



St. James the Greater Church

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 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 Fridays and statutory holidays.

Prayer of the Week

Divine Physician,
You healed a disciple
who called out to you in faith.
Instill within us
the kind of faith that will move us
into your very presence.
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

Take heart, get up, Jesus is calling you!”

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The theme this year 2021 is taken from Acts 4:20, “we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.” These great realization and firm resolve of the Apostles of Jesus are very timely as we carry out our own mission today. This is a beautiful invitation to each of us to own and bring to others what we bear in our hearts. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the Gospel today, we have another story about a courageous man. His name was Bartimaeus. He was a blind beggar. One day, as he sat by the roadside, he heard that Jesus was passing by. Taking courage, he cried, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. Many of the people who heard him told him to be quiet. But he cried out even louder, Son of David, have pity on me.

Then Jesus called him and asked him. What do you want me to do for you? Master, he said, I want to see. Go your way, your faith has saved you, Jesus told him. What a wonderful story! But we wonder, what would have happened if Bartimaeus had listened to the crowd? What would have happened if he had done just as they wanted him to do, if he had kept quiet?

Jesus would not have noticed him. And so perhaps, Bartimaeus would have remained a blind man, sitting there on the roadside begging. In all the teachings of Jesus before the crowd, Jesus told the people, have courage! Do not lose heart! Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid of what others think. If you want to do something good and honest and true for God and His people, do not doubt but believe it will happen. Give your best. Persevere. Do not give up. If you do that, you will surely get what you need. You will go where you want to go.

What makes Jesus’ words even more powerful is that he is not speaking merely of human will power, sheer determination and challenging work. What Jesus means is that when our challenging work and prayer is coupled with strong faith in God, we shall succeed. Our good labors and great works and our faith in God should go hand in hand.

We must work for what we need, but we must also remember that God is with us who is full of mercy and love. In the first reading, God helped His Chosen people bringing them back to their homeland. Let us work and find our spiritual blindness and pray and work out for spiritual sight.

What do you want me to do for you? Let us tell Jesus our hearts’ intentions and needs, for ourselves, for our family and for our land. We need to have faith and courage of our convictions. We should not be silenced by the secular leaders of our society who put our children, our children’s children at risks who take away the values and the virtues that we instill in their lives. Have a blessed week ahead! God bless you all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 26

9:00am Dennis Smrdely—R/S
7:00pm Fred West—R/S

Wednesday, October 27

9:00am Nazir Nahas—R/S

Thursday, October 28

9:00am Maria & Giovanni Petrollini—R/S

Friday, October 29

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Saturday, October 30

5:00pm Alfred Funke—R/S

Sunday, October 31

10:00am Cristobal de Barrios —R/S
12:00pm St. James Parish

YOU ARE INVITED!

What do I believe as a Catholic? Why do I believe these things? Do I really know Jesus personally? You can explore answers to these important questions and meet our RCIA inquirers at the same time! All interested parishioners are invited to join us Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Outreach room (next to the south parking lot). Please contact Brenda at the parish office for more information.

Resources for Children

[Kids Bulletin for this Sunday](#)

Also 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](#)

Collection

October 10 & 17

Regular	\$7613
PAPS	<u>2748</u>
	\$10361

2021 Together in Action Goal: \$25,353
Collected: \$16035

Please help us reach our TIA goal!

2021-2023 Synod Walking Together As the Church

What is a synod?

“Synod” is an ancient word in the Tradition of the Church which indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.

People of God throughout the world are invited by the Holy Father and the Bishops to examine the way the Church has carried forward her work and mission in the world.

In the Diocese of Calgary, you will be able to participate in the Synod through your involvement in parish committees or groups. Lay associations, Catholic schools, and online.

Get involved in the Synodical Process. For more information and to sign up for updates on the Synod on Synodality in our Diocese visit catholicyc.ca/synod

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 a few hours 2-3 times each month for the team scheduled. No experience necessary. Call the office for more information.

Tuesday Evening Mass Cancellation

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

Food Bank Coordinator

Thank you to John Wilson, who has volunteered to be our Food Bank Coordinator. If you would like to volunteer to help with packing and distribution at the church, please contact the office.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayers and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world.

- \$40 helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of the missions
- \$80 provides for the work the Religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia and Latin America
- \$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in the Amazon, Africa, and Asia

The financial assistance that you offer today, on World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing and peace. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday.

Special World Mission Envelopes are available at the SW entrance and in the pews. Online donations can also be made. [CLICK HERE](#)

Message from Pope Francis on [World Mission Sunday](#)

Help the Knights of Columbus help others! You can help support the Knights in their fundraising efforts by:

- 1, Using the Knights' Co-op Membership when buying your groceries **Co-op #1051731**
2. Bringing your empty bottles to Chinook Bottle Depot (108—61 Ave SE) and request funds be deposited to the Knights of Columbus St James Parish account



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

Giovanni Petrollini, Maria Petrollini, Claire Graham, Thomas Pasloski, Velma O'Reilly,
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