



# St. James the Greater Church

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2023**

## 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 from 12:00-12:30pm for lunch,  
and on all statutory holidays.*



Thank you for joining us! 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 the month of September:

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

## 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**—Kerstin Daly - pvsc@stjamescalgary.org



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## The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

September 2023 marks the opening of Catholic schools. Students, teachers, and parents begin again to walk and accompany the children forming and shaping the minds, hearts and souls of our young men and women after the very heart of Jesus Christ, the greatest Teacher and Shepherd.

September also begins our invitation for children to receive their first Confession and Communion. We pray for these wonderful kids desiring to encounter and live the life and teachings of Jesus. As St. Augustine said, “you receive Jesus the bread of life, be what you receive”.

September also resumes the regular meetings of our Parish and Finance Councils, ministries, lay organizations and associations. We schedule meetings because we discuss, plan, and evaluate our activities and programs. We continue to journey as one people of God with our firm resolve to generously serve our people and God. We also welcome Kerstin Daly as she begins her work, our new staff with the position as Volunteer Screening Coordinator and Office Assistant. We wish and extend to her our prayers and support. Last but not the least, we recently had our first annual subscription to FORMED. Diving into the richness of the Faith has never been easier, at home, on the go or from any internet device.

I highly encourage you to register and sign up NOW on FORMED. It is already available in our parish office. It is free. I would like to express my gratitude to the Couples for Christ who helped in asking donation from the Calgary Wild Rose Lions Club which paid for our first subscription.

There are still upcoming 2023-2024 activities, plans and programs that our parish will prepare and implement. We count on you, dear parishioners! Your prayers, support, and generosity to donate and offer whatever resources you may give are greatly appreciated. This is the beauty and the power of helping and building the community of St. James. Let us continue to pray and care for one another!

In our Gospel, Jesus is challenging us to belong to God and follow Him. Jesus told His disciples, if anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up His cross and follow me. For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

What fears do we have to leave behind to belong to God? Are we willing to allow God to guide us and change our ways? What are the things that hold us back to commit and surrender ourselves to God?

Always remember wherever you are now in your journey, God loves YOU unconditionally. And He says to us, “deny yourself, take up your Cross and follow me.” If you are convinced in the power of the Cross, we should live a sacrificial life for God and others without further delay.

**St. James the Greater, pray for us!**

**RCIA -The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is a ministry for non-Catholics inquiring about the faith and all adult parishioners seeking to live their mission as baptized Christians according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. “Our Father calls us to holiness in the whole of our life: (CCC2813), “Our love for Jesus and for our neighbor impels us to speak to others about our faith”(CCC166). Do you want to better understand and live your call to holiness? Are there others you should invite who are searching for meaning in their lives? Please contact Brenda in the parish office for more details.

### **Funeral for Phil Streifel at St James Church**

Prayer Vigil - September 13 @ 7pm

Funeral Mass—September 14 @ 11am

***Please contact Phil's family or the parish office if you think you will be attending the funeral Mass.***

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a **Pastoral Care Ministry Training** for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. Contact the office for more details.

**Welcome** to our new **Volunteer Screening Coordinator, Kerstin Daly!** Kerstin is working in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays (effective August 29). You may recognize her as she and her family have been a part of our parish for many years. Please be patient as she becomes familiar with the office and our volunteer screening process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

*Welcome*

**Tuesday, September 5**

9:00am Intention of Clifford MacFarlane

**Wednesday, September 6**

9:00am Intention of Anita Zyla

**Thursday, September 7**

9:00am Josephine Berscheid - R/S

**Friday, September 8**

9:00am Intention of Wood Family

**Saturday, September 9**

5:00pm Moe Nasser —R/S

**Sunday, September 10**

10:00am Mathilde Giacchetta—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

**How Lovely is Your Dwelling, O Lord of Hosts!**

Volunteers are invited to form a core team of the Ministry of Liturgical Environment for St. James Parish! Come and share your gift of creativity to adorn the "House of the Lord". Together we create a space of "Noble Simplicity" fitting the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords". Journeying through the liturgical seasons provides opportunity to develop your own specific gifts as we strive to set an atmosphere of reverence that draws our community into a relationship with Our Lord that transcends time and space. A donation of 2 hours of your time on two Saturday mornings a month will be rewarded "ten-fold". If you feel called to this ministry, please call the office for further information.

