



St. James the Greater Church

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday

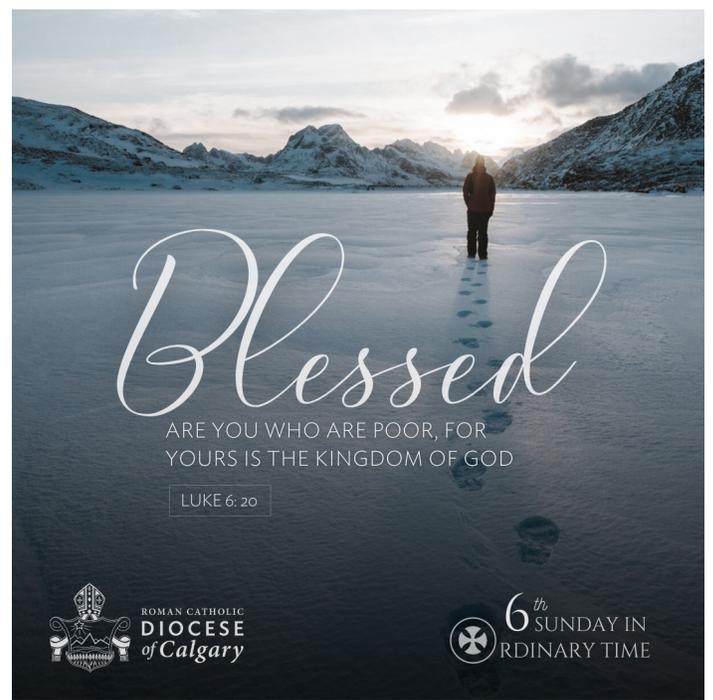
Tuesday thru Friday 9am
1st Saturday of the month 9am

CONFESSION

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

OFFICE HOURS

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



PARISH STAFF

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The Shepherd Speaks

Fr. Eli Canete

Do you remember receiving warnings in your life especially in moments where you are in the midst of temptations and deceptions and lies of the evil One ? If you are driving and crossing an intersection area in highways, you will find signs telling you to slow down because you are entering into a dangerous zone.

I called these warnings rumble strips because they shake and wake you up to stop, look and listen before you go. In life, we also have warnings to avoid tragedies and uphold blessings. Warnings can come and manifest through our consciences, our thoughts, actions, and choices in life.

We find illustration of this in the last discourse of Moses to his followers. See, today I set before you life and prosperity, death, and disaster. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, He will bless you. But, if you refuse to listen if your heart strays, you will certainly perish. I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, Moses urged them that you may live in the love of the Lord, your God, obeying him and clinging to Him.

Here we have the concept of two ways, one good, one evil, a concept which figured prominently in the moral teaching of the early Church. It appears also in the Gospel reading today, with its four beatitudes and four woes and in the first reading from Jeremiah, where the prophet links it symbolically with the extremes of nature found in Israel.

A curse on the one who trusts only in human resources, he will be like the dry scrub in the parched areas of the wilderness. But a blessing on those who place his or her trust in the Lord. He is like the tree planted near water, which never fades, never ceases to bear fruit.

Jesus warns His disciples and us not to allow themselves to be harnessed to the things of the world. The same warning was issued many times by the prophets saying, "woe to those who add house to house and join field to field until everything belongs to them. In other words, woe to the speculators and those who seek a monopoly of the world's resources.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light, which is those who subvert morality and seek to lead others astray. Woe to those who for a bribe acquit the guilty and cheat the good man of his due, that is those who lack all sense of justice and honesty in dealing with others.

Jesus says, happy are these people when they do so, because their confidence will certainly be rewarded by God. If you set out with all your energy to acquire the things which the world regards as valuable, you will in all probability get them. But that will be your sole reward, he says.

Whereas, if you set out to be loyal to God and true to the message of Christ, you may be mocked and insulted by the world, but your reward is still to come. And that reward will be joy eternal, everlasting life and no one will take it from you. Amen.

What Do I Do With My Old Palms?

