



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 19, 2020

**All Masses cancelled INDEFINITELY**  
as per the Diocese of Calgary  
directive.

**Holy Hours**  
**Adoration with the**  
**Presence of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**on the Altar**

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Sunday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Sunday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Reconciliation & Church Schedule**

See inside bulletin

**Office Hours**

9am-3pm Monday thru Friday  
Closed 12—12:30 for lunch and on all  
statutory holidays.

### Prayer for the Week:

O God of enduring mercy,  
as we rejoice in the everlasting peace  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
grant that we may be worthy witnesses  
to his presence in the world  
and bearers of that same peace  
in all that we say and do.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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### Reflection

The account of Thomas' doubt overshadows the other experience in today's reading, namely the gathering of the disciples "on the first day of the week." This is an image of our gathering within our own parish communities. Like the first disciples, we need each other to believe and to celebrate that belief. We are truly the signs and wonders of Christ the Risen Lord in the world. Our catechumens came to faith because of others who were witnesses of the Lord. Even when we doubt, the witness of others strengthens our hope and renews the peace Christ promised.

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### HOLY HOURS

**Adoration with the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar Confession Available**

Everyone welcome.

Please observe the rules of social distancing and do not come to the church if you are sick. 15 people maximum in the church at one time please.



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Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Sunday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Sunday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**ALL MASSES CANCELLED INDEFINITELY**

### Please Pray For:

Mary Beaton, Nicholas Buron, Klaas Deemter, Linda Evans, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Sharon Jeanson, Sylvia Kirkland, Rick Meier, Warren Narum, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Brian Onyschak, Velma O'Reilly, Rolande Parel, Gary Ritter, Sarah Straathof, Katie Suto, Richelle Tabelon, Shirley Valentine

### For those who have died:

Barbara Simmington, Sr. Lorraine Klein

We especially pray for all those who have died from or have been affected by the Covid-19 virus worldwide; for protection of all essential service workers, and for all health care providers, first responders, and priests ministering to the sick; for our parish community; and for residents living in health care facilities that are isolated from family members and friends.

### Mass Intentions

Priests are continuing their private daily Masses. As a means to prevent a backlog of Mass requests, Fr. Dominic will be offering his private daily Masses in the order in which they were booked when public Masses were suspended on March 16. Masses can still be requested through the parish office during this time.

- Monday Bethia Winfield—RIP
- Tuesday Josie Oczkowski—S/I
- Wednesday Sally Stotts—RIP
- Thursday Joe MacNeil—RIP
- Friday Sharon Jeanson—S/I
- Saturday Millicent & Philip Gonsalves—RIP
- Sunday People of St. James

**Palms** will be available through the parish office through the Easter season. Simply call to arrange the pick up of your palms.

## PUBLIC MASS IS SUSPENDED

- ▶ FOR AN UNSPECIFIED DURATION, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- 📺 WATCH LIVESTREAM MASS & FIND LATEST UPDATES & RESOURCES at [WWW.CALGARYDIOCESE.CA](http://WWW.CALGARYDIOCESE.CA)
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**All Masses, Parish Activities, and Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. However, the church remains open for those who wish to visit during office hours.**

## Helpful Links

**Diocese of Calgary**—A list of livestreamed weekday and Sunday Masses throughout the Diocese & Diocesan updates:  
[www.catholicyc.ca](http://www.catholicyc.ca)

**Pope Francis' Masses and news:**  
[www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

Free prayer resources and downloads of the daily Mass texts:

<https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions>

**Televised Masses** can also be found on TV through Salt + Light TV, EWTN, and Vision TV.

## Sign up for Diocesan Alerts

Diocesan Alerts will provide critical and time-sensitive information to parishioners from the Bishop and the pastoral centre about evolving and significant changes and events. These alerts may recommend actions that parishioners have to take.

Subscribe to receive the Diocesan email alerts at:  
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/diocesanalerts>

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this time of Covid-19 restrictions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the Saturday & Sunday Holy Hours, from 9:00am—10:00am Tuesday thru Friday, and by appointment through the parish office. In order to abide by the restrictions of social distancing and Diocesan guidelines, **confessions will be in the sacristy instead of in the confessional. Please enter from the sanctuary behind the altar.**

For healthy individuals 70 years of age or older who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing**, please indicate this to Fr. Dominic at the time of your confession. For those who are sick at home and wishing to receive the sacrament, please contact the parish to see what can be done. Families of individuals in hospitals and other care facilities should contact the medical staff to coordinate a visit for the Sacrament of the Sick from the Catholic priests assigned to these centres as it is allowed.



**Knights of Columbus Garage Sale**—As group gatherings are not permitted until at least June 30, the annual garage sale initially scheduled for May 29 & 30 has been **postponed**. The Knights are hopeful that it will take place later this fall should restrictions change. More details to follow.



## 2nd Sunday of Easter

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11.1) This was the challenge Thomas faced: he did not believe the Apostles’ report that Jesus appeared to them on Easter evening. He demanded proof by putting his hands into Jesus’ wounds. However, Thomas was with them when Jesus next appeared among them, and Jesus invited Thomas to touch him to prove that he had physically risen from the dead. Thomas, did not, instead simply professing his belief in “my Lord and my God.”

Still, Thomas needed to see Jesus before he believed, earning him the nickname “Doubting Thomas.” In contrast, Jesus commends those, like us, who believe without having seen the risen Jesus. The author then tells us that the purpose of the entire Gospel was so that we would believe Jesus is the Christ and “have life in his name.”

...We celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection in every Eucharist. Each of us must decide whether we also live out its effects in our daily lives.

