



St. James the Greater Church

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 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 9am—2:30pm
Tuesday to Thursday
9am - 12:30pm
Closed statutory holidays

✠ Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
on Thanksgiving Day,
we bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done,
especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see,
for joy and health,
friends, and family.
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

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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 Canete

In this Sunday's reflection, allow me to personally express my gratitude to the generous people who helped, supported, and prayed for the success of the Ride for Refuge 2021 fundraising for Elizabeth House. Thank you and God bless! We did it. It was an awesome experience to bike with others whose commitment and compassion is to serve and to aid people who are in need.

Thanks to our parishioners and the nameless people who silently worked hard to make this event a success. Thanks to members of the Knights of Columbus who raised and stepped up to make a difference in our society. Thanks to everyone who walked, biked, baked, and shared the fun and friendship as one family of God. You have truly blessed the gathering with your presence and prayers. I look forward to seeing you again doing something for the glory of God!

This time, I personally request you my dear people of God to please help our parish of St. James hit our target for this year's Together In Action. As of last issue of our parish bulletin October 3, 2021, we have raised already \$14, 615 and our target goal for TIA 2021 is 25, 353. I appeal to the generosity of our people, members of different ministries and organizations to help our parish hit our goal this year.

I have so much confidence in the benevolence of your hearts. Your financial help will go a long way to help the numerous charities and beneficiaries. God will certainly bless your resources a hundredfold.

Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Several features make this Gospel memorable. One is the fact that Jesus praises the young man. When he tells Jesus that he has kept all the commandments since he was young, Jesus looked at him with love. At this point, Jesus offers the man a graced opportunity.

Come, follow me! Be my especially chosen disciple. But this was too much. At these words, Mark writes, the man's face fell. He went away sad, for he had many possessions. Sadly, even though Jesus personally called him himself, he could not accept that thought that he would have to give up his riches. That is where his heart is and that is where he prefers to stay.

The story that Mark relates gives us a lot of something to consider. What a wide difference there can be between words and acts, between dreams and reality. The young man was good. He followed all the commandments. He never killed anyone, never committed adultery, never stole anything. It seems he was also a good son, who respected his father and mother. And yet something was missing. His heart was focused on his wealth and the comforts this wealth brought him. And he did not want to sacrifice any of it, even if it meant following Jesus, the Messiah and Savior.

Come and follow me! Jesus says, if you want to be my disciple, if you want to be a true disciple, do as I do. Live for others. Share what you have with others. Give as much as you can so that others may share in your abundance.

When we give, we receive. This is the simple lesson Jesus teaches us. We give as humans, of course, but the one who rewards us is far above us. It is God Himself, who seeing our charitable deeds, blesses us countless times over for every good deed that we do. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 12

9:00am Tamara Smrdely—R/S
7:00pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

Wednesday, October 13

9:00am Intention of Sharon Jeanson

Thursday, October 14

9:00am Asuncion Gueco—R/S

Friday, October 15

9:00am Anne Zanolich—R/S

Saturday, October 16

5:00pm Intention of Fay Bond

Sunday, October 17

10:00am Intention of Jim Bond
12:00pm St. James Parish

Vaccination Exemption Important Letter from Bishop McGrattan

The Diocese and the parishes will not be issuing letters of exemption from vaccination. To view the letter: [CLICK HERE](#) Paper copies are available at the SW entrance and at the office.

Christian Life Program for Couples

Couples For Christ (www.couplesforchrist.ca) would like to invite all couples to attend the online Christian Life Program (CLP) starting Saturday, October 9 at 7pm. The program runs for 8 Saturdays until November 27. Zoom link will be provided upon registration - <https://bit.ly/clp-registration>

Video testimonial of CLP - <https://bit.ly/thankgod4clp>

For any questions, kindly contact Christian Tsai - PCTSAI@GMAIL.COM

Catholic Mom - Holy Cross Family Ministries

Enjoy free Catholic coloring pages, lesson plans, Mass worksheets, crossword and word search puzzles, and more to help your family prepare for Sunday Mass. For Sunday Gospel Activities visit <https://www.catholicmom.com/sunday-mass-activities> or [CLICK HERE](#)

Parish Donations

October 3

Reg	\$4018
PAPS	\$3108
	<u>\$7126</u>

Together in Action

2021 Goal \$25,353
Collected to Date \$14,950

SCAM ALERT!!

Once again, parishioners have been receiving emails and text messages allegedly from Fr. Eli asking for favors or purchases.

DO NOT REPLY TO THESE MESSAGES AS THEY ARE SCAMS. THESE RESULT IN SCAM PURCHASES AND A LOSS OF MONEY FOR THOSE WHO UNKNOWINGLY REPLY. BE ATTENTIVE TO THE NUMBERS AND EMAILS THEY ARE COMING FROM AND REPORT THESE ACTIVITIES TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

For more information from the Diocese of Calgary about scams [CLICK HERE](#)
Information sheets available at the SW entrance of the church.

Next **Baptism Preparation Class** is November 6 at 11:00am. A preparation class is required prior to baptism. Please contact the office to register.

Collection Counters Needed Urgently!

We have 2 teams that alternate monthly to count the weekend collection. Currently, the commitment is only ~2 hours twice a month for the team scheduled. Call the office for more information.

Tuesday Evening Mass Cancellation

Effective November 1, the Tuesday 7pm Mass will be cancelled.

Food Bank Coordinator

We are looking for a new Food Bank Coordinator. Duties are minimal in checking requests three times per month and coordinating team members to pack and distribute food hampers to those in need in our community. We thank Cathy Smith for her role as coordinator for the past several months.

Ride for Refuge

A huge thank you to all who participated in the Ride for Refuge in support of Elizabeth House on Saturday. A special thanks to Father Eli who joined us this year and inspired us to the most successful campaign to date, raising close to \$35,000. With your financial assistance, Elizabeth House will continue to have the funds to offer a safe and loving home for young pregnant women and women with young babies. Many of these women have been left to fend on their own and raise their children. For 25 years, Elizabeth House has empowered young women to develop skills while improving their life and their child's future. Know that your money supports some of the most vulnerable in our society. Thanks again for your continuous support of this very worthy organization!

World Mission Sunday—October 24th

World Mission Sunday is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Please pray the Pope's intention for October.
*We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in **evangelization**, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.*

Add your name to the Petition to the House of Commons, which calls on the government to require Canadian companies to prevent adverse human rights impacts and environmental damage throughout their global operations and supply chains. Sign online [HERE](#)

The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 11th for Thanksgiving Day.



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Velma O'Reilly, Maria Petrollini, Erwin Boegershausen, Joe Lutz,
Kathryn Dickson, Gloria Heisler

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
No pre-registration or contact tracing required at this time.

- **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AS PER THE CITY OF CALGARY BYLAW IN THE SANCTUARY AND THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING**
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ALSO MANDATORY**—Alternate rows are marked as before.—Please be respectful of distancing between parishioners when in the church and in the office areas.
- 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 and Baptisms
- No social gatherings are allowed
- Meetings and classes may continue provided physical distancing and masking 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 towards one another

Thank you for your support!

We thank all who have continued to support our parish through the pandemic.
Your contributions are so greatly appreciated!

- ◆ 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