



St. James the Greater Church

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2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday

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

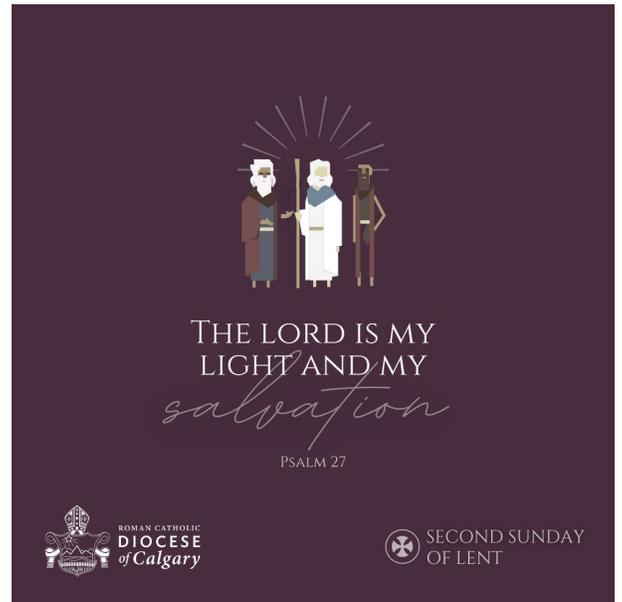
CONFESSION

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9am—3pm
Thursday
9am - 12:00pm

Closed Fridays weekends, and statutory holidays.



Ukraine Emergency Relief—Development & Peace

Development and Peace is joining the Caritas Internationalis family, the CIDSE network, and organizations like the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in responding to Caritas Ukraine's call.

Donations may be made through the following ways...

Online: <https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24360>

Phone: 1 888 664-3387

Mail: mailing a cheque drawn in favour of Development and Peace and marked **Emergency Ukraine** – Development & Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7.

PARISH STAFF

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St James Parish

Lent and Easter 2022

March 2

ASH WEDNESDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 4	FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT	Knights of Columbus
March 11	SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT	Lectors
March 18	THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT	Couples for Christ
March 25	FOURTH FRIDAY OF LENT	Music Ministry
April 1	FIFTH FRIDAY OF LENT	Parish Council
April 8	SIXTH FRIDAY OF LENT	First Communion Class

CONFESSION

Tuesdays to Fridays		9:30am-10am
Saturdays		4pm-4:30pm
April 11	HOLY MONDAY	6pm-8pm
April 12	HOLY TUESDAY	6pm-8pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

April 1	FRIDAY	6pm-8pm
April 10	PALM SUNDAY	
April 14	HOLY THURSDAY (Triduum)	7PM
April 15	GOOD FRIDAY (Triduum)	3pm
April 16	EASTER VIGIL (Triduum)	8pm
April 17	EASTER SUNDAY	10am and 12noon

STEP 2: See page 4 for updates at St James Parish and throughout the Diocese of Calgary.

Volunteers for Hospitality After Mass

Though we will not be resuming hospitality after Mass until after Easter, we are now in the process of acquiring names of volunteers who may be interested in being on a schedule to serve cookies and coffee after our weekend Masses. Volunteers will be part of a schedule at their preferred Mass. Frequency depends on number of volunteers and comfort level of those involved.

10am Choir

The 10am Sunday Mass choir has resumed after a lengthy break. We are happy to be able to lift up our voices together in song to the Lord once again. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Contact Michael Scholfield for more information. A huge thank you to the cantors who volunteered during the restrictions—Colleen Montgomery, Sabina Trimble, Tiffany Thompson

Synod on Synodality

There has been great enthusiasm and participation from across the Diocese in becoming a Church of *communion, participation and mission!*

In January, over 450 clergy, deacons, religious, pastoral staff and ministry leaders participated in 6 pastoral zone consultation process. Their conversations and sharing in the listening sessions contributed invaluable insights into the experiences of our faith community. In the words of one of the leader participants: *"This was a great opportunity to reflect on where we are going in this time and age, and ties in with what we are discussing at the parish level, particularly, with how do we show the face of Christ in all we do."*

In February, 280 synod leadership team members from 45 parishes and 6 lay associations took part in orientations to prepare and plan for synodal listening sessions throughout the Diocese. Two Catholic School Districts have also begun the synodal listening process with principals, administrators and Board members. The whole Diocesan community is ready for you - come and engage in the spiritual encounter with the Lord and one another, where we pray and listen, discern and share.

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

USHERS NEEDED

Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer as an usher. Thank you to the *Couples for Christ* who will be ushering the 1st, 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parish volunteers are needed for the 4th (and occasional 5th) weekends of each month. Those interested contact Jerico at (403)861-4637.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy Program, designed for young children 3+ (though younger children can come with an adult) resumed a few months ago. Since it resumed in September it has been growing in attendance and we have had many people stepping up to join our program as volunteers, making it possible not only to continue, but to be able to increase the frequency of classes to twice monthly at our 10:00am Mass. Thank you to our Children's Liturgy coordinator, Sarah Straathof, and our volunteer teachers!

