



# St. James the Greater Church

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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**March 17, 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, you are the source of my life.

I belong to you.

You give my life meaning.

You invite me to live my life by values that will bring true  
and lasting happiness.

Fill my heart with desire for you and the gifts you offer.

I ask this though Christ, the Lord.

Amen

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## Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

### ***Moments of Self Giving***

The transfiguration was an awe-inspiring experience of God's presence for Jesus and for his disciples. It was an incredible show of divine support, grace and inspiration at the time when Jesus faced the most trying period of his life: the decision to offer himself for our salvation through his own passion and death. This illuminating experience would carry him through the dark days of confusion, insecurity and terror that would come after this encounter with the Other. Jesus received the affirmation of his mission to give himself up from the great figures of his tradition, representing the law and the prophets.

All of us need some graced memories or God-filled experiences to recall or return to when faced with difficulty and challenge in our journey of faith.

These graced-filled experiences or God-moments can inspire us and carry us through the darkness and difficulty of our trying periods of our journey. Our own stories of struggle in the faith can sustain us in our trials and tribulations. These God-moments may not approximate Christ's transfiguration on a mountain but their significance can help us in efforts to do God's will when we recognize and acknowledge it in our prayer and discernment. These moments are marked with self-giving and generosity that fulfill the deepest hunger of our souls.

All grace-filled memories or God-filled experiences are times when we realize giving ourselves to others in the spirit of self-sacrifice and true love. These are moments when we imitate God's generosity and love which embody the essence of our personal commitment to Christ who gave himself up for our freedom from sin and death. Our struggling efforts to offer ourselves to God and others can be transformed into meaningful faith experiences by returning to our graced-filled memories when we experienced God's love and presence in our lives.

In our own lives, we have had experiences of self-giving that continue to inspire and strengthen us in our efforts to love and serve. These are our own transfiguration experiences that transform our own selfish self into a self-giving person. These self-giving moments make us more aware of our own giftedness that should move us to share and care for another.

### **Healing Corner**

As the Lord is transfigured and we are instructed to "listen to him", so we must change ourselves into those who have compassion and listen to our fellow human beings when they suffer from the effects of abuse and harassment. Let us become more like Christ with each passing day.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, March 19**

9:00am John Dicey—RIP

### **Wednesday, March 20**

9:00am S/Intention of Mariah Lerner

### **Thursday, March 21**

9:00am John Contrada —RIP

### **Friday, March 22**

9:00am Thanksgiving—Ciccaglione

### **Saturday, March 23**

5:00pm Special Intention of Bill Lerner

### **Sunday, March 24**

8:30am S/I of Colleen & Bill Montgomery

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Kay Rath—RIP

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

### **Please pray for:**

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

### **And for those who have died:**

Leanne Jones, Derryl Killan

**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 -18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.*

**Lenten Fish Fry**—Lent is here and the Knights of Columbus will once again be holding the Fish Fry nights for the first six Fridays of Lent in the parish hall following the Stations of the Cross. (No Fish Fry on Good Friday.) This is a great family event and a great value at \$5 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. Contact Real at 403-243-0128.

### 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.**

There will be a different format for the Mass during Lent. There will be no procession at the beginning of Mass; Fr. Edmund and the altar servers will be seated, in prayer, 5 minutes before the start of Mass which will then begin with a penitential hymn followed by the opening prayer and the readings. At the end of Mass, there will be a hymn but no procession. The reason for this is so that we enter and proceed through Lent in a prayerful way that can be a part of our Lenten journey.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Knights of Columbus	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Adoration	9:30am
Thursday		
Friday	Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	6:00pm 6:30pm
Saturday	Baptism Class El Shaddai	11:00am 7:00pm
Sunday	First Communion Class	2:00pm

**"Filipino" music** will be featured at the regular parish Saturday Mass at 5pm every first Saturday of the month, starting on April 1. 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*) every Saturday at 7pm.

### Highlights of the Pastoral Council meeting held on February 26, 2019:

- ◆ new Pastoral Council guidelines issued by Diocese
- ◆ new piano/organ in the Church and the sound system.
- ◆ the Parish's working capital position
- ◆ ongoing efforts to achieve greater energy efficiency
- ◆ the anticipated installation of a new stained glass window (Our Lady of Montserrat)
- ◆ parish participation in upcoming "Feed the Hungry" event (November 10 2019)
- ◆ the need for background police checks for individuals associated with various ministries
- ◆ celebration of Father Edmund's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination and the associated schedule of events
- ◆ a recent noise complaint received from a neighbor (snow removal prior to an 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass).

Please contact the Office or a member of the Pastoral Council for clarifications or suggestions.

**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**

**Africa Fundraiser**—One of our parishioners (and singers), Tiffany Biensch, is currently in her 4th year of Psychology at St. Mary’s University in Calgary. She is excited to share with you a mission project she will be participating in with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) this spring. Tiffany will be heading to Cameroon with CCO to share the gospel with faithful students already present there on campuses and training them to share the saving message of the gospel! You can learn more about this exciting adventure by joining Tiffany for wine and cheese following the 5pm Mass on Saturday, March 16. You can also visit Tiffany’s online profile to learn more about her and the journey she is taking with CCO for this mission trip. <https://cco.ca/missions/mission-participants/> Donations will be gratefully accepted. (Please make cheques payable to Catholic Christian Outreach.)

**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)

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