



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

April 25, 2021

Mass

10 am & 5pm
Tuesday to Sunday

Benediction & Adoration

Every Friday after 10am Mass AND
First Saturday of the month after 10am mass

Confession

Tuesday to Saturday
11am—12noon (or by appointment)
Outreach Room just east of the office
entrance

Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9am—12noon

Closed on all statutory holidays.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

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**Mass Time Changes
Effective May 4, 2021**

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am and 7:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am and 12:00noon

First Saturday of every month ONLY
9:00am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday 9:30-10:00am
Saturday 9:30—10:30am

Adoration & Benediction

30 minutes after Mass on Fridays

**Hike for Life
May 1 to June 4, 2021**

Calgary Pro-Life Association is grateful for the support they received during last year's Virtual Hike for Life celebrating more than 40 years serving Calgary schools offering educational, respect-life presentations.

Your support have allowed them to present the two educational, life-affirming Respect Life programs to students in grades 4 - 9 by Zoom, virtually, in school classrooms. Currently the Calgary Pro-Life Association is gearing up for the 41st Annual *Hike For Life*.

SAVE THE DATE for the 41st Annual Hike For Life campaign. When: **May 1 to June 4, 2021**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 27

10:00 am Gino Ciccaglione—R/S
5:00pm Intention of Candice Rijestui

Wednesday, April 28

10:00am Intention of Arlene Christie
5:00pm Vicente Raro—R/S

Thursday, April 29

10:00am All Youth and Children
5:00pm Ray Palmer—R/S

Friday, April 30

10:00am Joe Rino—R/S
5:00pm Jenette Noris—R/S

Saturday, May 1

10:00am Intention of Carolyn Smith
5:00pm May Ward—R/S

Sunday, May 2

10:00 am St James Parish
5:00pm Repentance & Conversion of Sinners

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Linda Evans, Mary Figley,
Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland,
Veronica Kubik, Trudy Martin,
Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski, Velma O'Reilly,
Michael Paplawski, Anthony Parel, Gary Ritter,
Sara Straathof, Gary & Janice Tipper,
Shirley Valentine

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, ESPECIALLY

Colleen Brandt, Fidela Malipot Canete,
Leslie Choquette, Mary Beaton, Victor Cillis,
Delva Thiele, Mary Jones,
Bernard Knapik, Ann Lerner,
Laurence "Yogi" O'Reilly

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its ticket raffle on-line this year. In past years the draw has been for vehicles. This year due to the pandemic it is being held as a 50/50 draw. The deadline is April 28th. Proceeds are in support of Educational Institutions, Community Charities, Churches, and Youth and Seniors' Activities across Alberta.

You can enter the draw at www.kofc.ab.ca.

If you fill in the drop box in support of member **10337 ST. JAMES** some of your contribution will be returned to our council and will support our council charitable donations.

Thank you for your support of the St. James Knights of Columbus

BOTTLES OR CANS?

If you have bottles to return and would like to donate them to the Knights of Columbus, take them to Chinook Bottle Depot at 108—61 Ave SE. Ask them to add the funds to the "Knights of Columbus St James" account at the bottle depot. You can help us help others! Thank you!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, or widely known as Good Shepherd Sunday is the World Day of Vocations.

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2021 Together In Action campaign has begun.

**St. James 2021
Together in Action goal is: \$25,353.**

TIA donations can also be made online at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetia.html> - Parishioners will be able to identify the parish name, and their donation will be added to the collective goal of the parish.

Food Bank Coordinator

We have a new Food Bank Coordinator. Welcome to Catherine Smith who has volunteered for the role. And thank you to Dawn Gray for her dedication to the role over the past few years.

If you are interested in helping with the parish Food Bank, please contact the office.

Please Support St. James

You can show your support by:

- ◆ Online giving or PAPS;
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the collection basket at the entrance when you come to mass;
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the office mailbox;
- ◆ Mailing in your envelope to the parish;
- ◆ Sharing your time or talent by volunteering.

Our parish relies on your regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. You are providing crucial support to care for St. James during this difficult time.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

CCCB RESPONDS TO BILL C-7

Message from the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Faithful on the Expansion of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in him, we desire to engage our Catholic faithful on a subject of crucial importance to all of us. Bill C-7 has now become law, expanding euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, known as “Medical Assistance in Dying” (“MAiD”). As with the 2016 legislation that decriminalized these practices across Canada, the Catholic Bishops of Canada have consistently objected to such a law and most recently its expansion through Bill C-7,¹ which allows euthanasia and assisted suicide even for those whose death is not “reasonably foreseeable”. The possible pressures that will be placed on persons with mental illnesses or disabilities resulting from the most recent legislative changes are all too real, perilous and potentially destructive.² Our position remains unequivocal. Euthanasia and assisted suicide constitute the deliberate killing of human life in violation of God’s Commandments; they erode our shared dignity by failing to see, to accept, and accompany those suffering and dying. Furthermore, they undermine the fundamental duty we have to take care of the weakest and most vulnerable members of society. Human life must be protected from conception to natural death, at all stages and in all conditions. In the new and challenging situation we now face, we truly wish to acknowledge and support all those individuals and communities who continue to defend life by resisting euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, or by promoting life through the care of family, friends and loved ones in their suffering, or in attending to the sick and dying as a dedicated healthcare worker or as a compassionate volunteer. Our advocacy must continue for rapid access to mental health care, social support for people with such illnesses, and suicide prevention programs. It must include the management and social support of individuals with chronic and/or degenerative diseases, and those living in isolation at our long-term care facilities.

We urge you, as men and women of faith, not to lose heart. As Bishops, we will accompany you in prayer and vigilant advocacy against a “culture of death” which continues to erode the dignity of human life in our country. We would find it unacceptable if healthcare professionals who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide were ever to be coerced to participate in acts which their conscience finds morally wrong. The direct killing of a person may never be considered a duty. Likewise, we are categorically opposed to allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide to take place in institutions that bear the name of Catholic. The experiences of families and healthcare professionals have shown us that palliative care is beneficial for a patient’s physical, emotional, and spiritual condition, especially when provided early on. Practised in a “community of care” setting, palliative care can alleviate and control pain and physical, psychological and spiritual suffering as well as loneliness and isolation, feelings of a loss of dignity, purpose and meaning, and the burden of care often experienced by family, friends and caregivers. Palliative care, and not euthanasia or assisted suicide, is the compassionate and supportive response to suffering and dying. At this point, it is important to become informed, to renew our involvement wherever we live, and to partner with members of our parish or other faith groups and organizations to continue lobbying our elected officials about these matters. Above all, we need to pray earnestly for a new outpouring of grace, so that the fear and despair experienced by many will give way to courage and hope and that all may welcome the call to support the suffering and dying in ways that reflect the loving and compassionate gaze of Jesus, the risen Lord who lives forever.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ, + Richard Gagnon Archbishop of Winnipeg

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Signed on behalf of the members of the Permanent Council who represent all the Bishops of Canada outside Plenary Assembly meetings of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. 8 April 2021