



# St. James the Greater Church

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**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 2020**

**All Masses cancelled until further notice as per the Diocese of Calgary directive.**

**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 of the Week**

In your great love, O God,  
You have gathered the people of the world  
as a parent embraces a child with loving kindness.  
Grant us, your children,  
an ever deeper fidelity to your commands  
that we might live with a spirit of reverence  
for all the brothers and sisters  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Daily Prayer 2020  
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## Reflection

Some of the most heart-wrenching images that appear after natural disasters or in the midst of war are those of children. They are victims of natural disasters, armed aggression, famine, and human neglect; they are orphans. When Jesus uses this image in the Gospel, it tells us that he understands the anxiety of the human family. Like a solicitous parent, he consoles his disciples, assuring them that he will not abandon them in their fear and anxiety. He promises them, and us, that he will remain among us in a new way. Together we continue to shape his mission by our lives.

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## **\*\*New Directives—Changes at St James\*\***

Due to changes in directives from the Diocese of Calgary, changes have been made at St. James Parish effective immediately.

The Holy Hour schedule for the past several weeks has now been cancelled. The church will simply be open from 9am to 2pm every day from Monday to Sunday for visits and personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. (The church will be closed on statutory holidays.) Office hours will continue as usual.

Confession will now be available every day (Monday through Sunday) from 9am to 11am; and by appointment.

## **Please Pray For:**

Mary Beaton, Nicholas Buron, Hugo Cordero Lira, Klaas Deemter, J.E. Demers, Linda Evans, Aidan Hanes, Christina Hohee, Marie Hood, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Sylvia Kirkland, Tony Kovach, Marie Kramer, Rick Meier, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Velma O'Reilly, Rolande Parel, Gary Ritter, Sarah Straathof, Katie Suto, Richelle Tabelon, Shirley Valentine

## **And For Those Who Have Died:**

Warren Narum, Michael Gannon

We also 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 Moe Nasser—RIP

Tuesday Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—RIP

Wednesday Ely Montemayor—RIP

Thursday Joe Taylor—RIP

Friday Pearl Reiss—RIP

Saturday Joy Udell—RIP

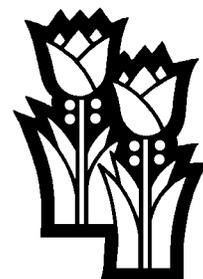
Sunday People of St. James

## **Additional Directive Updates**

The parishes of Calgary and Brooks, at this time, will be able to implement the new maximum number of attendees to 50 effective June 1—**specific to Funeral Masses only. No receptions to follow.**

Other than funerals, parishes of Calgary and Brooks will continue to observe the maximum number of attendees to no more than 15 people.

The public celebration of weekday and Sunday Masses, except for weddings and funerals, continues to be temporarily suspended throughout the Diocese of Calgary until further notice.



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Please consider supporting our parish with weekly or recurring donations. Donations to the parish are encouraged either by dropping them off at the parish office, in the parish office mailbox (located to the right of the office entry door), or by 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, online donations to St. James Parish can also be made through the Diocese at this link:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/give.html>  
Any donations are greatly appreciated!

### Parish Donations

**Our weekly goal: \$7160**

#### **April Month End Budget Summary**

Budget \$111,171.32  
Collections \$85,151.75  
Shortfall -\$26,019.57

<b>April 5</b>	Regular	\$2355.00
	PAPS	<u>\$1869.00</u>
		<b>\$4224.00</b>
	Short \$2936	
<b>April 12 (Easter)</b>	Regular	\$3395.00
	PAPS	<u>\$1869.00</u>
		<b>\$5264.00</b>
	Short \$1899	
<b>April 19,26</b>	Regular	\$3865.00
	PAPS	<u>\$3738.00</u>
		<b>\$7603.00</b>
	Short \$6717	
<b>May 4</b>	Regular	\$4225.65
	PAPS	<u>\$1869.00</u>
		<b>\$6094.65</b>
	Short \$1065	
<b>May 10</b>	Regular	\$1030.00
	PAPS	<u>\$1918.00</u>
		<b>\$2948.00</b>
	Short \$4212	

