



St. James the Greater Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Tuesday thru Friday 9am
1st Saturday of the month 9am

Confession

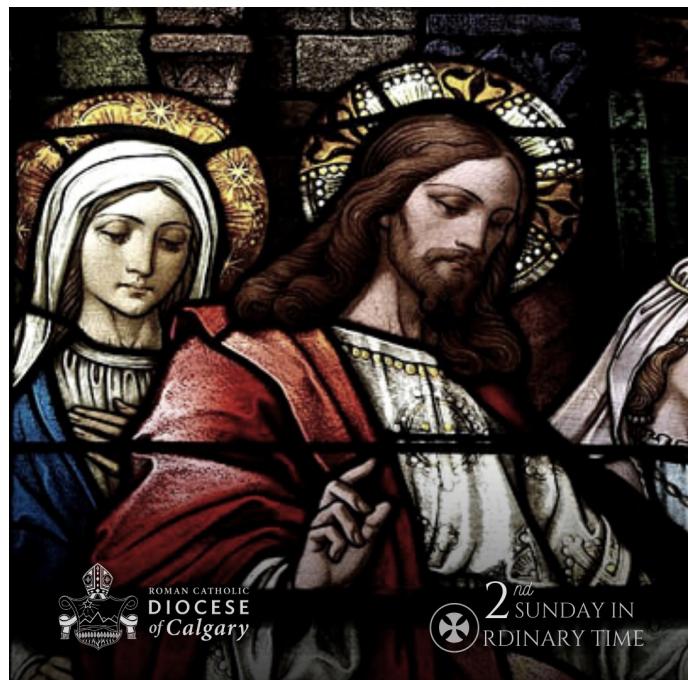
Tuesday thru Friday 9:30am -10am
Saturday 4pm - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Adoration and Benediction

After Friday morning Mass for 30 minutes

Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9am—2:30pm
Wednesday & Thursday
9am - 12:30pm
Closed Fridays and statutory holidays.



PARISH STAFF

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The Shepherd Speaks Fr. Eli

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds"

It is with a grateful and hope-filled heart that I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the many great individuals, families, lay ministries, organizations, volunteers and our partners in our parish evangelization and mission. In the name of our Pastoral and Finance Council Members, we thank you all for your great services walking together as One People of God.

We also thank our regular and generous donors and givers who financially support the needs of our parish and the maintenance of our Church's building. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families. We also thank our parish staff for your dedication and hard work especially at these times of pandemic. To you our treasured volunteers, staff, partners, donors, benefactors and parishioners, my fervent prayers for your health, work, and safety. May this New Year 2022 bring us greater hope, deeper trust, and brighter days.

This is now the second year for our preparation for the Synod. Last year, Pope Francis has launched and opened a two-year process called "a synod on synodality" officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church. In brief, the process involves an expansion of an established institution, called the Synod of Bishops.

I encourage and invite you all to involve and engage with this historic event in our Church. Be I informed by opening our Diocesan website that provides us rich and intensive information about this event. Offer your prayers and intentions by walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation and to open itself to mission.

Starting this month of January 2022, I will invite YOU to share your faith experiences, stories of your struggles and triumphs in life seeing the powerful hands of God touching you. Your wonderful testimonies will be published in this column to inspire, encourage, invite our people to share their own encounters with our God too. *

In our Gospel, Mary says they have no wine. Jesus replies, what is this for me and for you? meaning that while Mary is thinking of ordinary wine, Jesus sees the shortage of wine as the absence of God's Holy Spirit from the life of the Jewish people ever since the age of the prophets ceased. Mary seems to be suggesting but did not ask for a miracle.

At the beginning of our faith-journey, we are confident, secure, and full of the anticipation of success. But as we go along our journey, we empty ourselves in those worthwhile endeavors of life that call us forth. We are sometimes discouraged, frustrated, and disappointed that we want to give up our relationship with Christ, as husband to his wife, realizing that we have nothing more to give.

It is at this point that we turn once again to Christ, always remembering that without Christ, we can do nothing. We ask the Lord to guide and give us the wine of life, of love and hope to always go back and be reconciled with Him. Amen.

*Articles submitted for publication should be sent to office@stjamescalgary.org prior to Wednesday at noon. Depending on interest, articles will be printed over a period of several weeks.

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A Day Away with One You Love

February 12, 2022

8:30am—3:00pm

Mount St Francis Retreat Centre

\$60 / couple
Limited Spots Available

A retreat day set aside for you to spend with your spouse/partner, or for a parent with a child (12+), or grandparent with a grandchild (12+), or two siblings, or two friends.

Contact mtfrancis@shaw.ca to register or for more information.



Healing, Wholeness and Hope Living Together: International Day of Human Fraternity

February 1, 2022
9:00am—3:00pm

In 2020 the UN declared February 4 as the *International Day of Human Fraternity*. Human Fraternity was an essential part of the life of St Francis one he left as a legacy for his followers and those who love him.

In conjunction with *World Interfaith Harmony Week* (Calgary) and in recognition of *International Day of Human Fraternity*, Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre invites you to join us for a day of reflection and prayer.

Call 403 932 2012 or email mtfrancis@shaw.ca to register.

13th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop POSTPONED

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, the Breakfast with Bishop McGrattan scheduled for January 22 has been postponed until further notice.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 18

John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

Wednesday, January 19

Intention of Josephine Phan

Thursday, January 20

Cosimo Catroppa —R/S

Friday, January 21

Intention of Peter Thov

Saturday, January 22

Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Sunday, January 23

John Lojek—R/S

St James Parish

Children's Resources

Children's Bulletin—[CLICK HERE](#)

Children's Coloring Page—[CLICK HERE](#)

Pope's Intention for the Month of January

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originates from being brothers and sisters in the human family. of January

Together in Action

Grateful thanks to parishioners and visitors who so generously helped support our Together in Action Campaign. We are happy to announce that we made our 2021 goal of 25, 353!

Collection

January 2 & 9

Regular	\$4973
PAPS	\$1742
	\$6715

Entering the Ordinary Time

During the Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this way the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord. (Source: ORDO)

Here are some resources to help learn more about this liturgical season and practical ways to get the most out of [Ordinary Time](#).

*[How do we keep Sundays holy?](#) (Aleteia)

*[7 Ways to make Sundays holy for the whole family](#) (Aleteia)

*[Why do we need to rest from work on Sundays?](#) (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

*[A simple guide for the liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church](#)

And if the pandemic is keeping you from attending Sunday Mass, [keep nourishing you and your family during these challenging times](#). (Diocese of Calgary website)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Duffy, Linda Evans, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland, Shirley Klein, Amorel Lerner, Elliott Nowell, Norma O'Hare, Darlene Otis, Michael Paplawski, Anthony Parel, Sarah Straathof, Shirley Valentine

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Marie Moore, Anne Wrona, Jane Denis

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 monthly
- ◆ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office or at the entrance
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the collection basket at the entrance of the church
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the office mailbox (by office entrance)
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church