



# St. James the Greater Church

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**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 27, 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—3pm  
Thursday  
9am - 12:00pm

*Closed Fridays weekends, and statutory holidays.*

**Ash**  
**WEDNESDAY**

IS A DAY OF  
**Fasting**

1 REGULAR MEAL +  
2 SMALLER MEALS  
THAT TOGETHER DO NOT EQUAL  
THE REGULAR MEAL IN SIZE

AND A DAY OF  
**Abstinence**  
FROM MEAT

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE  
of Calgary  
CATHOLICYC.CA/LENT

## 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**

March 2, 2022, Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. This is a 40-day journey of prayer and penance, fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Jesus is inviting us to accompany Him in His forty days and forty nights of prayer and fasting in the desert in preparation for the start of His public ministry. While being in the desert, Jesus went through the temptations of the devil but emerged ever stronger and triumphant.

At the beginning of Lent, we are reminded with these words, "From dust thou art, to dust thou shall return." But lest we think the human life is meaningless because we will end up as dust in this earth, this simple ritual is a call to make life, short and passing as it is, truly meaningful by heeding the call to conversion that will lead us to new and eternal life: "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus told His disciples a parable. Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, Friend let me take out the speck in your eye, when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite first take the log out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its fruit.

There are two graces that I want to propose for you to meditate and reflect on. The first one is the grace that we may all be blessed with a pure heart. Let us not deceive ourselves into thinking that people are better because of what they wear.

People who wear the habit of the religious are not exactly better than lay people. Clothes are merely external elements. What the Lord counts on is the purity of heart. The pure of heart brings forth the works of love, of compassion, of mercy and justice. God purified our hearts and words so that in looking at them, God can see reflected the image of the Son.

The other grace is purity of sight. When our hearts are pure, we will be able to see the pure hearts of other people. When our hearts are pure, we will be able to see beyond the color of the skin, beyond the color of the uniform, beyond the color of titles and positions, beyond the academic degrees and knowledge and influence of what a person has in life.

Then, we will be able to see and realize that what is essential is invisible to the eye. Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil, for it is in the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

May this grace-filled Lent prepare us to join Jesus in the joyful celebration of His victory in Easter and in His eternal glory in heaven. May we continue to find the face of Jesus among and within our community as we journey in these times of Synod in the spirit of communion, participation and mission, Amen.

**Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2**  
9am & 7pm—Mass and Distribution of Ashes

**Stations of the Cross**  
6pm Fridays during Lent



**See back page for updates at the parish with regards to Step 1 of the Provincial and Diocesan restrictions.**

**Calgary Catholic Education Foundation** Last chance to purchase your tickets for the CASH Raffle! Please support our local Catholic schools with enhanced learning opportunities. Purchase your tickets before February 28, 2022, at [www.thecccef.ca/raffle](http://www.thecccef.ca/raffle)

## Synod Consultation at St James Parish Listening Sessions

After participating in the Pastoral Zone Consultation and Orientation sessions over the last few weeks, our Synod Leadership Team is preparing for our parish consultation sessions in March & April. All participants will be asked to reflect on two fundamental questions as a Synodal Church, faithful to Jesus in announcing the Gospel, "journeying together" as we pray, talk, listen and discern.

- ◆ How have YOU experienced "journeying together" as the Church?
- ◆ What steps does the Holy Spirit invite US to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

If you would like to be a part of these parish sessions, please **register** with the parish office **by March 16th**.

Two sessions available:

Saturday, March 26 (via Zoom) 9am -11am  
Saturday, April 9 (in person) 1pm - 3pm

Learn more at: [catholicyc.ca/synod.html](http://catholicyc.ca/synod.html)

**Questions? Ask our Synod Leadership Team:**  
Fr. Eli Canete, Nick Fader, Elvira Castaneda, Brenda Lerner, Ralph Walicki, Real Phaneuf, Michael Serafini, Christian Tsai.

**Together in Action**  
Our 2022 Parish Goal  
\$36,218

Pope Francis announced this week that Ash Wednesday (March 2) will be a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine. "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,"

### 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](mailto:office@stjamescalgary.org)  
Your story will be printed in the bulletin.  
Your story may encourage others.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, March 1

9:00am Intention of Peter Thov

### Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00am Intention of David Rea  
7:00pm Tex Mortimer—R/S

### Thursday, March 3

9:00am Algis Grajauskas—R/S

### Friday, March 4

9:00am Maria Petrollini—R/S

### Saturday, March 5

9:00am Intention of Billy Osborne  
5:00pm John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

### Sunday, March 6

10:00am Steve Fulawka & Family—R/S  
12:00pm St James Parish

## Children's Resources

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

## New Altar Servers

Calling all boys and girls who are interested in becoming Altar Servers! Our first meeting will be on **Saturday, March 5** at **11am** at the church for children and parents. **PLEASE register with the parish office if you will be coming.** In order to become an Altar Server, children must be in grade 2 or higher, have already received their First Communion or be currently enrolled in our First Communion preparation program.  
Training March 17 at 7pm.



## Donation Envelope #4?

If you are using the 2022 envelopes box #4, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. For income tax purposes, we need to know who you are.

## Accommodation Needed

Employed young adult woman looking to rent an affordable basement suite or apartment in the SW Call the parish office if you have a suite available. (*Daughter of a parishioner.*)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Clara Bawol, Doug Curtis, Heather Curtis, Leena D’Souza,  
Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Shirley Klein,  
Bill Lerner, Eva Moore, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Darlene Otis,  
Michael Paplawski, Sarah Straathof, Shirley Valentine

**AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED**

Wieslawa Dziuba, John Hunter, Edmond Romard  
*May they rest in peace.*

Thank you for your support! *E-Transfer now available!!*

- ◆ 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

**FEBRUARY 15 UPDATE—Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary  
RE: Provincial Easing of Health and Safety Restrictions**

**\*The Dispensation From The Obligation to Attend Mass Is Still In Effect\***

- Masks are still required for all those 13 years of age and older
- Capacity limits on places of worship have been removed for Mass, funerals, weddings and baptisms
- Physical distancing is strongly encouraged for people of different households—Designated seating still in effect at the parish as we ease into the transition
- No indoor or outdoor social gatherings are yet permitted
- 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 at work stations
- People at risk of severe outcomes should wear medical masks when in settings with people outside of their household
- People who have symptoms not related to a pre-existing condition should avoid going to the church or being in public as a courtesy to others

Parishioners are asked to exercise respect, charity, and kindness towards others and to recognize the varying comfort level of people especially during these transition steps.

For a more information, visit the Diocesan website at [catholiccy.ca](http://catholiccy.ca)

**Clear Water Academy  
Catholic School Forming Christian Leaders  
Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 12**

We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2022.  
Interested families can book a tour on our website at

[www.clearwateracademy.com](http://www.clearwateracademy.com)

If you have questions, please contact:

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**Donations  
February 20**

Regular	\$7288
PAPS	<u>\$1629</u>
	\$8917