



# St. James the Greater Church

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 5, 2021**

### **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 4pm - 4:30pm  
(or by appointment)

### **Adoration and Benediction**

After Friday morning Mass for 30 minutes

### **Office Hours**

Monday to Thursday  
9am - 12noon  
Closed statutory holidays

### **Prayer of the Week**

O God,  
You surround us  
with your love and presence.  
Help us as we approach the obstacles  
of this day.  
Teach us joy and kindness  
as we face any difficulties.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Welcome to all visitors and new parishioners! If you are a new parishioner please be sure to register through the office.

### **PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**—Fr. Eligio “Eli” Canete - eligiocanete@gmail.com

**Administrative Assistant**—Brenda Lerner - office@stjamescalgary.org

**Music** - Michael Scholfield - mcscholfield@icloud.com

**Bookkeeper**—Magda Aguillon

**Volunteer Screening**—Vivian Moody

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Nick Fader (Chairman), Fr. Eli Canete, Elvira Castaneda, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, Brian Lerner, Mike Adelino, Kyle Hagan, Andrew Beingessner

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

**The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canzta**  
“Ephphatha, Be Opened!”

These words of Jesus in the Gospel are very significant for different reasons. For one thing, the miracle shows the ability of Jesus to open ears and loosen tongues. How many people nowadays who have yet to hear anything about Jesus?

Many simply do not hear about Jesus because they do not need God in their lives. There are also a few people at this time of pandemic that are already turning away from Jesus because of hopelessness and despair. And again, as we see the numbers of Covid cases surging up, people are again worried and fearful of coming to attend worship services in our Churches and celebrate Masses.

Be opened! This is the first step: to try to give, share, tell and retell the that the Lord continues to walk and stay with us. Tell our friends and members of our community that we have each other’s back. That the care and love of God for each one of us is as certain as the dawn.

The second step follows naturally from the first: once our people begin to hear again the words of Jesus, His teachings and abiding presence, they speak. St. Mark is telling us, “At once the man’s ears were opened, he was freed from the impediment and began to speak plainly. The process is twofold: first, we “intake, we listen to the Word of God and take it into our hearts. Then, we give, and we go out to others and share what we have heard.

Jesus was not daunted by the fact that in a new place, no one knew him. And in proclaiming God’s love to the people who lived in such places, Jesus healed their hearts and filled them with new hope.

This is also my prayer for our people/parishioners in our weekend Masses. That we too, may have the faith of Jesus, faith that has courage to reach out to those who are isolated and abandoned. That we too may have the hope of Jesus, hope that opens the eyes of those blinded to see the greater days ahead because we live in fears and worries of the darkness that this pandemic brings to us. That we too, may have the love of Jesus, love that is stronger than death.

Be opened! We need more people in our community that would speak, communicate, and share the goodness and greatness of our God even in these challenging times of our lives, Amen!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, September 7**

9:00am Intention of Dave Bernachez  
7:00pm Intention of David Jimmy

**Wednesday, September 8**

9:00am Bill Leiper—R/S

**Thursday, September 9**

9:00am Spence Mould—R/S

**Friday, September 10**

9:00am Intention of Betty Fairhurst

**Saturday, September 11**

5:00pm Intention of Kelly Bond

**Sunday, September 12**

10:00am Gabriel Waschmann-Ortiz—R/S  
12:00pm St James Parish

**Holy Land Collection**

**Sunday, September 12**

At Mass, on Sunday, September 12, you will hear proclaimed that “The Lord God has opened my ear” to hear God’s graciousness. May your faith in our gracious God be expressed by your solidarity with and your care for the needs of the people and the Church in the Holy Land.

Despite the Covid pandemic’s upsetting the usual Good Friday collection, many of you have already used your parish envelopes or donated in other ways. On behalf of the Custos of the Holy Land, Fr. Francesco Patton, OFM, I sincerely thank you for your generous support, and I also express gratitude to those who will support the Holy Land on September 12.

The collection taken next weekend is taken to support Christian communities, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of priests in the Holy Land. In solidarity with Christians throughout the Holy Land, please give generously to help this Church in its need.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

## Calling all Volunteers!!

As we try to resume some of our pre-Covid practices both socially and liturgically, we are in need of returning and new volunteers. Sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who have continued to help out during this past 18 months! We couldn't have done it without you! Whether you were an involved volunteer previously, or you've been thinking of volunteering, now is the time! Here are some of the areas where help is needed. Your parish needs you! The continuation of some of our ministries will be entirely dependant on having volunteers. Please contact the office 403 243 2680 Extension 4 for more information or to volunteer.

Altar Servers  
Laundering of Altar Server Robes  
Coffee after weekend Masses  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Choir  
Pastoral Care (bringing Communion to the sick or infirm at homes and nursing homes)  
Facebook/Social Media  
Children's Liturgy  
...and more

## Contact Information Update?

If you have moved or changed your phone number or email address, please contact the office so we can update your information.

