



# St. James the Greater Church

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 11, 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 to Wednesday  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
Thursday  
9:00am - 12:00pm

*Closed Fridays, weekends, and statutory holidays.*

REJOICE WITH ME,  
FOR I HAVE FOUND

**MY SHEEP  
THAT WAS  
LOST**

*Luke 15:6*



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of Calgary

**24<sup>th</sup>** SUNDAY IN  
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We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish! If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available on our website, at the SW entrance of the church, and through the parish office.

## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor**—Fr. Eligio “Eli” Canete - eligiocanete@gmail.com

**Administrative Assistant**—Brenda Lerner - office@stjamescalgary.org

**Music** - Michael Scholfield - mcscholfield@icloud.com

**Bookkeeper**—Magda Aguillon

**Volunteer Screening**—Vivian Moody—pvsc@stjamescalgary.org



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### The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!” (Psalm 145:8)

One of the most liberating and uplifting life experiences is when we are able to say, I FORGIVE YOU, I AM SORRY AND YOU ARE FORGIVEN. There can be no peace without forgiveness. Do we always forgive others? Or do we forgive some who offend us and not others? Are we the persons who bear grudges? How do we deal with persons who harm us or hurt us most? This is today’s challenge from our readings. Only God can give us the grace to forgive all others, those who have harmed us in any way at all. God’s call and invitation for us all is immediate and complete forgiveness of others. God is sclear in today’s readings. If you do not forgive, how can you ask forgiveness?

Forgiveness is one of the central lessons in life and teaching of Jesus. It plays a powerful role in the spiritual health of every person. It plays a powerful role in every relationship, and it is essential to the life of any healthy community, whether that community is as small as a family or as a large as a nation.

When we forgive, we share the love of God with others and rid ourselves of dangerous poisons that can prevent us from growing physically and spiritually. But that does not make it easy. Without forgiveness, our souls begin to fill with anger, resentment, frustration, and anxiety. Choosing not to forgive someone is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. When we choose not to forgive, we turn our backs on God and best version of ourselves.

We know the story of the older brother within the story of the prodigal son. The older brother really resents his younger brother. The younger brother goes off and wastes all his inheritance and then comes home and is received with great kindness and love by his father. This is truly injustice! And yet it is how God wants us to live: judge not and you will not be judged. How do I treat the person who harms me?

All of us who have sinned can understand the debt that we owe to the Lord. The more we see that debt, the more we can understand that we must forgive others. Everybody needs to forgive somebody. Whom do you need to forgive? Whom is God inviting you to forgive? Every time we hold on to anger, bitterness, and revenge, we damage only ourselves for that is not what we are. Every time that we refuse forgiveness, we harm ourselves for that is not what we are.

Who are we? We are children of God, created in his own image and likeness. This basic truth of our faith and life tells us that deep in our hearts, we are made to live a life of peace, love, and forgiveness because we are from God, the author of life, the prince of Peace, the God of forgiveness. Who are we? We are also children of God with strengths and with weaknesses. There are times that we do wrong and fall into sins, but the Lord offers us forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to begin and begin again, and that the Lord forgives us so that we may forgive others also.

Let us live for God and live God’s forgiveness everyday, from our hearts, Amen.

#### A History of St James the Greater Parish By Sheila Ross (2019)

Clearance  
NOW 50% off  
\$6.00

Available at the parish office.

