



St. James the Greater Church

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Christ the King, Lord of the Universe

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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 Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm
(Closed 12:00-12:30 for lunch.)



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, or at the parish office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November:

Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.

PARISH STAFF

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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

The celebration of the Feast of Christ the King at the end of the Church's liturgical year focuses our attention on the person of Christ. The most striking fact about Christ was His overwhelming power of love and this is what scandalized some people.

The Apostles wanted a Messiah. The people wanted a King. But Christ chose to win the world by love. "For this I was born and for this I came into the world." A human kingdom might soon have disappeared in the turmoil of human history, but the power of Christ's love lives on forever. It is in love that Christ is truly King.

Today's Gospel presents Christ the King as reigning not from a throne but hanging on the Cross. Like the Suffering Servant, Jesus is despised and rejected as the bystanders ridicule the crucified King, challenging him to prove His Kingship by coming down from the Cross.

One of the criminals derided and insulted him while the other criminal said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Tradition remembers the criminal on the right side of Jesus as the "good thief" who repented of his sins at the last moment.

St. John Paul II eloquently captures the very heart of Jesus forgiving the repentant thief who begged for God's mercy to enter His kingdom. St. John Paul II said, "You are not the sum of your weaknesses and failures. You are the sum of God's love. And God displays His power at its height by freely forgiving sins."

What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? The real Kingdom of Christ is the Kingdom of love. Christ always takes the initiative. Christ always loved us first.

There is a whole parade of people in the Gospels whom Christ loved and forgave despite their sins and failures. Jesus had his first glance with mercy at the face of Zacchaeus. Christ accepted Nicodemus as well as with Mary Magdalene. David was a sinful man but eventually repented and found his way back to God's kingdom.

The King of Kings makes us participate in his kingdom. At our baptism, this declaration is made. I am anointing you priest, prophet and king, Christ said. Just as the kingship has been given to me by my Father, so I give it to you.

You will eat and drink at my table, in my kingdom and you will sit at my thrones. Yes, we belong to a kingdom. We will inherit a kingdom. Jesus says, "if you feed the hungry, if you give water to the thirsty, if you dress the naked, if you comfort the sick, if you visit the prisoners, if you welcome a stranger, you shall be in the Kingdom of God."

I invite you to do our share and God will do his part well! May God bless us all with a deeper love for Jesus, the King of kings, Amen!

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be displayed near the front of the sanctuary. Please feel free to add the names of loved ones who have not been entered before. Those written in the book will be remembered at all Masses this month.

Sunday Collection November 13

Regular \$1410
PAPS \$1529
\$2939

2022 TIA Goal: \$36,218
TIA to date: \$22,153 Remaining: \$14,065
TIA deadline December 31, 2022

Find Advent events, resources, programs, and devotions for individuals, families, and ministries as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Saviour.
Visit catholiccyyc.ca/advent

Children's Resources

Children's Coloring Page—[click here](#)
Children's Bulletin—[click here](#)
Children's Liturgy of the Word —[click here](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 22

9:00am Shirley Klein—R/S

Wednesday, November 23

9:00am America Guaramata —R/S

Thursday, November 24

9:00am Romelia Parraga—R/S

Friday, November 25

9:00a Severa Valente—R/S

Saturday, November 26

5:00pm Andrew Fitzpatrick—R/S

Sunday, November 27

10:00am Jimmy Joyce—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

Living with Christ Sunday Missals 2022-2023

Now available on the book cart
at the back of the church.

\$5.00 each

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Parish Advent Penitential Celebration

Tuesday, December 6

7:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass

3pm, 5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day Mass

10am & 12pm

New Year's Eve Mass

5pm

New Year's Day Mass

10am & 12pm

Simbang Gabi Masses

December 9 @ 7:00pm (Tagalog)

&

December 16 to 24 @ 7:00pm (English)

Carols start at 6:30pm

All Welcome!

