



St. James the Greater Church

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday

Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 -10:00am
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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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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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

Fourth Sunday of Lent is called the Laetare Sunday. It receives its name from the Latin word for “rejoice.” Many of us remember that this is the Sunday when color rose is worn by the priest, when flowers once again decorate what was otherwise a barren sanctuary.

Indeed, we rejoice as the People of God looking forward to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during this Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast.

We also rejoice because we are blessed to have two catechumens that will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist in our Church this Easter Vigil. We continue to pray for Nick and Gen Lepage. Our community of St. James rejoices with their family for the number of those baptized in Christ will be increased.

We also rejoice because this Sunday, we have eight young boys and girls be installed as Altar Servers of our parish. We are profoundly grateful for these students and parents who say YES to serve our Lord and our people.

And most importantly, we rejoice because in this Sunday, God’s wonderful Words of Life and Love bring us so much hope as we listen and read the Sunday readings. The Gospel narrates to us that as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind by birth. As the conversation went on, the sight of the blind man was restored, and he identified the healer as the man they call Jesus.

Confronted and interrogated by the Pharisees, the blind man testified before them that He is a prophet. And when Jesus found him, the blind man now professed his faith telling Jesus, I do believe. The blind man met Jesus. He praised Jesus. But in the end, he worshipped Jesus. He found Jesus. He stood for Jesus. And at the end, he followed Jesus. There is indeed a progression in his faith.

On the other hand, the Pharisees remained stubborn in their faith. They simply manifested their lack of faith in Jesus. They considered the restoration of the sight of the blind man a violation of the Sabbath and closed their eyes to the miraculous healing of Jesus. The Pharisees closed their eyes to Jesus but more their hearts.

In our lives, too, Jesus is passing by and wants to encounter us into a deeper relationship of love and life. And Jesus wants to talk to us. But many times, we close our hearts, we close our eyes, and we refuse to allow him to heal us.

Do you keep burning the light of Christ that he has entrusted to you? What are the things and events that blinded us most in following Jesus? Are we the blind man who beg the Lord for healing and worship Him or are we the one of the Pharisees who continue to refuse and ignore the Lord and walk away from Him and choose to live in darkness?

Let us place our hope in Jesus and put our trust in the Lord who said to the blind man, do you believe in the Son of Man? Jesus said to the blind man, you have seen, and the one speaking with you is He.

Volunteers for Hospitality After Mass

Our ability to resume coffee after weekend Masses will be directly dependent on having volunteers to do it. Volunteers will be placed on a rotating schedule. Those responsible for the specific date will set up, clean up and will prepare coffee, tea, juice supplied by the parish. The coffee volunteers will be responsible for bringing cookies or baking (homemade or purchased). If you are willing to be a part of this important parish ministry, please contact the office with the Mass time you prefer. Training will be provided. Total time commitment approximately 30 minutes prior to Mass and 1 hour after Mass.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

St. James KofC Council will be hosting a **Lenten Fish Fry** on Friday March 25th and April 8th at 6:30 PM following the Stations of the Cross. We will be serving our traditional fried haddock and fries with a side of coleslaw including an ice cream bar for \$10.00 per person (with extra fish at \$5.00 each). Tables will be set up in the Parish Hall while Take Away will be available as well. To give us a sense of attendees, please register on the sign up sheet at the SW entrance. We encourage our parishioners and guests to join us and are thrilled to be bringing our St James community together again.

Vacation Relief

We are looking for an adult volunteer to answer phones and assist parishioners in the office from June 6 to June 16—morning, or morning/afternoon. Hours flexible. Contact Brenda: 403 243 2680 (Ext 4).

Lent/Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6pm

Lenten Penitential Celebration

Friday, April 1 6pm

Confession

Tuesday to Friday 9:30am—10:00am

Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm

Holy Monday, April 11 6-8pm

Holy Tuesday, April 12 6-8pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 10am & 12pm

Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 14 7pm

Good Friday, April 15 3pm

Easter Vigil, April 16 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 17 10am & 12pm

Invigorating the Universal Church

In 2021, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to a discussion of **synodality**. If the word takes you by surprise, you're not alone. While the concept of synod, or church council, is not new, you won't find *synodality* in a secular dictionary. The term was chosen by Pope Francis, whose papacy has often focused on evangelization. With synodality, the Pope is carefully placing evangelization into the hands of the Church's people. From now until 2023, the pursuit of synodality calls Catholics to get together, to talk and listen, and to love and learn in a deliberate effort to move closer to Christ and the Church. *(Joy Gregory—catholicyy.ca)*

Come join us to listen and share at our in-person Parish Listening Session!

Saturday, April 9 1pm-3pm

Registration deadline for in-person Listening Session has been extended to April 6. Sign up at the SW entrance, online, or at the office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 29

9:00am Intention of Maritta Delorey

Wednesday, March 30

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Thursday, March 31

9:00am Marshal Swab—R/S

Friday, April 1

9:00am Intention of Ferlita Bond

Saturday, April 2

9:00am Intention of Veronica Kubik

5:00pm Intention of Tara Elsner

Sunday, April 3

10:00am St James Parish

12:00pm Victor Gutierrez & Belen Carrero -- R/S

Children's Resources

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

Children's Bulletin—[CLICK HERE](#)

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 or the office.

Sacraments

Please keep in your prayers those preparing for:

First Holy Communion (33 students)

Sunday, June 5 @ 2:00pm.

Confirmation (13 students)

Bishop William T. McGrattan

Thursday, May 26 @ 7:00pm

RCIA

Gen Lepage & Nick Lepage who will enter the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.

Memorial Mass for Loved Ones We Have Lost During the Pandemic

April 6, 2022 at 9:00am—St James Church

With this Mass, we hope to facilitate healing in what may have been an experience of complicated grief for many who have lost loved ones over the past two years. Masses will be said at most parishes throughout the Diocese on this day for those who have died and for those who grieve their loss.

A live-streamed Mass will also take place from St. Mary's Cathedral at 12pm on April 6.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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,
Joyce Patterson, Michael Paplawski, Doug Ritchie, John Scholfield, Sarah Straathof,
Shirley Valentine, Stewart Winfield

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- ◆ 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.

**Lenten Message from
Bishop William T McGrattan**
A Penitential Season of Transformation

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Donations March 13 & 20

Regular	\$5565
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	\$8171

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