#### Together in Action

We have only a few months left of our 2022 *Together in Action* campaign and still have far to go to reach our assigned goal. Please give generously. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

2022 TIA Goal: \$36,218  
TIA to date: \$14, 442

#### Children’s Resources

Children’s Coloring Page—[click here](#)  
Children’s Bulletin—[click here](#)



#### Children’s Collection

The children’s collection bucket can be found at the front of the church near the altar during our weekend Masses. Children are encouraged to drop in coins and bills during the offertory collection. Money collected supports our Chalice Sponsorships—two children in developing countries.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, September 13**

9:00am Intention of Aaron & Sarah Lerner

### **Wednesday, September 14**

9:00am Intention of Vincent Phan

### **Thursday, September 15**

9:00am Intention of Emma Selby

### **Friday, September 16**

9:00am Intention of Lillian Brister

### **Saturday, September 17**

5:00pm Carmine D'Ippolito

### **Sunday, September 18**

10:00am Agatha & John St. Onge—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

## **First Communion/First Reconciliation Registration & Parent Information Session**

**Thursday, September 15**

**6:15pm**

It's time to register your child for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Classes begin soon so don't miss this important information session. Students in grade 2 or higher who are baptized are eligible to register. Registration fee is \$50 per student which can be paid at the time of the session by Visa, Mastercard, Debit, cash or cheque. A copy of your child's baptism certificate will also be required unless baptized at St James Church. Classes will run 1–2 times per month from October until June on Thursday evenings from 6:15–7:30pm. This is a child/parent program so a parent must attend with their child.

## **RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

From the time of the Apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a spiritual journey and initiation in several stages. The duration can vary between individuals, but certain elements will always be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic Communion. We invite all those inquirers who are:

- Not Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian denomination
- Catholics of high school age or older who still require the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Catholics who desire to better understand (or renew) their faith and explore its life

RCIA will meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. All interested individuals are invited to an orientation session on Sept. 21, 7:30-9 p.m., in the parish hall. For more information, contact Karen Serafini at (403) 620-3064.



## **Children's Liturgy Coordinator**

We need a Children's Liturgy Coordinator to oversee our children's program at the 10am Mass on Sundays. Time required is minimal and the program is simple and well set up. The coordinator will be organizing volunteers and preparing for lessons in advance. The program will only resume once a coordinator is found. Contact the office if you are interested.

## **Coffee Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to bring cookies and serve coffee after the 5pm and 10am Masses. We are looking for families or individuals who are willing to be included on a team of two or three people. If you prefer not to serve, but would like to help out, you can be added to the list to bring treats. We are hoping to have enough volunteers so that no one needs to serve more than once a month. If interested, please call the office. This is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners with a minimal commitment!

**Funeral Lunch Volunteers Needed**—This is an important team ministry for grieving families. Without more volunteers we may not be able to provide this service to all who need it. Please contact the office.

## **Employment Opportunity**

St James Church is hiring a parttime Volunteer Screening Coordinator and Office Assistant. Deadline for submissions is September 19, 2022. For more information or to apply, please visit the [Employment Opportunities](#) page of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary website. All applications must be sent to the Diocese of Calgary not to the parish office.

*We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them*

Stephanie Davis, Tara Elsner, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Carrie Gallagher, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Joyce Patterson, Doug Ritchie, John Scholfield, Rebecca Shand, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Jim Weitmann, Shirley Valentine



*And For Those Who Have Died*

Mary Gallagher, Sr. Helen Kampel, Sarah Straathof, Will Bauer, Euclid Dore, Dave Boisjolie, Anni Weitmann, Shirley Klein, Rita Funke, Wayne Homan, Oryama Stanislaus Okot, Sr. Victoria Hagel, Carol Galts

**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
- ◆ E-transfer
- ◆ 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

**Calling Volunteers! There are numerous ways to help!**

We are looking for volunteers in many areas. Volunteering is a great way to serve your parish and get to know more of our parish community. Whether you are available for small periods or longer ones, volunteering is fun and rewarding! If you can help, we'd love to have you!

Altar Arrangement & Decor  
Altar Servers  
Children's Liturgy  
Collection Counters  
Coffee after weekend Masses  
Food Bank  
Funeral Choir  
Weekend Mass Choirs  
Sacristans  
Lectors  
Library  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Funeral Lunches  
Pastoral Care—visiting the sick or homebound  
Hall Management  
Ushers