



St. James the Greater Church

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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 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

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN JULY 3

9:00 am—12:00noon

Prayer for the Week

All powerful and ever-living God,

in love you created me,

I belong to you.

When I am fearful,

remind me of your presence.

When I am weak,

may I rely on your power.

When I falter,

help me cling to you, my rock.

May I trust in your love

no matter what evil I face.

May my heart find peace and calm

in knowing your love

that impels me onward

and surpasses all evil.

Amen.

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Secretary—Brenda Lerner office@stjamescalgary.org **Music Director**—Tom Linahan tglinahan@gmail.com

Parish Screening Coordinator—Lindsay Flynn pvsc@stjamescalgary.org **Bookkeeper**—Anna McKiernan

Parish Council—Nick Fader, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, Sheryl Schmitt, David Odongi, Elvira Castaneda, Ted Valentine, Kyle Hagan, Arkangelo Uyin **Finance Committee**—Neale Johannesson, Terry Gonsalves, Gregory Tychon **Children's Liturgy**—VACANT **Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis **Altar Servers**—Jennifer Brosseau **Food Bank**—Danielle McKinnon **RCIA**—Deacon Bruce Jurgens, Allison Hay, Karen Serafini **Sacramental Preparation**—Laura Meneses **Baptism Preparation**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald **Maintenance Committee**—Arnie Funke **Knights of Columbus**—Tim Cove **Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers**—Colleen Cove, Richard Belzil, Zita Fulawka, Rose Lokiru **Hospitality**—Marie Funke, Angela Nagy, Florence Dickson **Sudanese Community**—Martin Onon **Syrian Refugee Committee**—Pat Barry **Ushers**—Al Meier **Reception Committee**—Zita Fulawka **Art & Environment Committee**—Lin Samson, Anita Zyla **Sudanese Choir**—Manas Ariki **Library**—Dianne O'Neill **Sandwich Days**—Vicki Oliphant **Christian Meditation**—Engeline Piet **Landscaping Committee**—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns **Liturgy Committee**—Tom Linahan, Stephanie Davis, Catherine Peet, Midge Chartier, Ted Valentine, Colleen deSouza, Anita Zyla, Vivian Moody, Al Meier

Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund
The Character of Baptism

The significance of St. John the Baptist in our history of salvation is that he heralded the coming of Christ by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. His baptism is the forerunner of our Christian baptism which gives us the Christian life. Baptism leaves an indelible mark in the soul of the baptized, which we refer to as the baptismal character. Baptism characterizes the baptized, setting us apart, giving us the mandate to share with others the faith we have received. We are marked with the sign of faith.

In our parish, baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays within Mass. The sacrament is celebrated on the day the Christ rose from the dead and when the Church community assembles in worship and praise. It begins the process of integrating the baptized into the community which reaches its fulfillment when we share the Eucharist. Baptism is the first step of a three-step process of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are also referred to as the Sacraments of Initiation. It is in the Eucharist (at Mass) that we share full communion with the Church.

Baptism, through the renewal of our baptismal promises, reminds us that we shape our lives by the choices we make. The renewal of our baptismal promises gives us the opportunity to reflect on the direction of our lives and to strengthen our resolve to be Christians. The words of the rite are richly symbolic. They ask us to choose between slavery to sin and the freedom of being God's children, between darkness and light, between the glamour of evil and the simplicity of truth. Ultimately, they ask us to choose between Satan and Christ.

We often refer to baptism as a christening which means joining to Christ. Through baptism we are united to Christ. We become Christians, members of the Church. The original meaning of the word "Christ" is anointed one. In the Scriptures, someone chosen for a special role such as priest, prophet or king was anointed with a fragrant olive oil. When the followers of Jesus eventually recognized him as the Messiah, they began to call him Christ, which means God's anointed one. In baptism, we are also anointed with Holy Chrism to express our unity with Christ and to show that we are called to share in Christ's work as priest, prophet and king.

Volunteer Appreciation Night Wine & Cheese—

Tuesday, June 26 at 6pm in the parish hall. All active volunteers welcome! Mark your calendars! Meet and Greet. No need to RSVP. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. The parish could not operate without you!

Reminder: Office hours begin on July 3 and will continue until September 4. Hours will be 9:00am—12:00noon. There is no bulletin during the summer months.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 26

9:00am Peter Zuchetto—RIP

Wednesday, June 27

9:00am John Kramer—RIP

Thursday, June 28

9:00am June Peet—RIP

Friday, June 29

9:00am S/Intention of John & Nancy Dicey

Saturday, June 30

5:00pm Adam Herold—RIP

Sunday, July 1

8:30am Judy Welch—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00noon Scott Fraser—RIP

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

Volunteer Screening Coordinator Needed—

Our Parish Volunteer Screening Coordinator, Lindsay Flynn, will be resigning from her position at the end of June. The parish is looking to hire a part-time person to continue on in this role. Hours are flexible and minimal (2-3 hours per week). Basic computer skills and familiarity with Windows 10 & Excel required. Contact the office if interested. We thank Lindsay for her dedication to our parish screening program over the past 3 years and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

Sacred Space

Reverence because Christ's Real Presence is in the Tabernacle. Proper attire so as not to distract others from prayer & reflection. Scent-free because others can have allergies. No food, no drink, no gum & no litter because cleanliness is next to godliness. Phone calls in a sacred space are simply disrespectful. Available wi-fi is to be used discreetly...

Hall Tablecloths Missing—

All of our round, green tablecloths from the hall have mysteriously disappeared. These tend to be the favorites for many of our events and we are hoping to get them back as soon as possible. If you know of their whereabouts, please return them this week. Tablecloths are not to be removed from the church without permission from the office and must be returned within 48 hours, cleaned and ironed, ready for the next event.

