



St. James the Greater Church

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Christ the King

November 21, 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

Mighty God,
You are the source of all life.
Watch over us as we strive
To proclaim your Word,
And help us as we use our gifts
To build up your Kingdom.
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

Today, we celebrate with gratitude and joy the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the King of Kings. As we welcome the new season of Advent, we turn our thoughts and our prayers to the Lord for His abiding presence in these challenging times. In the words of St. Therese of Lisieux, she said, "EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE IS GRACE."

The scripture readings have as their common theme THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST. CHRIST IS AT THE CENTER; CHRIST IS THE CENTER. CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF CREATION, AND HE IS ALSO THE CENTER OF RECONCILIATION, CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF HIS PEOPLE, CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF HISTORY. HE IS OUR FOUNDATION, OUR STRENGTH, OUR SHADE AND OUR SHIELD

It is said that the greatest gift that we receive from the Father is his SON Jesus Christ. Yes, we receive him in the Liturgy of the Word and in Communion and we say Amen.

St. Augustine said, "be what you received." If Jesus is the center of our lives, then, our thoughts, our words, our actions should be a Christian thought, word, and action. But when Jesus is lost in the center, something and someone will replace Jesus. It can be our work, our selfishness, our greed, our friends, then, harm and sin can have damaged our relationship with Jesus.

BESIDES THE CENTER OF CREATION AND RECONCILIATION, JESUS IS ALSO THE CENTER OF THE PEOPLE. HE IS IN OUR MIDST. HE IS PRESENT IN EACH ONE OF US. When Jesus is with us, and Jesus is LOVE, who can separate us from the love of God? We are created in the image and likeness of God. We are destined to be with God in heaven.

Jesus is as central to our lives as the heart is to the body. "Learn of me, the King said, for I am meek and humble of heart. If our hearts have been broken and in despair for whatever reasons, know that His was broken for us. Jesus is the wounded healer. Jesus is the shepherd of lost sheep, Savior of sinners, Teacher, Lover and King of the world.

At Bethlehem, we see majesty during poverty of the manger. In the temple, we see wisdom coupled with uneducated youth. In His public life, we find authority linked with a breaking away from the straitjacket of the law.

On Calvary, we see victory attained through the scandalous death on a Cross. The only throne that Christ the King will ever occupy is the throne of the hearts of the people. For His Kingdom is founded not on power but on love and service. And if we are faithful until the end, we will hear on the last day the response of our King.

"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world." Having hopefully heard these words, we shall have reached our destination, the kingdom that has no end, when the kingly role of Christ on earth will finally be made clear to us. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 23

9:00am Intention of Mary & Fred Roman

Wednesday, November 24

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Thursday, November 25

9:00am Pat Walsh—R/S

Friday, November 26

9:00am Intention of Beata Tatarkiewicz

Saturday, November 27

5:00pm Maria & Giovanni Petrollini—R/S

Sunday, November 28

10:00am Joseph Lutz —R/S

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 7 & 14

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

2021 Together in Action Goal: \$25,353

Collected: \$19,741

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. (Only cost of the program is \$18.95 US.)



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 envelopes near the Book of Remembrance.

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. Advent begins Sunday, November 28th.



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 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

Responding to God's Call

by Karen and Andrew Serafini

Our daughter, Mary, has always strived to use her God-given gifts to the best of her ability. We know that she is very capable and has a generous heart to go along with that. What we didn't know until the last couple of years is that God might be calling her to something other than a career in finance. Opening herself up to God's plan in her life has led her down an unexpected, yet exciting new path.

Mary entered the Sisters of Life convent as a postulant this September in the Bronx, NY. She will continue to discern her call to religious life and receive the holy habit and a new religious name as a novice next July if this is God's will for her.

We thank the many lay and religious members of our Catholic faith community who, over the years, have shared the love of Christ with Mary and the rest of our family. Please pray for Mary, her fellow postulants, the Sisters of Life, and all those who are discerning or have accepted God's call to a religious vocation.

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, 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

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.