Immense thanks to Anita Zyla who has been decorating the church for over 20 years and has now stepped down from the role. Welcome to Anne-Marie Marchand who is our new coordinator.

**New Choir Practice Schedule**

Beginning September 6, the 10am choir will practice on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00pm—2:30pm instead of Wednesday evenings.

All are welcome.

**Sing-a-long for Seniors****BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8**

Fridays 1:00pm -3:00pm

In the parish Hall

All are welcome. Free event.

**FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION**

**Thursday, September 14**

**6:15pm**

Classes begin in October and will be held monthly on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall. To expedite registration night, registration forms can be found online and at the SW entrance of the church. Class schedule and important information will be provided at time of registration.

**On registration night, please bring:**

\*Completed registration form

\*50 registration fee

\*a copy of your child's baptism certificate (unless baptized at St. James)

We are in need of parent volunteers to assist our catechist, Gaby Morrissey, during class time. Speak with the parish office if you can help.

**Visiting Bishop from South Sudan**

Welcome Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala of Tombura - Yambio, South Sudan who is visiting St James this weekend and celebrating our 12:00 Sunday Mass. All are welcome .

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- Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://FORMED.org/signup)
- Enter parish name: St James Calgary
- Enter your name and email

**Together in Action 2023**

We have only 4 months left of our 2023 *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.

Goal: \$36,218

Collected: \$18,595

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## This Week at the Church

Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
	7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary/
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	7:00pm	Opus Dei Men
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass
	1:30pm	Sudanese Choir
	2:00pm	Life in the Spirit Mass
	3:00pm	Life in the Spirit Reception

## Baptisms During July & August

Congratulations to the families of:

Kyler Bacolot  
Asher Bolin  
Sabrina Faria  
Saige Cormier  
Claire Dacalen

### CHALICE Sponsorship Update from Ukraine Sponsored Child: Valeria

*Dear Parishioners of St James Catholic Church! I want to thank you for helping me. Thank you for your sincere heart. I already study in the 6th grade. I go to school and when we have an air raid alarm we go to the shelter. Due to the fact that there is a war in our country, it has become more difficult for us to study but I try to study well. My favorite subjects are drawing and reading. I often go to the library. I like to sing and I take part in concerts. I also help my mother with chores....and play with my younger sister. Once again, thank you very much for your help. I remember you in my prayers. With gratitude and love, Valeria.  
(\*translation by sponsor site staff)*

## GRIEF SHARE



**WHAT:** A special 11 week Christ-centered support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

It's a place to be around people who understand what you are feeling, and to renew your hope for the future.

**WHEN:** THIS FALL Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning Sept 11 – until Nov 27, 2023

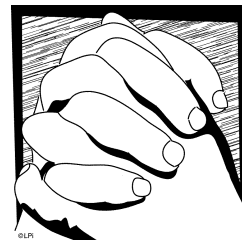
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Lynn at [Adoration@stlukeschurch.ca](mailto:Adoration@stlukeschurch.ca) or call the St. Luke's Parish office @ 403.282.9488

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

Stephanie Davis, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes,  
Charlotte Johansen, Sylvia Kirkland, Dean Klein, Clifford MacFarlane, McDonald/Born  
Family, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Andrew Pelletier, Gabriel Serpas,  
Brad Sluiter, Fr. Julian Studden, Shirley Valentine, Suzanne Zintel

#### And For Those Who Have Died

Phil Streifel



## 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