



# St. James the Great Church

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 15, 2017**

## **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

## **Keep Holy the Lord's Day**

### ***Did you know?***

In addition to the worship that marks the Lord's Day, the actions of believers should characterize this day as a day of rest and leisure. Many Catholics also dedicate some time this day to charitable service of the sick and the elderly and other good works. Other Catholics also observe this as a day of reflection where the mind and spirit are cultivated, furthering Christian maturity and growth.

*Foundations in Faith*

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### RSVP to Faith

Three pastoral concerns come to mind as we reflect on the king's invitation to a wedding, as narrated in our gospel today: our ongoing support for the financial needs of our parish, World Mission Sunday next weekend and tomorrow's civic elections. Our response to these social concerns is living out the social implications of our faith. While these issues involve decisions that are largely personal, they are all relevant to the common good of our society. Our response becomes our RSVP to faith.

Our urgent need for better parish cash flow, our foodbank, our support for the Bishop's Appeal and our need to repair and maintain our aging building are expressive of our growing maturity as Church. Our charitable efforts do not justify the causes of poverty and destitution and that it is God's will that justice should prevail in our society and in our world. Our social involvement is a powerful prayer to God, an eloquent expression of our faith.

Next weekend's celebration of World Mission Sunday reminds us to pray and work towards a world united in the spirit of the gospel. We have the opportunity to make our own offering for the World Mission Sunday collection, which is taken up in almost every country in the world, including the poorest in Africa and Asia where, despite their own material poverty, our fellow believers in the suffering continents are eager to contribute to the universal mission of the Church. This exercise of our solidarity is a powerful witnessing to the faith that we all profess.

Our participation in tomorrow's elections is a renewal of our respect for the nobility of political service as a powerful vehicle towards creating a just society. Political participation is mandated by the gospel. Our faith and our political life cannot be separated. Our faith should inspire and influence our political perspective and how we conduct our life as public servants and as servants of God.

Faith is not a mere appendix to our book of life. Our faith inspires our life in all its aspects, dimensions and levels. A life that is inspired by faith in its totality is a life of constant prayer, a perfect offering of oneself to our Creator and Savior.



### Pizza Party for All Altar Servers!

**Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00pm** in the parish hall. Whether you are a current altar server or would like to be one, please let the office know that you would like to attend. Altar servers can be girls or boys of any age but must have already received First Communion. One parent should attend with their child or children.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, October 17

9:00am S/Intention of Joan Russell

#### Wednesday, October 18

9:00am S/Intention of Bradford Family

#### Thursday, October 19

9:00am S/Intention of Lindsay Oliphant

#### Friday, October 20

9:00am Lino Fotur—RIP

#### Saturday, October 21

9:00pm Arnie Thiele—RIP

#### Sunday, October 22

8:30am S/Intention of Molden Family

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00 Valerie Smith—RIP

### Please pray for the sick:

Claire Oliphant, Mariah Lerner, Harry Piet,  
Shirley Valentine, Betty Harrison, Mary Figley,  
Rolande Parel, Laura Restrepo,  
Gabriel Serpas, Hub Winter  
**And for those who have died:**  
Peter Lorot, Joanne Argento

### Knights of Columbus Fall Supper – Saturday, October 28—

Tickets are now on sale for the Fall Supper. Ticket prices will remain the same as last year at \$20/adult, \$10/student, and Kindergarten and younger are free. Doors will open at 6:00 and supper will be served at 6:30. This year we are hoping to have a few new events to entertain and make



the evening a social event to meet your fellow parishioners. This is one of our largest events and, as in the past, if you are able to help the Knights to cook a turkey, bring a pie or help with the cleanup we would certainly appreciate it. There will also be a volunteer list in the hall where you can buy tickets to the event after each Mass. Don't delay as tickets have sold out for the past few years.

### This Week's Events

Monday	Funeral—Argento Christian Meditation	2:00pm 7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Altar Servers' Party Knights of Columbus	9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir	7:30pm
Thursday	RC Mom's Group	10:00am
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	Confirmation Retreat	1:00pm

**World Mission Sunday**—Next Sunday our parish will celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

**Parking lines** will be re-done on Thursday, October 19, in an effort to make it easier and more orderly to park in our main parking lot. The parking lot will be closed by 10 am, that is, after the 9 am Mass. The work is being undertaken by Everline Coatings of Calgary at the cost of \$928.76, including tax. All contributions from families or individuals for this expense are welcome and appreciated.

