



St. James the Greater Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 24, 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 of life, you are good and holy,
slow to anger and rich in kindness,
merciful and always forgiving.
May I know and trust
your love for me more each day.
Help me let down my guard with you
and not be afraid to show you my face and heart.
You are the holy one of my life.
Amen

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Pastoral Notes by Fr. Edmund

Water & faith

Water and thirst are the biblical imagery for the best and worst scenarios of the human situation, representing the best of hopes and worst of fears of the human being. Water represents God's presence to humanity; thirst represents humanity's absence from God.

In the Christian tradition, the living water is a symbol of the gift of faith which is manifested in the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. This biblical imagery of water is best summarized by the formula for the blessing of the water for baptism: *"At the dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the wellspring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made the sign of the waters of baptism that make the end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led Israel out of slavery to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan, Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from His side as he hung upon the cross..."*

Thirst, resulting from the absence or deprivation of water, becomes a metaphor for the need for God, for His saving love and forgiveness. When Christ was dying on the cross, one of his last statements was *"I thirst!"* The concluding words of the Book of Revelation (Rev. 11.17) state: *"Let him who is thirsty, come forward; let all who desire it accept the gift of life-giving water."* The fulfillment of God's plan of salvation is often described as the quenching of death-dealing thirst with life-giving water.

Jesus speaks of God's overflowing love when He tells the Samaritan woman at the well: *"The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."* In a way, the Samaritan woman represents every infidelity borne of trying to quench our cravings on something other than the *"living water"* of God's love. We indeed are thirsty for healing, for an end to hatred and indifference. We are thirsty for love and forgiveness. We are thirsty for acceptance and meaning in our lives. In our hearts, we thirst for God to fill us with life-giving water that only He can give.

This season of Lent speaks of this thirst of the human spirit. Lent is a journey of the soul through the desert into the living water of Christ's resurrection. As we journey through Lent, let us ask God to pour His living water of faith upon all of us, to bless us with the water of life as we journey together in faith. As we make the sign of the cross with the water every time we gather for worship, we recognize and proclaim one faith in one God as we deepen our intimacy with Him.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am S/Intention of Mark Naylen

Wednesday, March 27

9:00am S/Intention of Mary Beaton

Thursday, March 28

9:00am S/Intention of Sophie Brandt & Family

Friday, March 29

9:00am Meg Ormstrup—RIP

Saturday, March 30

5:00pm S/Intention of Celestino & Elver Acosta

Sunday, March 31

8:30am John Ollivier—RIP

10:00am St. James Parish

12:00pm Gabriel Waschmann—RIP

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

Please pray for:

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

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 -18th 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.

Lenten Recollection Saturday, April 6, 6:30-9:00 pm

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7:30pm
Tuesday	Cenacle Knights of Columbus	9:30am 7:30pm
Wednesday	Adoration	9:30am
Thursday	Regnum Christi Women	10:00am
Friday	Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	6:00pm 6:30pm
Saturday	Baptism Class El Shaddai	11:00am 7:00pm

“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.

“Celebrating the Paschal Mystery...” will be the theme of a Lenten Recollection on Saturday, April 6, 6:30-9:00 pm with Fr Edmund as facilitator. The Holy Week celebrations will be explained in the context of Christ's Paschal Mystery. Hosted by the El Shaddai Prayer Group, the recollection is open to everyone.

Lenten Fish Fry—Join us, as the Knights of Columbus are again hosting Fish Fry nights each Friday of Lent until April 12th (no Fish Fry on Good Friday). They take place immediately after the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall. This is a great family event and a great value at \$5.00 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.

Funeral for Derryl Wayne Killian will be held at St. James Wednesday March 27, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Reception to follow after service.

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.**

Widow/Widowers Group will meet Holy Spirit Parish on April 6th following the 5pm Mass to share a potluck meal, laughter and fellowship. Anyone walking this journey is invited to join us. We are a group of people coming from various parishes who enjoy each others company and become companions as we travel. As you read this and you feel a nudge about coming, act on that nudge. There is no reason anyone should walk this journey by themselves. For more info contact Holy Spirit office at 403-251-3381 .

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.

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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