2nd Collection

2nd, 3rd & 5th Sunday of Lent
For Development and Peace

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 15

9:00am John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

Wednesday, March 16

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Thursday, March 17

9:00am Beth Diamond—R/S

Friday, March 18

9:00am James Williams—R/S

Saturday, March 19

5:00pm John & Maria Petrollini —R/S

Sunday, March 20

10:00am Tony Fitzpatrick—R/S
12:00pm St James Parish

Children's Resources

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

Children's Bulletin—[CLICK HERE](#)

New Altar Servers

Calling all boys and girls who are interested in becoming Altar Servers! In order to become an Altar Server, children must be in grade 2 or higher, have already received their First Communion or currently enrolled in our First Communion preparation program.

Training March 17 at 7pm.

RCIA

Our two elect, Nick Lepage and Gen Lepage will be received into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. We look forward to celebrating at Easter the life-giving mysteries of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. These elect, whom we bring with us to the Easter sacraments, will look to us for an example of Christian renewal. Let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by one another's efforts and together come to share the joys of Easter.

God Squad announces their **25th Annual Men's Conference!**

March 18 & 19 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. This year's conference is inspired by the call of Pope St. John Paul II to the new springtime in the Church and by Avi Kaplan's song "Change on the Rise" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=382BTxLNrow> with the view of building up the Church. Our theme is "Change on the Rise; Ushering the New Springtime!" We are excited to have Bishop McGrattan coming to celebrate the opening Mass. Keynote speakers: Jeff Cavins and Brett Powell. Join us in person or via live stream. Visit godsquad.ca to register.

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, Doug Ritchie, Sarah Straathof, Shirley Valentine, Stewart Winfield

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Wieslawa Dziuba, John Hunter, Edmond Romard

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

STEP TWO LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

1. The wearing of masks is no longer required by the Province but people are free to continue the use of facemasks if they choose to. This applies to everyone including the clergy and to anyone serving in a liturgical capacity.
2. There has been no mention of physical distancing in Step 2. In order to respect people's personal space and comfort level, however, it would be a prudent practise to allow for some distance between people of different households.
 - At this time, for the sign of peace, we are asked to exchange peace with those outside of our household with a bow or a nod and not by a handshake.
 - In social settings, it would be charitable not to presume that others are comfortable to shake hands or to hug.
3. 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.
4. We are all encouraged to observe proper hand hygiene by sanitizing our hands at any of the sanitizer stations in the church or by washing our hands regularly with soap and water.
5. We are encouraged to observe respiratory etiquette, such as coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow and the prompt disposal of any used tissues in trash cans.

We are now able to resume saying "The Body of Christ to each person and for each to respond.

In Step 2, we are grateful that congregational singing may now resume in the Diocese. We take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation in observing the health and safety restrictions for almost two years now. At this time, we pace our walk together

NOTE: Though indoor and outdoor gatherings are now allowed, it will take several weeks to resume some of our social activities at St James until parishioners and volunteers are comfortable. Hospitality after Mass will not resume until after Easter. Resuming of funeral lunches TBD.

St . James School Needs a New Playground

In the summer of 2023, the St. James School playground will be demolished as it will have reached its expiry date of 24 years. For the purpose of rebuilding a new playground, the financial goal is to raise \$200,000 - \$250,000. As a means to raise funds, St James Education Society is holding a Westjet raffle for a chance to win two tickets anywhere Westjet flies. Tickets will be available in the hall after Mass this weekend. Tickets: \$10 each

Donations March 6

Regular	\$2879
PAPS	<u>\$1629</u>
	\$4508

*Thank you for your generosity.
2022 TIA Goal: 36,218*

TESTIMONY of RICHARD NIBOGIE

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do ‘Good Works’, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

In the 1 Peter 3:15, he says, **“Have reverence for Christ in your hearts, and honor Him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in Him. ”**

Every person’s story is different, but there comes a time, in each one’s life, a moment in which a man or woman must take a position, either to accept, Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior, or reject Him. Not making a choice is actually rejecting.

My story began on March 12th, 1939. I was born to a Greek Catholic father and a Roman Catholic mother. I was baptized, confirmed, and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time, in Saint Stephen’s Mission Church, here in Calgary. At the same time, my mother dedicated me to the Lord and prayed that one day I would become a priest. It was the concept, at the time, that the oldest boy in the family would become a priest. My mother continued to pray for me, until I was 28, when Trudy came into my life and I decided to marry her. My mother’s comment was **“God does not answer prayers!”** for she felt that there was no hope of me ever becoming a priest.

I was not much of a religious person, in fact, I did not see the need for God in my life, so I put Him aside and quit going to church. It was 10 years, into our marriage, when things started to change. Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, the Christian Family Course, a business men’s group, along with hundreds of people praying for my conversion.

The culmination of all this, resulted in me asking Jesus Christ to come into my life and take control of my life. This was at a convention, at 01:00 in the afternoon of May 30th 1979. The change was dramatic. It was so dramatic, I found myself witnessing to Mormon missionaries, on St Stephen’s Mall. The interesting thing was they were listening to me.

