



St. James the Greater Church

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 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

Jesus,

You invite us to listen to your voice
and follow you.

May we seek you in all that we do,
and may your Word resound deep within us
so that we might be counted among
the family of God.

We ask this in your most holy name.

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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canzta

The Son of Man is to be handed over into the hands of men, and they will kill him and three days after being killed, he will rise again. But the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask him.

As Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus is telling his disciples and us, that he will be handed over. Jesus will become passive, powerless in the hand of men and with us. Jesus will leave it up to us to decide what to do with him. It is just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "like a Lamb to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, Jesus did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7.

This is a sharp contrast to everything we have seen Jesus do so far. From the moment Jesus burst onto the scene, Jesus was at the center of attention, healing people, forgiving the sinners, calming the storm, visiting the sick, eating with the sinners, multiplying bread, opening the eyes of the blind and making the deaf hear. Jesus always took the lead. Jesus always spoke with authority. Jesus was shaping the story. But at the Cross, where it matters the most? Jesus remained quiet, humble, and vulnerable.

The truth is, this what Jesus intended all along. Jesus came as a gift to us from God the Father. A gift does not tell the recipient how to use it. Jesus left it up to decide how we are going to receive Him.

We did not have to reject and refuse Jesus as many of His people did. We did not have to deny Jesus and to betray Him as some of his disciples did. We did not have to leave and turn our backs to Him. We did not have to doubt His power giving us hope and comfort when we are down and devastated by so many trials and difficulties in life. And still, God handed him over to us. God did not take back the gift of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even today, when restrictions are again changed because of the alarming increase of COVID cases, God continues to hand Jesus to us. God the Father gives to us His Son Jesus as our hope and our strength day by day. At every Holy Mass, on every altar, in every Holy Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands, or we received Jesus by our tongue as the Bread of Life.

None of us are worthy to receive Him. None of us accept Him as fully as we should. But that does not stop Jesus to offer and give Himself to us. Jesus continues to offer his salvation to us amid our sins and shortcomings.

Always remember that it is with the eyes of faith that we can detect the wonders of Divine Love at work in the weak and commonplace people around us. God bless you and keep you safe and your family! Happy weekend to all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am Patrick Glashan—R/S
7:00pm Intention of Lindsay & Peter Flynn

Wednesday, September 22

9:00am Intention of Marissa & Taylor Pasloski

Thursday, September 23

9:00am Mary DeGusti—R/S

Friday, September 24

9:00am Emilio Falcione—R/S

Saturday, September 25

5:00pm Intention of Josie Estoque

Sunday, September 26

10:00am Patrick Glashan—R/S
12:00pm St. James Parish

Holy Land Collection THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HOLY LAND

Dear friends in Christ,
This year, in the midst of the Covid pandemic, many of you contributed generously in your parish collections or by direct donations to the Custody of the Holy Land.

On behalf of the Custos, Fr. Francesco Patton, o.f.m., I sincerely thank you for your solidarity and support to of the pastoral works that benefit our Christian brothers and sisters and for maintaining the Holy Sites of our Church.

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

Not sure who to vote for on Monday?

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, a ShareLife-funded organization, has produced this insightful guide highlighting Catholic Social Teaching on human dignity, poverty, Indigenous issues, health care, the environment and other issues. Read the guide. [Click here](#)

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

DUE TO THE NEW PROVINCIAL HEALTH RESTRICTIONS, SORRY, BUT BOTH FUNERALS ARE NOW PRIVATE EVENTS BY INVITATION ONLY.

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.

Welcome Students and Parents! CLASS FULL

On Sunday, September 12th, we held our Parent Information Session for First Reconciliation and First Communion. We had an overwhelming number of registrations...the most in many years! In order to manage the number of students, we will not be taking any further registrations as we are at capacity to allow for required physical distancing. We are reviewing the needs of this larger class and are looking for more screened volunteers to help with the class. If you can help, please call the office or email pvsc@stjamescalgary.org.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped out on Sept 12!

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
Lucy Ciccaglione
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

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Darlene Otis, 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 Ukrainec, Shirley Valentine

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Erwin Boegershausen, Joe Lutz

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

[CLICK HERE FOR UPDATED RESTRICTIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)

NEW TEMPORARY MEASURES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20 CAPACITY 1/3 (134 people) - First Come/First Serve

- **MASKS ARE ONCE AGAIN MANDATORY AS PER THE CITY OF CALGARY BYLAW IN THE SANCTUARY AND THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING**
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOW MANDATORY**—Alternate rows are once again marked
- 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
- 50 person limit for Funeral Masses & Weddings
- No social gatherings (ie. funeral receptions) are allowed
- Meetings and classes may continue provided physical distancing can be maintained

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.

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

[Ride for Refuge in support of Elizabeth House](#)

Cel 403-542-5228



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

Holy Spirit Annual Used Book Sale

Holy Spirit CWL is delighted to hold their popular Used Book Sale on Saturday, September 18th from 9am to 3pm. Funds raised support scholarships and educational opportunities. All books 50 cents each. This year Totus Tuus Rosary Makers will also have a Rosary Sale and Calgary Mission Council will have their recycled cards for sale.