' indicates a special building designated for worship, as in St. James Church, it also refers to an assembly, a congregation or a gathering together of people. The Second Vatican Council defines the Church as the People of God, who are constituted in Christ by the Holy Spirit. The Latin term for church 'ecclesia' derives from the Greek which means 'to call out of'. It is a people set apart, a people called out of darkness into Christ's wonderful light.

The Church as an organized society existing in our world and history is a visible reality. We call this the Church an institution, a hierarchy. The Church is also spiritual reality that transcends our world and our history. This is also referred to as the charismatic aspect of the Church. The Church is a mystery and a sacrament. It is a sign and instrument of a spiritual reality. The Church as a sacrament contains within itself as well as communicates God's power and presence.

The purpose of the Church is to make holy the members of Christ's body through the love given by Christ. By our baptism, we become part of the Church. We share in God's grace through the Church which is built on the foundation of Christ who is our way, the truth and the life. We are the Church.

Speaking of the Church as a parish: Pope John Paul II reminds us: *"It is necessary that in the light of faith, all rediscover the true meaning of the parish, that is, the place where the very 'mystery' of church is present and at work... The parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, 'the family of God', 'a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit', 'a familial and welcoming home', 'a community of the faithful'. Plainly and simply, the parish is founded on a theological reality because it is Eucharistic community."*

As we prepare for a change of pastors, let us transform our efforts into wonderful opportunities to relate with one another in a personal way, to encounter one another on behalf of Christ who works in our midst and to strengthen the bonds that ties us together as one people, sharing the one bread in the Eucharist and worshipping the one Lord of all.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 11

9:00am Hilda Grill—RIP

Wednesday, June 12

9:00am Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—RIP

Thursday, June 13

9:00am Kataryna Greco—RIP

Friday, June 14

9:00am Omer Brandt—RIP

Saturday, June 15

5:00pm S/Intention of Deb & David Catling

Sunday, June 16

8:30am Derryl Killan—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Paul Gettis—RIP

Please pray for:

Mary Beaton, Estrella Haining, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, John Klein, Cher Kenny, Mariah Lerner, Joe McNeil, Mark Naylen, Rolande Parel, Gary Ritter, Barbara Simmington, Sarah Straathof, Richelle Tabelon, Shirley Valentine, Klaas Deemter, Katie Suto, Don Lomenda

And for those who have died:

Harry Piet, Mary Noseworthy, Terry Davidson

New Volunteer Screening Coordinator

Welcome Elaine Ho! Elaine is our new Volunteer Screening Coordinator effective June 17. Elaine will also be helping Laura Meneses with Sacramental Preparation and scheduling in the fall. We thank Marielle Thom who has fulfilled the role of Volunteer Screening Coordinator over the past several months and wish her the best with her new baby due at the end of this month.

Prayer for Pentecost

"Renew Your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost, and grant that the holy Church, preserving unanimous and continuous prayer, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and also under the guidance of St. Peter, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen."

This Week at St. James

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle School Retreat	9:30am 9:00am
Wednesday	Adoration Choir	9:30am 7:00pm
Thursday	School Retreat	9:00am
Friday		

Knights of Columbus Stampede Breakfast July 7, 2019

Immediately following the 10:00am Mass
Get out your boots and cowboy hats and join us
for some Stampede fun!

Library—Thank you to Glenda Rodrigues who has volunteered to keep our library organized and functioning.

Mark your calendars! First Reconciliation/First Communion 2019/20 Registration and Parent Information Session

**September 15, 2019
2:00pm
St James Parish Hall**

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate (if not baptized at St. James) and \$50 registration fee. Fee can be waived for families in need. Children who have already celebrated First Communion but still require First Reconciliation will only attend the first part of the program. **Classes begin September 22** and will run on Sundays from 2:00—3:30pm according to schedule provided. This is a parent/child program. A parent or guardian is expected to be in attendance.

Priest Assignments: Effective August 1, Fr. Edmund will be assigned to St. Anthony's Parish replacing Fr. Jack Pereira who is retiring. We thank Fr. Edmund for his 3 years of dedicated service to St. James Parish. He will be missed! Fr. Dominic Nguyen currently at St. Luke's Parish has been assigned as pastor at St. James effective August 1. For more information about the upcoming transfers and retirements, visit www.calgarydiocese.ca

Experience God's Love & Gift of Healing

**Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service
with Fr. Fernando Suarez, MMMP
Friday, July 5, 2019
7:00pm
St. James Church**

Ordained in Ottawa in 2002, Fr. Fernando is now a priest for the Missionaries of Mary Mother of the Poor in the Philippines. Fr. Fernando discovered that the Lord had given him a special gift around age 16. God began to use him in a powerful way as he reached out to people who were in need. As he felt God calling him to minister to and pray with people who were sick, he realized that these people were getting healed. The sick and troubled were able to find the touch of Jesus through his hands. To date, Fr. Fernando has prayed with hundreds of thousands of people in need of the healing graces of God all over the world. Since July 2003, he regularly conducts Healing Masses, retreats and missions, with large numbers of people in attendance.

For more information about Fr. Fernando Suarez, visit www.marymotherofthepoor.org or www.fatherfernando.com

Bring your family and friends!



Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$1209.00
Papal Charities	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$115.00
Food Bank	\$517.80
Regular	\$8179.70
PAPS*	\$1534.00
	<u>\$9713.70</u>

*Weekly Goal: \$6725
TIA to Date: \$19155 2019 TIA Goal: \$33105
Pre-authorized Payment System

Thank you for your generosity!

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism—Please book an appointment with the parish priest 2-3 months prior as a baptism preparation class may be required.

First Reconciliation/First Communion—Now prepared together in the Diocese. Classes will begin in the fall. More information in the bulletin and on the parish website. Registration September 15, 2019

Confirmation—Celebrated every 2nd year at St. James

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

Cemetery Masses - St. Mary's Tuesday, June 18 7:30 pm | **Edenbrook** Wednesday, June 19 7:30 pm | **Queen's Park** Tuesday, August 13 7:30 pm | **Mountain View** Wednesday, August 14 7:30pm

Ordination of Deacon Troy Nguyen to the Priesthood—Bishop William McGrattan has called Rev. Mr. Troy Nguyen to be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, June 28 at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome!

Outdoor Family Celebration with the Divine Mercy Sisters and Bishop McGrattan on Saturday, September 7. Rosary prayer at 11:30am, outdoor Mass with the Bishop at 12:00noon, followed by BBQ lunch and entertainment. Confessions will be available before the Mass.

24th Annual Catholic Family Life Conference—*One Holy and Apostolic Church*—June 28 to July 1, 2019—Keynote speakers: Dr. Tim Gray, Sr. Helena Burns, Dr. Ryan Topping—Lac Ste Anne, AB—Early bird rates in effect prior to July 21. For more information or to register call 1-780-961-3346 or visit www.catholicfamilyministries.com

Weekly Mass at St. Patrick's for People with Disabilities—Every Sunday at 5pm at St. Patrick's Church (1414 Shawnessy Blvd SW, Calgary) will celebrate this particular Mass as a loving and open environment of acceptance, inclusion and understanding. This Mass is dedicated to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, caregivers, teachers and friends.

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 November 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 and 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 are welcome. More information to follow.

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