



St. James the Greater Church

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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.

Prayer of the Week

O God, source of wisdom,
We are worn and tired
by the pressures of our world.
Grant us wisdom and a fresh vision
that will allow us to
focus on our relationship with you.
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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

“To you, I lift my soul, o my God. In you, I have trusted, let me not be put to shame. And let none who hope in you be put to shame.”

We begin the first Sunday of Advent with these words from Psalm 24, our Entrance Antiphon as we celebrate the Mass. What makes you and me ashamed? Past sins of shame and guilt? To some, they do not like the way they look in a mirror. Or you compare your finances to someone else who is better off than you. Or shame comes about because we think we have failed to live up to the expectations -often a set of impossible expectations. Or shame because we feel we are unworthy of the love of the Lord.

Shame can be overwhelming but how much more overwhelming is the unconditional and merciful love of Jesus for each one of us. That love of the Lord is telling us that no one who believes in Him will be put to shame. That love of Jesus is healing and removing all shame and guilt in each one of us. That love of Jesus is giving us the strength of character and firmness of our faith to be on guard, to be vigilant and to withstand any trials in life.

In the Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples, be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with all the worries in life. Be always alert and pray that you may have the strength. Jesus is reminding us that everything in this world is passing. Nothing is permanent. Our life, our body, our possessions will just pass away. In the face of mortality of life and of the entire world, Jesus is bringing us hope. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

As we begin the season of Advent, we place all our hopes in our Lord Jesus our Savior. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time of setting aside our shame and guilt by returning to the Lord and purifying our hearts by repentance and reconciliation with our God.

Prophet Jeremiah provides us in the first reading the value and the blessing of waiting and hoping for the coming of the Lord with love and joyful anticipation. Jeremiah 33:14 tells us that the days are coming when God will visit His people.

Many of us will have busy days ahead as we prepare for Christmas. Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Let us get ready with our hearts renewed by bringing all the members of our family in an encounter of Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us encourage our children to reach out and share the blessings we have, giving something to the poor and to those who need most our help. Let us also find time to examine our lives and find ways as well, to involve and help our own Church's needs and the needs of others. Charity begins in our homes and in our community. Please continue to help reach our goal for (TIA) Together In Action. God bless your generous hearts!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 30

9:00am Peter Thien Nguyen—R/S

Wednesday, December 1

9:00am Theresa Linh Nguyen—R/S

Thursday, December 2

9:00am Intention of Lauren Lerner

Friday, December 3

9:00am Maria Gam Vu—R/S

Saturday, December 4

9:00am Intention of Colette Phan
5:00pm Jennifer Edwards—R/S

Sunday, December 5

10:00am Intention of Mary Lojek
12:00pm St. James Parish

Ushers Needed

We are looking for men, women and teens 16 and older who are interested in ushering. As our Mass attendance numbers have increased, it is apparent that there is a need to have ushers in place for our weekend Masses and especially as we start to plan our Christmas Mass schedule. Training will be provided as protocols have changed. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to usher.

Seating: To help with seating, especially at our busier Mass times, please consider moving to the middle of the longer pews to allow for better use of seating and easier entry for those coming later.

Sunday Missals—The 2021/22 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are now here. They are on the book cart as you come into the sanctuary. Missals are \$5.00 each. Please leave payment in the box attached to the cart.

November 21

Regular	\$7361
PAPS	<u>\$2748</u>
	\$10109

2021 Together in Action Goal: \$25,353

Collected: \$20,136

Please help us reach our TIA goal!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Class Registration NOW OPEN

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all Catholic students who are in grade 6 or higher and who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist. Our program will be a combination of 5 monthly in-class sessions at the parish (Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm) and 11 sessions with the **CHOSEN** online program. This program takes young people on a journey through the Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story from Creation through salvation history, and will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The **CHOSEN** program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them disciples for Christ.

In-class sessions will be presented by Fr. Eli and our Confirmation Sacrament Coordinator, Vicki Oliphant. In-class sessions are **parent/student classes** with a parent attending each session with their child. Parent(s) and child will be seated together and physically distanced from other households. Registration deadline is January 14th, 2022 but it is recommended that you **register early as space is limited** and to avoid disappointment if the class is full. Registration forms can be found at the SW entrance of the church, at the office, and on our website. Return completed forms to the office along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. More information and class schedule will be provided at time of registration.



Donation Envelope Boxes

Envelope boxes are available now in the parish hall. Please stop by to pick yours up as you come into Mass. If you do not see a box assigned to you but would like one, please contact the office or leave your information on the notepad provided by the envelopes so that a box can be prepared for you.

Confession & Adoration

As we will not be holding our usual Penitential Celebrations, Fr. Eli will be hearing Confession on Friday **December 3 & 10** from **6pm-8pm**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during these times.

Lighting our Advent Wreath

Would you or your family like to sign-up to light the Advent wreath at one of the Masses during Advent? We need 12 volunteers (families, couples or singles). Please contact Brenda in the office to schedule a Saturday or Sunday Mass time.



Christmas Schedule

ONLINE SIGN UP WILL BE REQUIRED AND WILL OPEN ON DECEMBER 1st.

Christmas Eve
3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Christmas Day
10am, 12pm

New Year's Eve
5pm

New Year's Day
10am

Access to the sign-up will be through our website as before. If you are unable to do the online sign-up, please contact the office for assistance. Remember that EACH family member needs to be registered individually. Please only sign up for **ONE** Christmas Mass and **ONE** New Year's Mass to allow everyone to get the opportunity to attend. If you book seats for a Mass you will not be attending, please advise the office as soon as possible.

Festival of Creches

December 10th 6-8pm
December 11th 10am-7pm
St Mary's Cathedral

Suggested Donation: \$20/family, \$5/single
Bring some loonies for a chance to win a new Nativity Scene!

You are invited to attend the "Festival of Creches", an exhibit of magnificent Nativity scenes from around the world., accompanied by live seasonal music. This event is a fundraiser for West Plains Foundation, a registered charitable organization to promote women's vital role in the family and society.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of November

For people who suffer from depression or burnout, that they will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Darlene Otis, John Duffy, Linda Evans,
Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland, Shirley Klein, 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

Marshall Swab, Violet Ducharme, Trudy Martin, Maria Veronica Matchett,
Giovanni Petrollini, Maria Petrollini,
Thomas Pasloski, Velma O'Reilly, Erwin Boegershausen, Kathryn Dickson,

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

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

- **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



Bishop Carroll High School

We offer Catholic education in a self-directed learning environment, alongside a full range of athletics, fine arts and hockey skills programs. Bishop Carroll Diploma exam results far exceed those of the province annually.

For more information visit our virtual Open House on November 25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm:
bishopcarroll.cssd.ab.ca/open-house

Registration for the 2022-23 school year begins in February 2022.