



St. James the Greater Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Tuesday thru 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.

2021-2023 Synod on Synodality Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thes 5:16-18)

Because of your kind words and honorable deeds, because of your generous hearts and humble services, there is someone now, if not, several people are thinking about God today. Because of your warm smiles and welcoming spirit, because of your forgiving hearts and kind understanding, someone out there continue to see the goodness and greatness of life to begin and begin again. It can be your son, your daughter, your wife, your husband, your neighbors, or friends. It can be someone that you never know, and you meet in the road, in your workplace, in the Church or somewhere. But your presence to these people left an impact and an influence to also share and give love and care to others too.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the scribe, the first commandment is this, you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. If you take notice of the words of Jesus, Jesus puts love God in the first place. This, of course, is as it should be, for if we genuinely love God, if we truly have a good relationship with our God, it should flow naturally that we love others, that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

However, if we are honest and true with ourselves, we would admit that sometimes our love for others and for our neighbors is not what it should be. We sometimes become upset, or angry, or jealous. What is the solution? How can we love others as Jesus tells us? How can we forgive, to excuse, to overlook whatever faults or mistakes we might notice and see in others?

Again, we go back to the first commandment, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The focus of our lives should be here. We must fill our minds and our hearts with love of God. This is the key. This is the key to loving relationship with one’s own self. It is the key to a happy life, to love God, to live and be nurtured by his goodness to us and be aware and conscious that God continuously is blessing us in the sacraments and through our loving deeds. When we genuinely love God, it becomes much easier to accept others. We accept others because we are aware on a deeper level that they are children of God. Every man and woman, every child is a mission. That is the reason for our life on earth.

God is love. God loves each one of us, despite our faults and failings, despite what we may have done in the past. His love is total and deep. It touches us continually in what happens to us in our everyday life. And it binds us to God forever. Let us pray that we may continue to grow closer to God by expressing our love and care for one another. Have a blessed weekend! God bless us all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 1 (All Saints)

9:00am Vicente Raro—R/S

Tuesday, November 2 (All Souls)

9:00am Intention of Emil Rawlyk

Wednesday, November 3

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Thursday, November 4

9:00am Ed Altrogge—R/S

Friday, November 5

9:00am Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz —R/S

Saturday, November 6

9:00am Marian Rawlyk—R/S
5:00pm Peter Solomon—R/S

Sunday, November 7

10:00am Modesto Subero—R/S
12:00pm St. James Parish

Resources for Children

The Pumpkin Patch Parable

Sometimes I feel like I’m a pumpkin. Please don’t think its odd. I’m growing in a pumpkin patch that’s planted there by God.

God picks me from the pumpkin patch and washes off the dirt; scoops out the seeds of sin and hate and anger, greed and hurt.

And then, to show how much I’m loved, God marks me with a sign and opens up my eyes and mouth; all part of God’s design.

Then filled with light God sets me out for everyone to see, so all the pumpkins in the patch can see God’s love through me.

2017 Creative Communications for the Parish—Bayard Inc

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October 24

Regular	\$3214
PAPS	<u>2748</u>
	\$5962

2021 Together in Action Goal: \$25,353

Collected: \$17,215

Please help us reach our TIA goal!

2021-2023 Synod Walking Together As the Church

Pope Francis has convoked the whole Church to embark on a two-year journey of *encountering*, *listening* and *discerning* whether we, the Christian community, embody Jesus' walking with us, which is both a gift and a task.

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023 on the themes of Communion, Participation and Mission has begun with the *listening* phase of the synodal process in all local Churches from October 2021 to April 2022.

Bishop William McGrattan calls on all faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Calgary to join him in this important journey of local gatherings in parishes, committees and ministry groups, lay associations, religious communities, Catholic schools and online participation. Summoned by the Lord Jesus and rooted in the Holy Spirit, together we will listen to answer this fundamental question:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in our local Church?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

More information on the synodal process will be provided in the coming weeks. We mark the opening of the Diocesan phase of the Synod at all the Masses this weekend. Get involved in the Synodal Process. For more information and to sign up for updates on the Synod on Synodality in our Diocese visit catholicyc.ca/synod

Next Sunday is Catholic Education Sunday. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and in the pews next weekend.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be displayed at the front of the church throughout the month of November. All those written in the book will be remembered at each Mass this month. In order to avoid the spread of Covid-19, parishioners who wish to have their loved ones entered in the book are asked to use the envelopes and paper provided to enter the names to be added. Brenda will collect these each week and add them to the book. Please do not write the names in yourself as in previous years. Monetary donations in a loved one's memory can also be made using the same envelopes near the Book of Remembrance.

PLEASE NOTE: If your loved one(s) were already added to the book in previous years, please do not add them again. **All** names written in the book are remembered at each Mass.

REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS – PETS

Parishioners are reminded that the Diocese has a policy respecting the presence of animals in Church. Under that policy, no pets are permitted, with the exception of guide dogs.

World Mission Sunday Still time to Give...

Last Sunday was World Mission Sunday- 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.

Your financial assistance 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, 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

Trudy Martin, Maria Veronica Matchett, 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

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MONDAY, NOV 1 AT 7 PM

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