



St. James the Greater Church

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

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

Confession

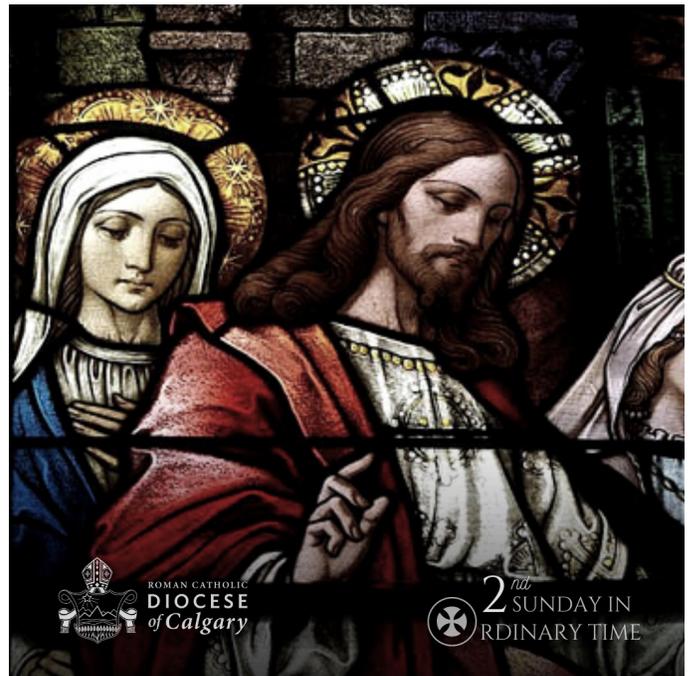
Tuesday thru Friday 9:30am -10am
Saturday 4pm - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

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

Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive focus on the centrality of the Bible for Christians.

This weekend, we pray and bless the Ministers of the Word that are serving in our parish of St. James. We express our deep appreciation for the greatness of their hearts to proclaim the Word of God by the ministry they lead. May God's living Word nourish these men and women of God, be transformed by it, and faithfully announce to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Why is the Word of God so powerful and effective? It is because it is not just spoken word, but it is a Being, a Person and indeed, it is God Himself. The Apostle John expressed it so eloquently in the Prologue of his Gospel. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word is God Himself. And the Word did not remain abstract and distant from us. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh.

In the Gospel today, Jesus proclaimed to His listeners in the synagogue, "today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus is the fulfillment of Sacred Scripture for He is Himself the Word of God.

He has come to fulfill the Good News to the poor, to give freedom to the captives and slaves, to heal the sick and to come to the aid of those in need. But it does not stop there. Clearly then in the mind of Jesus, He is not only the Word of God Incarnate. Rather, the Word of God is also meant to be lived, to be incarnated to us, to be seen in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Today's readings challenge us to read, hear and put into practice the saving and liberating Word of God, transforming our lives to live in charity, honesty, righteousness, compassion, and generosity. Nehemiah and Luke are inviting us that our lives be a Gospel that brings Good News to others.

Remember, you are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do and the words that you say. People around you, your children and your friends read what you write, if it is false or true, now what is the Gospel according to you?

We need to have a Bible and to read and study the Bible and be filled with the Word of God, the Word of Eternal Life. We need to have time to feed our soul and nurture it with the Word of Life that comes from God.

When was the last time you opened your Bible? How do we find ways to also invite and encourage our family members to read the Bible? I invite you to begin reading and sharing the Word of God in your families. Read the Sunday readings and have time with your loved ones by sharing the bible verses and the Word of God that touches you most.

We must begin somewhere reading the Word of God. It is a way of life, a habit forming of ones' heart, mind, and soul. Find Bible Prayer Groups who are doing Bible Study and Faith-Sharing once a week and please join them. You will find these groups within your family too, celebrating our giftedness as One Body of Christ, looking after one another to grow in our faith.

Always remember that the Word of God can redirect our will, cleanse our emotions, enlighten our mind, and nurture our whole human being. Amen.

Fr. Eligio Canete
Pastor

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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 mfrancis@shaw.ca to register
or for more information.



Starting the month of January, Father Eli will say a Prayer of Blessing for Birthdays and Anniversaries at all weekend masses.

Birthday blessings will be on the 3rd Weekend
of each month

Anniversary blessings will be on the 4th Weekend
of each month.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners for their contributions of bottles and milk containers. In 2021 your contributions totalled \$2,256.15. These funds have helped replace some of the money we raised at our fall suppers and pancake breakfasts and helps fund charities like Elizabeth House, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Chalice Canada and many more.

To contribute through bottle donations please bring your empty bottles to Chinook Bottle Depot (108—61st Avenue S.E) and request funds be deposited to the Knights of Columbus, St. James Parish Account.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 25

9:00am Intention of Peter Thov

Wednesday, January 26

9:00am Violet Ducharme—R/S

Thursday, January 27

9:00am Joe Rino —R/S

Friday, January 28

9:00am Intention of Emil Rawlyk

Saturday, January 29

5:00pm John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

Sunday, January 30

10:00am Intention of Connie & John Lavelle

12:00pm 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!

St. James Parish Confirmation Class of 2022 will begin on Thursday, January 27.

Please pray for our 12 students who will make this journey towards receiving the sacrament of confirmation in May 2022.

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