Proceeds to *Together in Action.*

Together in Action 2022 Deadline December 31, 2022

Over the last 11 weeks, I have discussed the charities and services that your contribution to the Together in Action campaign supports. The funds are used to assist the diocese in maintaining many of the Church's activities and charities. This year about 1/3 of the funds will be used to support the Church's reconciliation with the Indigenous community and those affected by the church's participation in the residential schools.

As we approach our deadline, I would encourage you to consider increasing or initiating a donation to the St. James TIA campaign. With less than two months left in our campaign we are well short of our goal. If you are looking at making charitable contributions during the upcoming Advent season, please consider supporting the Together in Action campaign. You can donate through envelopes that are available in the pews, e-transfer, or automatic bank withdrawal. Donations can also be made by VISA, Mastercard and Debit through the office. All donations are appreciated and make a difference.

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Together in Action Campaign Coordinator

Simbang Gabi Masses A Beautiful Filipino Religious Tradition

Simbang Gabi is one of the longest and most popular among Filipino traditions in the Philippines. The custom lasts for 9 days starting December 16 up to December 24 during which Filipinos attend dawn Masses. After the Mass, families and friends partake of a hearty breakfast of Filipino pastries and delicacies. Priests held early dawn Masses for the farmers who wanted to attend Mass but could not leave their work in the rice fields. These Masses were held before daybreak hence the term "Simbang Gabi" or night Mass. This 9-day novena culminates with the "Misa de Aguinaldo" before midnight on Christmas Eve to welcome the birth of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Here, we celebrate these Masses in the evening hours. All are welcome!

Christmas Hampers

If you are someone you know is in need of a Christmas Hamper this year, please contact the office or leave a message on the Food Bank extension (3). **Deadline for requests is Tuesday, December 6th.** Recipients must live within our parish boundaries. More information about our Angel Giving Tree soon to come! Drivers will be required to deliver the hampers on December 15th. Details to follow.



This Week at the Church

Monday	7:00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
	11:00am	Funeral—Irvin Hingst
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Legion of Mary
	7:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:30pm	Sing-a-Long for Seniors
Saturday	Knights Christmas Set-Up	
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

Employment Opportunity—RC Diocese of Calgary
[Executive Director—Finance and Administration](#)



Ukraine

The war in Ukraine rages on with no end in sight, claiming the lives of thousands of innocent children, men and women, with millions more on the move as refugees in search of safety, food, shelter, clothing and medicine, in addition to the destruction of countless homes, schools, hospitals and business. As winter approaches, hundreds of thousands of people will have no heat in their homes, with energy being used as a weapon of punishment.

Ukraine and its people are in crisis. Let us renew our efforts to pray, fast, and act. Together we can make a difference in the millions of lives of the children, men and women who are counting on us:

Donations can be made through [Development and Peace—Canada](#).

Christmas at Elizabeth House

Let us bring a joyful Christmas to the residents of Elizabeth House and help them fulfil their wish list! This year Elizabeth House has 7 moms, 5 babies (under 16 months), 2 more babies to arrive this month, and 4 children (ages 14,13, 7 and 5) living elsewhere. We welcome donations for these wish lists:

Each family unit has created a wish list, and you can be paired with one family unit by emailing sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca

Or donate items from the [Collective House Wish List](#), which we will place under the tree for our families to share. Please let us know by email which items you are able to provide, so that we can keep track of the list on our end.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Don Bruce, Stephanie Davis, Tara Elsner, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Carrie Gallagher, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Sylvia Kirkland, Lillian Brister, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski, Fr. Colin O'Rourke, Joyce Patterson, Andrew Pelletier, Eugene Phaneuf, Deacon Michael Pollard, Louise Prenovost, Doug Ritchie, John Scholfield, Fr. John Schuster, Rebecca Shand, Dennis S., Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Jim Weitmann, Shirley Valentine

And For Those Who Have Died

Irwin Hingst

We Are So Grateful For Your Financial Support!

- ◆ Online giving on the “Contribute” page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, or 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 church entrance
- ◆ E-transfer to [**isupport@stjamescalgary.org**](mailto:isupport@stjamescalgary.org)
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope in the collection basket
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope at the office or into the office mailbox
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church