



St. James the Greater Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Effective May 4th

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 9am & 7pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am

1st Saturday of the month 9am

Confession

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30am -10am

Saturday 9:30am -10:30am

(or by appointment)

Adoration and Benediction

After Friday morning Mass for 30 minutes

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9am - 12noon

Closed statutory holidays

Prayer for the Easter Season

God of abundant life,

On the first day of the week,

you raised Jesus Christ, your Son,
from the dead.

You sent him to conquer the power of death
and open for us the way to eternal life.

During this Easter Time,

keep us firmly grafted to the true vine,
Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Daily Prayer 2018
Archdiocese of Chicago
Liturgy Training Publications

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Finance Council Chair—Joe Bichel (Chairman), Terry Gonsalves, Neale Johannesson, Kim Moody

**Mass Time Changes This Week
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, May 4

9:00 am Leslie Choquette—R/S
7:00pm Charles Brister—R/S

Wednesday, May 5

9:00am Joe Brister—R/S

Thursday, May 6

9:00am Cerelo Antonio Ancheta—R/S

Friday, May 7

9:00am Wendy Koenberg—R/S

Saturday, May 8

5:00pm Intention of Brian & Brenda Lerner

Sunday, May 9

10:00 am Mariagata & Angelo DeSeta—R/S
12:00pm St James Parish

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

New Bookkeeper

Welcome Magda Aguillon, our new bookkeeper!
We thank Anna McKiernan for her many years of service and support to St. James Parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE JUNE 5 & 6

The Knights will be doing a bottle drive on the church parking lot on Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th. All Covid-19 protocols will be used to ensure a safe environment for those wishing to donate and for the volunteers.

Can't make the bottle drive?

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!

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

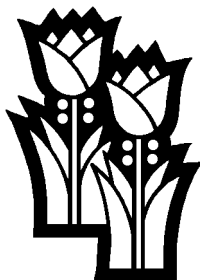


Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers who are able to assist at our 12:00 Sunday Mass beginning on May 9th.

- Safety Coordinators to check in those who are coming for Mass at the entrance
- Lectors
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion

Please contact Brenda or Vivian in the parish office if you are willing to volunteer.



2021 Together In Action Campaign

St. James 2021

Together in Action goal: \$25,353
Total to date: \$6623

TIA donations can also be made online at <https://www.catholiccyyc.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.

Parish Donations

April 11 & 18

Reg	\$6795
PAPS	<u>\$3108</u>
	\$9903

April 25

Reg	\$4055
PAPS	<u>\$1554</u>
	\$5609

Please Support St. James

- ♦ Online giving on the "Contributions" page of our website or through the Diocese of Calgary
- ♦ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit)
- ♦ 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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Covid-19 pandemic has created many uncertainties and challenges in the year 2020. They continue in this current year despite a growing sense of hope that there is an end in sight.

These hardships and difficulties have adversely affected the Diocese, its parishes, families, our lay employees and clergy. The necessary implementation of health and safety restrictions, financial and pastoral guidelines has been discouraging for parishioners, staff and lay organizations and devastating to the parish celebration of liturgies and programs of outreach.

These decisions of stewardship will provide a path of recovery for the Diocese. In the midst of this experience we have also received many graces and blessings from the Lord to renew our hope and trust in Him.

This **2020 Impact Report** reflects the goodness of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit working through the generosity and sacrifice that we have all had to make. It is also a reminder that although darkness may come into our lives, the light of the risen Christ can burn ever more brightly in those of faith.

With this report we celebrate the stewardship and initiatives undertaken by the clergy, religious and laity in sustaining the Diocese in its outreach services, ministries and the life of our parishes. Our hope must always be in the Lord.

+ William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

VISIT CATHOLICYC.CA TO READ THE IMPACT REPORT

