



St. James the Greater Church

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 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.



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 the Gospel story this weekend, we see how Jesus put things into a quite unique perspective. For Jesus, what truly matters is not what is exterior, but what lies within the heart. This, of course, is why Jesus praises the poor widow so lavishly. They have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.

The worshipers calmly entered the temple, depositing their donations into the treasury near the door. Sitting in a chair nearby, Jesus noted the amounts of money each dropped into the treasury. Then, he called the twelve over to share His insights about the wealthy and the poor, the big checks, and the small coins.

One person had deeply impressed Jesus, a poor widow who had given him a mere pittance, compared to most of the others. No doubt, Jesus prefaced His remarks with the reminder that He was not condemning the big gifts by praising the small ones.

That would have been foolish, for the temple needed large donations to continue as a place of worship. Although, the widow gave only two paltry coins, worth but a few cents, Jesus was impressed.

Jesus praised her because it was a high percentage gift. The others, He said, gave from their surplus wealth but she gave from her want. The wealthy gave a tiny fraction of what they possessed, but she gave everything she had.

The value of the gift was nothing, but Jesus saw the value of the giver. Today, many people feel that money is a forbidden topic in the pulpit, which is unspiritual and unworthy to be associated with worship services. Some even say, that is why they avoid church. However, Jesus saw no conflict between scrutinizing the collection basket and preaching the Kingdom of God.

How much money does it cost? Is a phrase continually on our minds and lips? The cost of maintaining the Church and its needs is a heavy and challenging task and mission that we all share.

And I do say, thank you for all your help and assistance. God sees your noble intentions and God continues to bless you that you continue to also become a blessing to others. I do not see this Gospel as trying to embarrass the rich to donate more to Church and charity but as a call for each one of us, a call for all of us to be generous.

Being poor and less in life does not absolve one from this. Two small coins are very pleasing to God if that is all we can afford. Regardless of the amount, each should make some offering, and it will be valuable if it flows from a spirit of sincere generosity.

The story of the poor widow is meant to spark a conversion of the heart. It is a significant risk to surrender everything of value. But, when we surrender to a Merciful God, it is called trust.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 10

9:00am Velma O'Reilly—R/S

Thursday, November 11 Remembrance Day Mass

9:00am Moe Nasser—R/S

Friday, November 12

9:00am Dominic Petrollini—R/S

Saturday, November 13

5:00pm Alfred Funke—R/S

Sunday, November 14

10:00am Pedro Luis Paulo—R/S

Catholic Education Sunday

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 6 & 7, 2021. Together with our community, let us unite to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta.

Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit <https://theccef.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>

Envelopes are available at the SW entrance of the church.



*Don't forget the
time change this
Sunday!*

October 31

Regular	\$3991
PAPS	\$2748
	\$6739

2021 Together in Action Goal: \$25,353

Collected: \$17,765

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Fundraising



Grey Cup Raffle Tickets—\$2 each
Now available from your friendly neighborhood Knight or at the parish office during office hours only. Exact change needed. No cheques.

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

*Using the Knights' Co-op Membership when buying your groceries **Co-op #1051731**

*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

Installation Mass for Fr. Eli

Bishop McGrattan will be celebrating our 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 13th for the Mass of Installation of Fr. Eli as pastor of St. James. No reception due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Resources for Children

Children's Liturgy for this week—[Click here](#)

Job Opportunity

Do you want to work parttime with flexible hours? Are you fully bilingual in French and English? Ste. Famille Parish in Calgary is looking to fill two positions: Administrative Assistant and Pastoral Worker. For a description of the positions, visit the Ste. Famille website <http://www.saintefamille.ca/>. For more information, please call 403-228-3619 .

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