TIA goal: \$36,389 Collected: \$8110

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### **Updates on Gathering**

In preparation for the lifting of some restrictions on gatherings in public places in Alberta, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta are working to develop a plan for the eventual reinstatement of public celebrations of the Mass. The Bishops have established a task force under the direction of Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton and Bishop William McGrattan of Calgary. The mandate of this task force is to discern when and how this gradual reinstatement will be initiated. Their consideration will continue to be informed by the advice of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the provincial government's staged COVID-19 recovery plan.

"We are acutely aware of our parishioners' fervent desire to return to the Eucharist, and we share their concern," said Archbishop Smith. "Our careful discernment now will ensure that when the time comes, we will be ready to begin inviting the faithful back to the churches they miss so much. We are extremely grateful to all those who have made great sacrifices in the common effort to protect our brothers and sisters by preventing the spread of COVID-19."

**A special thank you** to the following volunteers for their help recently with various tasks around the church: Anita Zyla, Al Meier, Tony Zuzic, Zita Fulawka, Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns, Arnie Funke, Cathy Smith and Martin Doyle. We also thank the Knights of Columbus for their willingness to volunteer with landscaping this summer in order to help reduce costs.

Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works  
May 17, 2020

**On Monday, 18 May, Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at the tomb of Pope St. John Paul II for the 100th anniversary of his birth. As of that date, the Pope will no longer live-stream his daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta - Vatican News**

**By Andrea Torielli**

Pope Francis's morning Mass on Monday, 18 May, will be the last in a series that has daily accompanied millions of people around the world for more than two months. Public Masses in Italy are being allowed to resume that same day. On that occasion, the Pope has decided to interrupt the live broadcast of his morning Mass.

The last Mass will be a special one, because 18 May also marks the 100th anniversary of Karol Wojtyła's birth. Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at the altar over the tomb of his predecessor. Pope St. John Paul II was born in 1920, elected Bishop of Rome in 1978, died in 2005, and canonized in 2014.

#### FINAL LIVE-STREAMED MASS

The live video, radio and streaming transmission of the celebration of morning Mass in the Casa Santa Marta during this period of quarantine was an unexpected and beautiful gift. Many people – even those far away from the Church – felt accompanied and supported by the Pope, who quietly knocked on the doors of their homes at the beginning of each day. Many discovered the importance and comfort of the daily encounter with the Gospel. Many had never before followed the weekday liturgy on TV, one proposed without commentary and with a few minutes of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

The beauty and simplicity of the Pope's off-the-cuff homilies allowed us all to enter the pages of the Gospel, as if we were present when those events took place. During the emergency that has confined us within the walls of our homes, the importance of the Pope's daily teaching was confirmed, and made even more decisive in these moments filled with uncertainty, suffering, anguish, and many questions about the future.

#### PAPAL MAGISTERIUM AND SERVICE

The homilies given at Santa Marta represent a significant aspect of Pope Francis's service as Bishop of Rome. Many people were already accustomed to following them through the summaries offered by Vatican Media and the volumes of the Vatican Publishing House, which collects them in an annual edition.

Over the last two months, however, the experience has been different, because the live broadcast has offered the possibility of participating – albeit at a distance – in these daily celebrations, watching the Pope as he preached and reflected on the Scriptures.

#### MILLIONS PARTICIPATED

Several million people have come into contact with these Masses every day. Many have written to give thanks. Now, as celebrations in Italian churches resume with a congregation, a new phase begins. People around the world – one can be sure – will miss this daily appointment. But, as Pope Francis himself once said, we need to return to communal familiarity with the Lord that can be found in the Sacraments, as we participate personally in the liturgy. And let us not forget another of Pope Francis's invitations: that we "visit" the pages of the Gospel every day, with the same fervour and closeness with which we have grown accustomed in the televised Masses from the Casa Santa Marta.