Our wonderful Communications volunteers have been busy over the past several months connecting with our parishioners in order to stay in touch and to update our parish files.

## Saturday Confession Time

Beginning September 4th, confession on Saturdays will be available from 4:00-4:30pm. The morning confession time has been cancelled.

## 8:30am Mass Time

The 8:30am Sunday Mass time will NOT be resuming in September as previously indicated. Current Mass attendance numbers do not warrant three Sunday Masses at this time.

## Meet our Volunteer Coordinators

**Altar Servers**—Vivian Moody, Onon Martin  
**Church Décor**—Anita Zyla, Midge Chartier  
**Baptism Prep**—Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald  
**Cenacles**—Sharon Jeanson, Lucy Ciccaglione  
**Children's Liturgy**—Sarah Straathof  
**Coffee Ministry**—Zita Fulawka  
**Collection Counters**—Anita Zyla, Merle Gonsalves  
**Family & Youth**—Christian & Jennifer Tsai  
Frank & Nina Miguel  
**Food Bank**—Cathy Smith  
**Funeral Lunches**—Zita Fulawka  
**Knights of Columbus**—Ralph Walicki  
**Landscaping**—Evelyn Bond, Mary Corns, Al Meier  
**Linens**—Lucy Ciccaglione / Maria Faba  
**Liturgy**—Andrew Beingessner  
**Maintenance**—Arnie Funke  
**Morning Rosary**—Sharon Jeanson  
Kathy Oczkowski  
**Pastoral Care**—Stephanie Davis  
**Sacrament Prep—Reconciliation & Eucharist**  
Victoria Hoddinott  
**Sacrament Prep—Confirmation**  
Vicki Oliphant  
**Sacristans**—Weekday—Myrna Castro/ Midge Charier  
Sat 5pm—Andrew Beingessner  
Sun 10am—Fr. Eli (VACANT)  
Sun 12pm—Onon Martin  
Funerals—Cor Stuijts

**Safety Coordinators**—Stewart Winfield  
Andrew Beingessner  
**Volunteer Screening**—Vivian Moody  
**Website**—Angela Alexandre  
**Weekend Lectors**—Stewart Winfield  
Elvira Castaneda  
**Weekend Eucharistic Ministers**  
Andrew Beingessner

## Coordinator Positions Available:

Library Coordinator  
Facebook/Media

**Parish Council**—Nick Fader, Elvira Castaneda, Ralph Walicki, Daryl Engelman, Kyle Hagan, Brian Lerner, Andrew Beingessner, Mike Adelino

**Finance Council**—Joe Bichel, Neale Johannesson, Terry Gonsalves, Kim Moody

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Maria Petrollini, Wendy Denis, John Duffy, Linda Evans,  
Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland, Shirley Klein, Veronica Kubik,  
Trudy Martin, Elliott Nowell, Cecilia Nykyforchyn, Norma O'Hare, Velma O'Reilly,  
Michael Paplawski, Anthony Parel, Gary Ritter, Sara Straathof, Gary & Janice Tipper,  
Margaret Ukraineec, Shirley Valentine

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Spence Mould, Catherine Peet, Marjorie Lefavre, Ray Griep,  
Fidela Malipot Canete, Arlene Christie, Victor Cillis

### **First Reconciliation & First Eucharist - Deadline September 10th!**

## **REGISTER NOW!**

Starting September 2021, the Diocese of Calgary will return to parish-based sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. These two sacraments will be celebrated during the same school year. Please register at the office or print off a First Reconciliation/First Communion Registration Form from our website and drop off at the office or in the mailslot by the office entrance. Registration forms are also available at the SW entrance of the church. A copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$50 registration fee are required with the registration form.

This program is a child/parent program. A parent will be required to attend with their child.

Registration deadline September 10th.  
Please register early to assist us in planning.

### **Important Parent Information Session Sunday, September 12th at 1pm**

All classes will take place in the parish hall  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

### **First Reconciliation (Part 1)**

Wednesday, October 6  
Wednesday, November 3  
Wednesday, December 8  
Wednesday, January 5

### **Retreat & Sacrament of First Reconciliation Saturday, January 22 @ 2pm**

### **First Eucharist (Part 2)**

Wednesday, February 2  
Wednesday, March 2  
Wednesday, April 6  
Wednesday, May 4

### **First Eucharist Retreat**

Saturday, June 4  
Time TBA

### **A Note of Farewell from Deacon Bruce...**

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Kathleen and I have decided it is time for our retirement and will be heading back to Nova Scotia as soon as we can. With all the issues and difficulties that the Pandemic has caused, we miss our grandchildren back east and need to be closer to them. We look forward to this new chapter in our lives as we prepare our move back to Halifax. Kathleen and I want to thank you very much for warmly welcoming us into your community and have been blessed with meeting so many wonderful people. All of you have made our stay here in Calgary a joyful time and we will miss you very much. As we journey back to the Maritimes we will continue to pray for your community and all of your families that our Heavenly Father will protect you and keep you safe. May God Bless you and your families and maybe some day in the future we will meet again.*

*Deacon Bruce and Kathleen Jurgens*

We extend our thanks and gratitude to Deacon Bruce and Kathleen for their prayers, service, support and friendship. Deacon Bruce was assigned to our parish in August 2015. We wish them well as they return to Halifax to enjoy retired life. They will be missed! May God bless their years of retirement with peace and joy and lots of family time!