When the Lord gets hold of your life there is no place to turn except to follow Him. Trudy and I got involved in many ministries. We were so involved, that it affected our relationship with each other, and with our children. Our spiritual adviser, at the time, Father Mike Duggan, advised us to give up all ministries and to get our relationship in order, and also our relationship with our children. It took us 3 years to do this. At the same time AGT made me an offer I could not resist. It was a chance for an early retirement and a one year pay out. I took it and have never looked back.

Now that Trudy and I had all this time on our hands, what were we going to do with it?

We prayed about it and asked people to pray for us, to determine what the Lord would have us do. At this time, we were practicing in the Roman Catholic Church. I would turn on the TV set and there was an ad for Mexico. I would pick up a magazine and open it and there was an ad for Mexico. We went to a Catholic Fellowship breakfast and the guest speaker was talking about Mexico. It seemed that I might find my answer in Mexico.

I had three weeks vacation and decided to visit a priest friend, who was doing missionary work in Mexico. I wrote him and asked if I could come down there and spend some time with him. He accepted my invitation. Every morning and every evening and thru out the day we prayed and asked the Lord for direction. One week went by, and there was no answer. A second week went by, still no answer. A third week went by, and still no answer. The night before I was suppose to leave, a young priest, from Philadelphia, came to preach a mission in one of the churches. I talked to him about my plight, and he suggested to me, **“Go back to your roots, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and see if you can become a deacon and eventually become a priest.”**

I returned to Calgary and sought out Father Bill Hupalo. He advised Trudy and me to make arrangements to visit with Bishop Greschuck. He was delighted to receive us and the process began. When my mother found out, that I was pursuing the religious life, her comment to us was, **“Maybe God does answer our prayers.”** But before we could get started, Bishop Greschuck died of a massive heart attack and my pursuit for religious life was put on hold.

We waited approximately 18 months before a new bishop was assigned to our Eparchy, Bishop Daciuk. Trudy and I arranged a meeting with him and his decision was to send us to St. Paul’s University, in Ottawa, for 4 years of study. I had completed 1 year when Bishop Daciuk approached me and said he wanted to ordain me because he needed someone to help him at St. Josaphat’s Cathedral. So on July 31, 1994, I was ordained a Deacon, at St. Stephen’s Church in Calgary.

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Testimony of Richard Nybogie (cont'd)

When Bishop Daciuk laid his hands on me and prayed over me, it seemed to me as if I was free of a bondage that prevented me to speak to a crowd of people. Now I had the ability and the desire to do so.

Prior to my ordination, my mother suffered a heart attack and died. They were able to bring her back to life. It seemed as if the Lord wanted to give my mother a chance to witness my ordination. She was not able to be at my ordination, because of her condition, but after the service, I dressed in my vestments and went to see her. I said to her, **"Mother, I am not a priest, I am a deacon."** Her answer to me was, **"I don't care, and my prayer has been answered."** She had prayed off-and-on for about 53 years. Four years later she passed away.

After my ordination, Bishop Daciuk assigned me as the associate pastor to St. Josaphat's Cathedral. Since then, the Lord has taken Trudy and me to places we never dreamed of going, and doing things we thought we were incapable of doing. I believe that it was Mother Teresa who said, **"God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called."** We know that to be true.

In Matthew 5:14-16, he says, **"You are like a light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under the table; instead they put it on the lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone to see. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."**

Jesus has a call for each of us, and that call may take us to places we have never imagined or throw us in with people we never dreamed of meeting. He may put us in positions we never sought or even knew existed.

Jesus' call for each of us is unique. The Father created us with a purpose and plan in mind, a good plan, a plan to give us a future full of hope. We can begin to see that plan fulfilled as we respond to Jesus' call to follow Him.

When He says, **"Follow me,"** He means just that: **"Follow"**. It is not an option, as if we were being invited to a dinner party or to an event with friends. Rather, it is an instruction to follow Him.

To each one of us, Jesus says: **"Follow me. Believe that when you do, goodness and mercy will follow you all the day's of your life."**

Joshua said, **"Honor the Lord and serve Him sincerely and faithfully, If you are not willing to serve Him, decide today whom you will serve. As for my family and me, we will follow the Lord."** (Joshua 24:14-15) We have decided to follow the Lord.

Is it always easy?

No. Adventure and risk always go hand in hand. But someone greater than any peril goes hand in hand with us.

The challenge for me every day is:

Do I leave every situation better than when I first entered it?

Does my light shine brightly, so people are drawn to me, so I can share the light of Christ with them?

Do I listen when I should listen; do I speak when I should speak; do people leave thirsty wanting more?

And what I say to them, does it bring honor and glory to my heavenly Father?

These questions have helped keep me on the right track.

It has not been a smooth trip, but it has been beyond belief. I have looked back and have not regretted one moment of it.

The pay hasn't always been great but the retirement plan is out of this world.



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