



# St. James the Greater Church

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**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 24, 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

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have received the Risen Lord  
into your eternal glory.  
Grant that we who are called to continue  
his mission in this world  
may be faithful to his commands and  
come one day to share in that same glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

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## Reflection

The solemnity of the Ascension can be understood as the end of the earthly ministry of Jesus and the beginning of the community of believers that we know as the Church. The description of Jesus' return to the Father, in the first reading from Acts and in the Gospel, is set in the company of the disciples. Jesus' instruction to the disciples today is to continue his work and his teachings to all nations. This divine mission continues to this day. We too are the messengers of that mandate. We are not alone in this work. Jesus assures us that he is with us always, "until the end of the age".

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## STAY TUNED FOR REVISED CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR FREQUENTLY

### Confession & Adoration

Monday to Friday—9am to 11am

Saturday—4pm to 6pm

Sunday—8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

\*No confession or Adoration weekdays next week  
but the church will remain open.

### Church Visiting Hours

Monday to Friday

9am to 2pm

As per new Diocesan Directives, all visitors to the sanctuary must sign-in with their name, phone number and time visited on the pages provided at the entrance to the church. In this way, if anyone who has visited St. James Church tests positive, Alberta Health Services can contact those who were visiting at the same time. For the safety of those who visit, we request that anyone who is not feeling well or has flu or cold symptoms refrain from coming to the church.

### 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,  
COVID-19 victims

## 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      Tachi Aguilar—RIP

Tuesday      Carlo Romano—RIP

Wednesday      Intention of Lydia MacNeil

Thursday      Julia Almeida—RIP

Friday      Deceased Rinaldi Family

Saturday      Intention of Lerner Family

Sunday      People of St. James

**Fr. Dominic will be on retreat next week.** The church will be open for visits during office hours but there will be **no confession or Adoration May 25 to May 29.** Fr. Dominic will still be celebrating his daily private Masses for those listed above.



## 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.catholicyycc.ca/give.html>

Any donations are greatly appreciated!

### Parish Donations

**Our weekly goal: \$7160**

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

Budget	\$111,171.32
Collections	<u>\$85,151.75</u>
Shortfall	-\$26,019.57

<b>May 4</b>	Regular PAPS	\$4225.65 <u>\$1869.00</u> <b>\$6094.65</b>
	Short \$1065.35	
<b>May 10</b>	Regular PAPS	\$1030.00 <u>\$1918.00</u> <b>\$2948.00</b>
	Short \$4212	
<b>May 17</b>	Regular PAPS	\$1584.45 <u>\$1918.00</u> <b>\$3502.45</b>
	Short \$3657.55	

TIA goal: \$36,389 Collected: \$8590

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Animated series on You Tube for children. Tune in to **The Pope Francis Minute**—each episode provides a lesson exploring an element of the Church. Great for children!

Congratulations to Emil & Marian Rawlyk celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on May 28th!



### **Updates in Gathering**

The Catholic Bishops of Alberta remain committed to the gradual reinstatement of public celebrations of the Mass and welcome the recent release of the Guidance for Places of Public Worship document as part of the provincial government's relaunch strategy. These guidelines are being carefully considered by the task force that the Bishops have established under the direction of Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton and Bishop William McGrattan of Calgary.

The task force is drafting for the Bishops a set of directives for the gradual reintroduction of Masses in public. The Bishops will present these to Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health. The proposed directives will take into consideration the information that will be received from the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and the Chief Medical Officer scheduled for Thursday, May 21. No date will be set for the resumption of public liturgies in our Catholic churches and institutions until the Bishops are satisfied that their own directives can be fully and properly implemented.

Any announcement of the date for the gradual reintroduction will be made at least five days before the first scheduled Mass. Parishes by then will have received diocesan guidelines which help ensure the safety of everyone.

"It is critical that we understand the risks and take steps in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 through prudent planning," said Bishop McGrattan. "The health and safety of our parishioners, priests, and church staff are of utmost importance. Each and every life is a precious gift from God, and we are called to do everything in our power to protect them. This has been a tremendous sacrifice on the part of the faithful who strongly desire to celebrate the Eucharist in their parish communities. We are grateful for their cooperation, their patient endurance, and especially for their prayers."

## Vatican News

**By Federico Lombardi**

I was recently reading the words of a Russian thinker: "The simple relationship between people is the most important thing in the world!" It reminded me of a beautiful song full of joy from a few decades ago, launched by an amiable movement of young people that promoted friendship and fraternity among peoples: "Up with people!" Someone certainly remembers it. It spoke of the many people we meet every morning on our way to work; and said among other things: "If more people were for people/ All people ev'rywhere/There'd be a lot less people to worry about/And a lot more people who care" – it inspired many wise and positive sentiments. I've thought about it many times in the last few years, walking down the street, meeting many people busy about their own affairs, almost closed in on themselves; and many others with wires coming out of their ears, who were completely focused on their cell phone screen or talking out loud into space with who knows whom, completely oblivious to the people standing just a few inches away from them on the bus. It seems to me that the instinct of looking at others kindly and attentively is becoming rarer. At the same time, the increasingly pervasive intrusion of new forms of communication into everyday life seems to have made others almost strangers to us.

After several weeks indoors I feel a great desire to meet different faces on the street again. I hope that sooner or later, in due course, this can happen without masks or plexiglass dividers, and I hope I can exchange a friendly word, or even just a sincere smile, with other people. Many of us in recent months have been pleasantly surprised with the possibilities offered by digital communication, and we hope to continue to make use of them in the future. But with the extension of the lockdown, we have realized that is not enough.

How will we come back the day after measures relax to greet one another on the street or on the metro? Will we be able to repopulate the common spaces of our cities with serenity? Or will we be conditioned by fear and suspicion? With the help of the hoped-for wisdom of scientists and world leaders, will we be able to balance reasonable prudence with the desire to rediscover and reweave that quality of daily living that - as we said at the beginning - "is the most important thing in the world", the very fabric of human life? Will we realize (more or less than before?) that we are one human family walking together in the common home that is our one and only planet, Earth?

The pandemic has allowed us to experience a problematic aspect of globalization that we will all have to take into account in the future. Will we be able to rediscover the desire of fraternity among peoples beyond borders, the benevolent and curious welcome of diversity, the hope of living together in a peaceful world?

How will we experience our own bodies and how will we view others' bodies? As possible contagious vectors, a risk to be guarded against at all costs? Or the expression of the soul of a sister or a brother? Because after all, that is what every human body is: the physical manifestation of a soul - unique, worthy, precious, a creature of God, the image of God... How wonderful is the timbre of the voice, the rhythm of the steps, especially the smile of those we love!... But beyond that, shouldn't this apply to all the people we meet? So, will recovering freedom from the coronavirus help us to free ourselves from the other viruses of body and soul that prevent us from seeing and meeting the treasure that is in the soul of the other... or will we have become even more individualistic?

Digital technology can usefully mediate and accompany our relationships, but the mutual physical presence of persons, of their bodies as the transparency of their souls, their proximity in being in contact, remain the original starting and reference point of our experience and our journey. Jesus was not a virtual manifestation of God, but His Incarnation, precisely so that we could meet Him. And Jesus told us that He is present and awaits us in the other, in the poor (and who is not poor in some way, whether they realise it or not?). And He tells us that, in the face of the other, we can and must know how to recognize His.

What will our eyes be like, what will our heart be like, what will our smile be like when we return to walk the streets and cross the paths of so many people, who, even though seemingly unknown to us, have been missing us after all these months; and who, like us, have felt the desire to meet again on the daily crossroads of their lives, of our common world?

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