### **Divine Mercy and Marian Cenacles Have Resumed!**

Please join our small group of dedicated individuals who meet in the parish library on Tuesday mornings after the 9am Mass to pray.

Divine Mercy Cenacle—first Tuesday of the month  
Marian Cenacle—all remaining Tuesdays of the month

Join us also for the morning Rosary at 8:30am prior to the 9am weekday Masses.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**—Registration for Confirmation will begin in the fall with classes starting in January 2022. Classes will be for students in grade 6 or higher who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Classes will be a combined online and in-class schedule using the *CHOSEN* program. More information to follow.

### **40 Days for ILfe**

The parishes of the Diocese of Calgary are once again invited to participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign this fall, which will run from September 22 to October 31. Over 5000 babies are killed at the Calgary Kensington abortion facility every year. 40 Days for Life is a prayerful, respectful campaign that seeks to bring awareness to the inconvenient truth that abortion kills human beings. Our prayerful presence during 40 Days at abortion centres around the world draws attention to the plight of preborn children and seeks God's help through intercessory prayer. We are a sign to the world that babies' lives in the womb matter, that preborn children are not disposable objects, but human beings with human rights. Will you join us? Be a loving, prayerful voice for the preborn babies who have no voice but ours. We know from the testimonies of many that these campaigns save lives. We are looking for pro-life leaders and participants in your parish. Please consider being a part of this campaign by participating in this ministry. Training is available from our Calgary team. Please email [40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com) for information

**The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues at this time.**

**Liturgical Guidelines for Stage 3 of Alberta's Open for Summer Plan**

- Masks are no longer mandatory but are encouraged
- Social distancing is still encouraged
- Registration for Mass is not required
- There is no capacity limit for in-person attendance.
- The reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is now allowed. Communion will only be given under one species —the consecrated Host
- There is no limit on attendance for Funeral Masses, Weddings and Baptisms

**PLEASE...**

- Continue to use hand sanitizer as you enter and leave the church
- Practice proper respiratory etiquette (coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow, promptly discarding used tissues in a garbage bin)
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, please refrain from attending Mass
- Exercise charity and kindness in respecting the comfort level of people regarding physical distancing, physical contact, masks, etc.

**Parish Donations**

**August 22**

Reg	\$4757
PAPS	<u>3108</u>
	\$7865

**August 29**

Reg	\$3247
PAPS	<u>3108</u>
	\$6355

**SCAM ALERT**

Recently parishioners have been receiving an email allegedly from Fr. Eli asking if they can do a favor for him. These emails are scams!  
**Please disregard these emails and do NOT reply to them. Report them to the parish office.**

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

- ◆ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, and American Express
- ◆ Mastercard, Visa or Debit through the office—one time donation or now MONTHLY available
- ◆ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office
- ◆ 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 your donation to the church

## Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program will resume on September 12th at the 10am Mass. We thank Sarah Straathof for her leadership with this program. Children are dismissed with the leaders for a short time during the Mass. Children's Liturgy is a free program consisting of a short lesson and simple craft in the parish hall. Parents are welcome to come with their child if required.

At this time, we are only able to offer Children's Liturgy once a month at the 10am Mass due to a shortage of volunteers to help with the program. More volunteers will ensure that we can continue the program and offer it more often. Time requirement is minimal ~ 30 minutes prior to the week you are scheduled. The lessons are very simple, well laid out, and straight-forward. Two screened volunteers are required for each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office.



## Ride For Refuge in support of Elizabeth House

Exciting news....Father Eli has agreed to participating in the Ride for Refuge this year. A sincere thank you to the parishioners that sponsored Father Eli. If you would you still like to assist Elizabeth House and sponsor Father Eli in the Ride for Refuge? You can do so online.

To Donate to Elizabeth House

1. Go to Ride for Refuge website at [ww.rideforrefuge.org](http://ww.rideforrefuge.org)
2. In the search box at the top right hand corner type in Eligio Canete
3. Click on Father's name  
Click the donate now button and follow the instructions.

If you prefer to donate directly there will be donation sheets at the office. If you would like to join us in raising money for the Ride for Refuge in support of Elizabeth House. Please feel free to contact Real Phaneuf at [real.phaneuf@shaw.ca](mailto:real.phaneuf@shaw.ca) or call 403-542-5228.

### Real Phaneuf

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