



St. James the Greater Church

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 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

Lord of all,
your children often disagree and even
squabble with one another.
May your grace help us to be courteous
within our home
our workplaces,
and in our neighborhoods.
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 Canzè

“What good is it, my brothers, and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead”

In this weekend reflection, I invite you to join me in highlighting the words of St. James in the second reading about **“faith that works.”** It is this faith that we received in our Baptism that offers eternal life to us. It is this faith that strengthens us to say Yes from the day that Jesus Christ has called each one of us to share as king, prophet, and priest in our Baptism.

It is this faith that made us to commit as soldiers of Christ in our Confirmation. It is this faith as well that helped us to decide when we entered either in marriage, religious life, or single blessedness. It is this faith that impels and moves us to open our hearts and our minds to the Holy Mass, Communion, Anointing of the Sick, prayers and building our relationships with God and with others.

“You are the Christ”. This is a statement of faith by Peter at the Caesarea Philippi when Jesus asked His Apostles. This faith is spoken from the heart of the fisherman who worked hard for the Lord. He did not only proclaim and bring the Good News of God’s Kingdom, but he offers his life for God. He died a martyr’s death during persecutions.

Yes, full faith involves works. Faith does not take a vacation. Faith continues to work in this time of pandemic when our faith is tested and challenged. Full faith involves the total person, the head, heart, and the will. Faith is a relationship with the person of Christ. It is a commitment of our whole human being to God.

This is my prayer for our people today. For the families and communities and volunteers we have in our parish. “Lord Jesus, help us to spread your faith, hope and love everywhere especially those who are sick, discouraged and depressed at this time of COVID 19. Come and dwell in our community, in families, ministries, volunteers and organizations. Shine through us and be so in us that everyone we encounter, in person or online will feel your Presence in their life. Through us, may they be led to You, Amen.

St. James the Greater, pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 14

9:00am Saverio Lombardi—R/S
7:00pm Intention of Samuel Jimmy

Wednesday, September 15

9:00am Tony Sanguin—R/S

Thursday, September 16

9:00am Intention of Velma O’Reilly

Friday, September 17

9:00am Intention of Aaron & Sarah Lerner

Saturday, September 18

5:00pm St James Parish

Sunday, September 19

10:00am Corazon Reyes—R/S
12:00pm Intention of Lillian Brister

Holy Land Collection

Sunday, September 12

Today, 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 this 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

***Blue donation envelopes for the Holy Land will be available at the SW entrance this weekend.**

RCIA

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is our ministry in which inquirers learn about the Catholic faith and discern God's call for them to be initiated into the Catholic Church. I say "our ministry" because St. James RCIA is led by our team but will be most fruitful when the whole parish family invites, welcomes, and accompanies those individuals who come to us with open hearts. Inquirers and interested Catholics are invited to enjoy this informative and inspiring journey as fellow travellers. We will have an Orientation Session for St. James RCIA on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. --- please let the parish office (403-243-2680, M-Th 9 a.m. to 12 noon) know in advance if you plan to attend. Please contact Karen Serafini, St. James RCIA Coordinator, at kserafini@shaw.ca or 403-620-3064 for more information.

Upcoming Funerals

Erwin Boegershausen—September 14 @ 1:00pm

Warren Narum—September 24 @ 11:00am

Ray Griep—September 25 @ 1:30pm

We pray for the repose of their souls and for those who grieve their loss.

Saturday Confession Time

Fr. Eli will be away this Saturday and we will have a visiting priest. Confession will not be available on Saturday this weekend..



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

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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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Erwin Boegershausen

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist - Last Chance September 12th

**REGISTER NOW
AT THE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Sunday, September 12th at 1pm in the parish hall**

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. 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.

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 for information

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues at this time.
[CLICK HERE FOR UPDATED RESTRICTIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

Liturgical Guidelines

- Masks are no longer mandatory at Mass but are **strongly** encouraged. Masks are still mandatory for funerals and weddings
- Social distancing is strongly encouraged within the building and outside
- Registration for Mass is not required
- There is no capacity limit for in-person attendance.
- The reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is allowed. Communion will only be given under one species —the consecrated Host
- There is no limit on attendance for Funeral Masses, Weddings and Baptisms
- No social gatherings (ie. funeral receptions) are allowed—meetings and classes may continue

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

September 7

Reg	\$2754
PAPS	<u>3108</u>
	\$5862

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
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. For more information, please feel free to contact Real Phaneuf at real.phaneuf@shaw.ca or call 403-542-5228.

Real Phaneuf

Campaign Chair

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