This Week at St. James

Monday	School Gr 6 Retreat Christian Meditation	9:30am 7:30pm
Tuesday	DVD Volunteer Appreciation	9:30am 6:00pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	Sandwich Day	
Friday	Cenacle Bridge/Eucher	9:30am 1:00pm
Saturday	El Shaddai	7:00pm

Please pray for the sick:

Anthony Parel, Stella Fulawka, Aidan Hanes, Harry Piet, Laz Terek, Brian McAuley, Gary Briand, Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Tony Doucette, Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo, Gabriel Serpas, Marcelle Quaghebeur, Robert Jackson, Wesley Scott, Gary Ritter, Terry Gonsalves, Tom Imeson, Cathy Gleason, Greg Briggs, George McDonald, Sarah Straathof

And for those who have died:

Judy Welch, Gisele Jeanson, Marjorie Klein, Hillary George Odongi, Marie-Anne & Oliver McGuire

Danielle McKinnon will be joyfully welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the 10:00am Mass this weekend. Danielle has been journeying through our RCIA program, under the direction of Allison Hay, Karen Serafini and Deacon Bruce. Congratulations, Danielle!

Congratulations also to John & Nancy Dicey celebrating 65 years of marriage this week!

Healing Corner. Jesus said to them, *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* As we enter the summer months, let's remember to keep our cool and seek the sustenance of Jesus. Extra demands on our lives can lead to a buildup of stress. The kids want entertainment and need looking after for more hours of the day, our finances may be stretched to the limit and our patience in coping with extra house guests may wear thin. Whatever the strain, remember any form of abusive retaliation as a means to cope will not solve the issue. No matter what anyone in your family does, they NEVER DESERVE ABUSE! If you have concerns about anger or aggression in your family, seek help. Have a happy and safe summer!

SACRAMENTS

Parent Information Sessions and Registration for our 2018/2019 Sacrament Preparation programs will take place in the parish hall as noted below. Classes will take place on Sundays from 2-3:30pm as per schedule provided on registration day. Please bring registration fee and a copy of your child's baptism certificate if he/she was not baptized at St. James.

First Reconciliation/First Communion
September 16, 2018 at 2pm
(\$50)

Confirmation
January 13, 2019 at 2pm
(\$25)

**Fee may be waived for families in need. For more information contact the parish office.*

Christian Meditation and DVD group will complete their final sessions this week and will resume in September.

Annual Cemetery Memorial Masses with Bishop McGrattan

June 13 at 7:30pm—St. Mary's Cemetery
June 14 at 7:30pm—Eden Brook Cemetery*

(*rsvp 403 240 4032)

August 22 at 7:30pm—Queen's Park Cemetery
August 23 at 7:30pm—Mountain View Cemetery*

(*rsvp 403 272 5555)

Last Week's Donations

TIA	\$175.00
Maintenance	\$420.80
Food Bank	\$185.00
Children's Collection	\$42.90
Regular	\$4894.45
PAPS*	<u>\$1422.00</u>
	\$6316.45

Weekly Goal \$6725.00 Short \$408.55
**Pre-Authorized Payment System*
2018 TIA GOAL: \$30990 To Date: \$14292

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!

Knights of Columbus Stampede Breakfast—Sunday, July 8 following the 10:00am Mass—Mark your calendars! All are welcome. Come out and join your fellow parishioners for this enjoyable annual event. Wear your best western garb!

New chairs are required to replace those in the hall and our meeting rooms. We have a quote from Direct Chairs Canada Ltd for 120 chairs. Families may consider contributing one chair (\$30) or ten chairs (\$300) or a hundred chairs for (\$3000) or any number of chairs. As church, some families contribute more to cover those who contribute less. For details, please contact Fr Edmund or the office.

Children's Liturgy—We are in need of a Children's Liturgy Coordinator as Becky Elder, who has been in this position for many years, is now stepping down. Without a coordinator in September, the program will not continue. It is a simple program to follow and an important ministry for the little ones in the parish. Please call the office if you are interested. No experience required.

**19th Annual Bishop's Dinner 2018—Friday, October 19, 2018 at 5:30pm
Telus Convention Centre 120—9 Ave SE**

Join us for an evening with Bishop William T. McGrattan in a celebration of generosity supporting 75,000 Catholic youth in our Diocese. Single ticket: \$185 / Table of 8: \$1480. For more information or to reserve your tickets, please contact Samantha Jones at 403 218 5531 or email bishopsdinner@calgarydiocese.ca or visit www.bishopsdinner.ca

**Ladies Mid-Week Retreat—Sept 11-13, 2018
at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**

Ladies, please consider attending this inspiring retreat.

Silent Retreat Theme: "Who Do You Say That I Am?" Focusing where Jesus is in our lives. Can we model Jesus in being non-judgemental and forgiving in our lives? For more information contact Kathy Oczkowski at 403 246 0660 or fkoczkowski@shaw.ca or Katherine Cormier at 403 273 3823 or wkorm@telus.net

ONE ROCK 2.0 - Calgary—September 29, 2018 at St. Michael Catholic Church for young adults ages 18-35. Inspiring young Catholic adults to be active leaders in today's challenging culture. Engaging Talks, Formation & Renewal, Music & Solemn Worship, Fellowship. Visit www.onerock.ca

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES - September 7-9, 2018—The Retrouvaille program called "Help Our Marriage" can help married couples who want to strengthen a good marriage or those experiencing difficult times! This program has even helped separated and divorced couples seeking reconciliation! For more information or to register, visit www.helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call 403 879 7893.

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 _____