**Parish Council & Liturgy Committee** will be meeting in the parish hall on October 24 at 7:00pm. **ALL MINISTRY HEADS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND AS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE BISHOP'S UPCOMING PASTORAL VISIT NOV 3-5.**

### Last Sunday's Donations

Maintenance Fund	\$386.00
TIA	80.00
Children's Collection	17.05
Food Bank	454.55
Regular	\$5067.15
PAPS*	1195.00
	\$6262.15

**TO LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST SEMINAR** (LCSC) is coming to St. James Church. The LCSC Evangelization program is geared towards lay empowerment in parish life. It is hosted by Couples for Christ Foundation for Family & Life. Everyone is welcome.

**Content:**

**Day 1—Friday, November 10\* (\*note change)**

Check in 6:30pm, Class 7-9pm  
Orientation and overview  
Session 1: Jesus the Messiah

**Day 2—Saturday, November 11\***

Check in 8am, Class 8:30am-4pm  
Session 2: Called to Witness  
Session 3: Repentance & Faith  
Session 4: The Gift of the Holy Spirit  
Session 5: Growing in the Spirit

\*Snacks will be provided before Friday's session begins; coffee & muffins & lunch on Saturday.

\*Session is generally composed of a presentation by the resource speaker for 40 minutes followed by a group discussion or open sessions.

\*A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who complete the course together with a copy of the course material for future reference.

\*This seminar is provided by the parish for free. A love offering of any amount is welcome to those who are willing and able to help cover expenses for food and materials.



LADIES, do you believe women play an important role in the Church and society? The **Catholic Women's League** is the voice of Catholic women expressing their values. The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support. The CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Please join us for an **Information Session** about the CWL on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10am Mass in the Music/Library room. All women over the age of 16 are welcome.

**Collection for Food Bank & Maintenance Fund**—Beginning this month, the 2nd collection for the Food Bank will only be taken on the first weekend of each month with the remaining 2nd collections of the month to be taken for the Maintenance Fund. As the Food Bank has consistently been well-supported, there is no need to collect more than once a month at this time.

## Next Weekend's Ministers

Mass Times	Lectors	Communion Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
SATURDAY October 21 5:00pm	Dorothy Whitson Luisa Zimich	Andrew Beingessner Colleen Cove	Henry Vaugeois, Larry Betts Glen Lilly	
SUNDAY October 22 8:30 AM	Richard Roe Liz Desjardins	Kathy Oczkowski Colleen deSouza	Nick Fader Alex Fader	
SUNDAY October 22 10:00 AM	Elvira Castaneda Kathleen McKay	Brenda Lerner Brian Lerner	Tony Zuzic, Al Meier Robert McKean, Roger Jeanson	
SUNDAY October 22 12:00	Nakiru Ayudo Ayudo Ayudo	Bernadette Carrera John Atanasio Martin Onon	M. Malueth, R. Madhieu E. Boliamotoi, J. Atanasio,	Mimi, Okio, Antony, Aher, Achol, Darius

**Catholic Education Sunday—November 5, 2017** is Catholic Education Sunday. It is a day meant for all of us—parents, grandparents, alumni, students, friends and community members to come together to celebrate and give thanks for Catholic education. Our schools are an expression of our faith and a gift, both to our children and to our community.

This Sunday is our opportunity to support quality Catholic education in our community and to ensure the present and future needs of Catholic education are met. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) is a charitable organization dedicated to enhancing educational experiences for students in the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD). Your generosity will make a difference for over 55,000 CCSD students.

On November 5, there will be a special collection at each Mass. It only takes one person, or one action, to make a difference in many lives. Let that person be you. Thank you.

**Upcoming Elections**—The Bishops of Alberta/NWT have issued a joint letter encouraging us to participate in the upcoming elections. Catholic School Trustees must be stewards with governance skills as well as faithful to the Church's mission, its teachings and its leadership. Their love of Jesus is reflected in full participation in Church life. The ability to share faith with administration, teachers, students and the community is an essential feature of a Catholic School Trustee. As Catholics, we must make the moral choice to elect the trustees who will ensure the continued Catholic formation of our school communities. We have to exercise this responsibility in a spirit of prayer and with an informed conscience.

*\*Document in its entirety can be found on the RC Diocese of Calgary website and on the parish bulletin board at the SW entrance of the church.*

The **St. James School Knitting Club** is in need of knitting needles. We teach students in grades 4 through 9 to knit. They are enthusiastic learners, but we don't have enough needles to go around. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!



**St. James Pray for Us!**

***Deadline for bulletin entries is Wednesday at noon.***