



St. James the Greater Church

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5th Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

MASS TIMES

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

Weekday

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

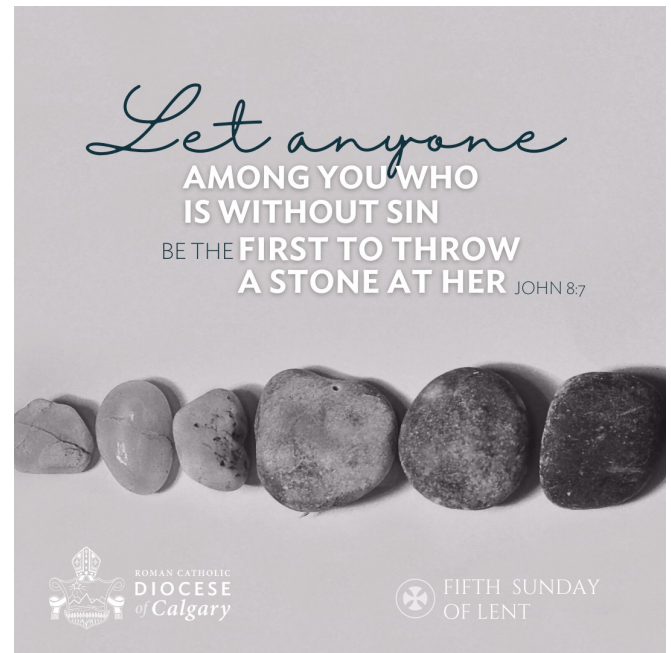
CONFESSION

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.

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.

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

This coming April 6, 9am Wednesday, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. James Church for the intentions of those who died during the pandemic and for those who are also grieving their loss. We also include families and children who died because of war. These are the challenging times of our lives where we reach out to our community members and assure them that we are with them in their mourning and grief.

These are also struggling times of our lives where we offer our prayers to our people who have not yet attended our Masses since the pandemic began and invite them to our Church and find their way back home to the very soul of our community celebration, the Holy Mass. Know that for families who lost their loved ones, you have a special place in our hearts.

We do all have struggles with the problems of sickness, suffering, tragedies, disasters, and sin. We also come to grips with death. And we often ask? Why? Why should an innocent little child die early? Why should a young man die tragically in the bloom of life? Why the death of a mother of a large family?

In our Gospel this 5th Sunday of Lent, Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus was dead for four days. Jesus manifested that He has the power to give life. He is the author of life. Death has no power over him. Death cannot control him. And nothing is impossible with him. Jesus is truly the resurrection and the life.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." But even now, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him. Jesus said to her, your brother will rise again. Martha said to him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Do you believe this? Martha said to Jesus, Yes Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of God, the one coming into the world. When in our Faith we speak about heaven, and resurrection and the next life, we do not speak about these things primarily because they give us consolation and strength. They certainly do that, but the primary reason we speak of these things is because they are true. God has spoken His word to us. We hear it in the Scriptures and in the teachings of our Church and we respond to it by saying, Yes, I believe, it is true.

God has broken the silence about death and told us that Jesus has conquered death. Death was not part of God's original plan. It came into the world because of sin. Death is not from God. Death is from turning away from God. Yet, God did not leave us in the power of death. He sent Christ, who died and rose again and conquered death.

Many people think that the story of human life is birth, life, and death. For Christians, its different. The story is not birth, life, and death but life, death, and resurrection. Death does not have the last word. Life does. Death is not the end of the human story, it's the middle. The end of the story is resurrection and life that has no end, Amen.

Volunteers for Hospitality After Mass

Our ability to resume coffee after weekend Masses will be directly dependent on having volunteers to do it AFTER EASTER WEEKEND. 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 1/2 hours after Mass. Get to know your fellow parishioners!

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

St. James KofC Council will be hosting a **Lenten Fish Fry** on Friday, 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.

The Last Stations of the Cross this Lent—April 8th at 6pm—Hosted by our First Communion class. Inviting all parishioners especially children (with their parents) to come join us!

Children's Collection resumes next weekend. A container will be available at the front of the church. Children's donations support our two sponsored children from CHALICE: Valeria from Ukraine & Marc Joseph from Haiti.

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

Saturday, April 9 1—3pm

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!

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!
DEADLINE APRIL 6.**

Sign up at the SW entrance, online, or office.

Memorial Mass for Loved Ones We Have Lost During the Pandemic

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 5

9:00am Intention of Tomiak Family

Wednesday, April 6

9:00am Intention of DeSouza Family & for those who died during the pandemic

Thursday, April 7

9:00am Paul Dunphy—R/S

Friday, April 8

9:00am Jim Allonby—R/S

Saturday, April 9

5:00pm Intention of Brian & Brenda Lerner

Sunday, April 10

10:00am St James Parish

12:00pm Jesus Rivero & Rosalia Leon—R/S

Pastoral Care Ministry Training—May 2022

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a free training course for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. Mandatory training. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Pastoral Care volunteer in this important and rewarding ministry. For more information contact Sharon at (403) 249-0018.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land Good Friday

The Good Friday collection on April 15 is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for "Commissariat of the Holy Land", or by Interac e-transfers to terresainte@bellnet.ca. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land of Canada

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Norma O'Hare

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 practice 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.

**Messages from
Bishop William T. McGrattan**
A Penitential Season of Transformation

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Solidarity Sunday

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Donations March 27

Regular	\$3494
PAPS	\$1303
	\$4797

Thank you for your generosity!
2022 TIA Goal: \$36,218 To date: \$7295