John McLaughlin  
Living with Christ



Please consider ongoing donations to St. James Parish and help keep our parish open during this time. During this pandemic, our faith community needs us even more. If possible, please remember to keep supporting our parish with weekly or recurring donations. Donations to the parish can continue either by dropping them off in the parish office mailbox (located to the right of the office entry door) or sending them through the mail. Those who are not already giving through our Pre-Authorized Payment System (PAPS) can sign-up to do so by simply contacting the parish office for a PAPS form. As we do not have the ability to accept online giving, donations to St. James Parish can also be made through the Diocese at this link: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/give.html>

### Knights of Columbus Assistance to Parishioners



The St. James Knights of Columbus have been considering ways to support our parish community during this difficult time. They are undertaking a program in which the Knights will assist parishioners who are self-isolating due to concerns with the Covid -19 virus and don't have family members or friends able to help them. The Knights will assist these parishioners to obtain medicine, groceries or necessary supplies due to self-isolation or concerns about leaving their home. Parishioners using this program will pay for their supplies and the Knights will pick up and deliver the items to those requiring service. The Knights have set up protocols to keep everyone safe and no one will assist if they feel ill or have travelled in the last 14 days. Keeping you protected while assisting you is our highest priority. If you, or a parishioner you know, are in need, please contact Real Phaneuf with the St. James Knights of Columbus at 403 542 5228. He will discuss the program with you to determine if we can be of assistance.

### Prayer of Protection to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though You have already come,  
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



**Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis**  
**Easter Vigil**  
**Holy Saturday, 11 April 2020**  
**Vaticannews.ca**

“After the Sabbath” (Mt 28:1), the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday’s cross to Easter Sunday’s Alleluia. This year however, we are experiencing, more than ever, the great silence of Holy Saturday. We can imagine ourselves in the position of the women on that day. They, like us, had before their eyes the drama of suffering, of an unexpected tragedy that happened all too suddenly. They had seen death and it weighed on their hearts. Pain was mixed with fear: would they suffer the same fate as the Master? Then too there was fear about the future and all that would need to be rebuilt. A painful memory, a hope cut short. For them, as for us, it was the darkest hour.

Yet in this situation the women did not allow themselves to be paralyzed. They did not give in to the gloom of sorrow and regret, they did not morosely close in on themselves, or flee from reality. They were doing something simple yet extraordinary: preparing at home the spices to anoint the body of Jesus. They did not stop loving; in the darkness of their hearts, they lit a flame of mercy. Our Lady spent that Saturday, the day that would be dedicated to her, in prayer and hope. She responded to sorrow with trust in the Lord. Unbeknownst to these women, they were making preparations, in the darkness of that Sabbath, for “the dawn of the first day of the week”, the day that would change history. Jesus, like a seed buried in the ground, was about to make new life blossom in the world; and these women, by prayer and love, were helping to make that hope flower. How many people, in these sad days, have done and are still doing what those women did, sowing seeds of hope! With small gestures of care, affection and prayer.

At dawn the women went to the tomb. There the angel says to them: “Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has risen” (vv. 5-6). They hear the words of life even as they stand before a tomb... And then they meet Jesus, the giver of all hope, who confirms the message and says: “Do not be afraid” (v. 10). *Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear.* This is the *message of hope*. It is addressed to us, today. These are the words that God repeats to us today, this very night.

Tonight we acquire a fundamental right that can never be taken away from us: *the right to hope*. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is not a pat on the back or an empty word of encouragement, with a passing smile. No. It is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own. Over these weeks, we have kept repeating, “All will be well”, clinging to the beauty of our humanity and allowing words of encouragement to rise up from our hearts. But as the days go by and fears grow, even the boldest hope can dissipate. Jesus’ hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life.

The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He, who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb, can also remove the stones in our hearts. So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God, nothing is lost!

**Courage.** This is a word often spoken by Jesus in the Gospels. Only once do others say it, to encourage a person in need: “Courage; rise, [Jesus] is calling you!” (Mk 10:49). It is he, the Risen One, who raises us up from our neediness. If, on your journey, you feel weak and frail, or fall, do not be afraid, God holds out a helping hand and says to you: “Courage!”. (*Continued on next page.*)

### ***Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis (continued)***

You might say, as did Don Abbondio (in Manzoni's novel), "Courage is not something you can give yourself" (*I Promessi Sposi*, XXV). True, you cannot give it to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter. You only need to ask him: "Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!" With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

This is the Easter message, a message of hope. It contains a second part, the sending forth. "Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee" (*Mt 28:10*), Jesus says. "He is going before you to Galilee" (v. 7), the angel says. The Lord goes before us, he goes before us always. It is encouraging to know that he walks ahead of us in life and in death; he goes before us to Galilee, that is, to the place which for him and his disciples evoked the idea of daily life, family and work. Jesus wants us to bring hope there, to our everyday life. For the disciples, Galilee was also the place of remembrance, for it was the place where they were first called. Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God. Each one of us has our own Galilee. We need to resume the journey, reminding ourselves that we are born and reborn thanks to an invitation given gratuitously to us out of love, there, in my own Galilee. This is always the point from which we can set out anew, especially in times of crisis and trial. With the memory of my own Galilee.

But there is more. Galilee was the farthest region from where they were: from Jerusalem. And not only geographically. Galilee was also the farthest place from the sacredness of the Holy City. It was an area where people of different religions lived: it was the "Galilee of the Gentiles" (*Mt 4:15*). Jesus sends them there and asks them to start again from there. What does this tell us? That the message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places, but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched "the Word of life" (*1 Jn 1:1*) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread, not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Those women, in the end, "took hold" of Jesus' feet (*Mt 28:9*); feet that had travelled so far to meet us, to the point of entering and emerging from the tomb. The women embraced the feet that had trampled death and opened the way of hope. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.