Palms are blessed. As with any item that is blessed, they should be buried or burned. Often the palms burned at the church are used for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Feel free to drop off your old palms at the church for burning. A box is located at the SW entrance.

Pastoral Zone Synod Consultation Process

Thank you to those who represented our parish at the recent Pastoral Zone Synod Consultation Process held on Saturday, January 29th. More information will be made available as similar dialogue will involve parishioners at a later date.

See back page for new information about changes at the parish with regards to Step 1 of the Provincial and Diocesan restrictions.



CCEF 2022 Cash Raffle

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation supports over 57000 students in the 117 schools in the Calgary Catholic School District. Our \$2500 EARLY BIRD draw takes place on February 11, 2022! Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/22Raffle> All net proceeds fund grants for the CCSD schools.

2021 Tax Receipts

If you do not receive your tax receipt, please contact the office to ensure that the office has your correct mailing address. If your family information or contact information has changed, please let the parish know in order to keep our records up-to-date.

Morning Rosary

Tuesday thru Friday at 8:30am in the church.
Join us!



If you feel inspired to share your faith story, please submit to office@stjamescalgary.org Your story will be printed in the bulletin. Your story may encourage others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 15

9:00am Intention of Peter Thov

Wednesday, February 16

9:00am Greg Smith—R/S

Thursday, February 17

9:00am Olga D'Souza—R/S

Friday, February 18

9:00am Carol Morkin—R/S

Saturday, February 19

5:00pm John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

Sunday, February 20

10:00am Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

Children's Resources

Children's Bulletin—[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Donations

February 6

Regular \$5646

PAPS \$1629

\$7275

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

This month, the Holy Father expresses his gratitude for the mission and courage of religious sisters and consecrated women, and asks for prayers for them that they may continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

CCCB Updates on Indigenous Reconciliation

now available. Please visit the Diocesan website www.catholicyc.ca

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Doug Curtis, Heather Curtis, Eva Moore, Clara Bawol,
Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland, Shirley Klein,
Bill Lerner, Al Meier, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Darlene Otis,
Michael Paplawski, Sarah Straathof, Shirley Valentine

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

John Hunter, Edmond Romard
May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your support!

- ◆ 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

PRELIMINARY UPDATE: Provincial Easing of Health and Safety Restrictions

Premier Jason Kenney announced on February 8, the easing of health and safety restrictions which will be implemented in 3 steps. Since the announcement, the Province has not yet completely provided updates especially in areas concerning us as a church. More information will be provided from the Diocese once more information is released by the Province.

As per direction from the Diocese of Calgary, here is a current update:

- Capacity limits on places of worship have been removed effective February 9
- The advice of the Diocese is that while there are no capacity limits for weekday and weekend Masses, physical distancing will be required at this time for people of different households or non-cohort individuals/families
- The limit for funerals, weddings and baptisms remains at 50 people
- No indoor or outdoor social gatherings are permitted
- Masks are still mandatory in all places of worship . However, effective February 14, masking requirements for children 12 and under will be removed
- For fully vaccinated people who have just completed the 5-day isolation and no longer have symptoms, masks must be worn at all times outside of home for an additional 5 days
- Employees must mask in all indoor work settings, except while alone in work stations
- People at risk of severe outcomes should wear medical masks when in settings with people outside of their household

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women: The hundreds of thousands of religious sisters and consecrated women contribute an incalculable value to the life and mission of the Church throughout the world. Throughout the history of the Church, various forms of consecrated life have evolved:

Religious Life: Religious make a public profession of the evangelical counsels, live in community, and follow a way of life defined by a stable rule.

Secular Institutes: The faithful strive for the sanctification of the world especially from within

Societies of Apostolic Life: Their members live in community, do not profess religious vows, and pursue their apostolic purpose according to their particular manner of life

The eremitic life: Hermits lead a life of assiduous prayer and penance separated from the world

Consecrated virgins and widows: They reply to the Lord's call and live in a state of virginity or of perpetual chastity.

[Pope Francis' message](#) is forceful this month: “What would the Church be without religious sisters and consecrated laywomen? The Church is unintelligible without them.”