



St. James the Greater Church

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

“The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!”

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. 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 large as a parish.

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.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, how many times shall I forgive a brother or a sister who has sinned against me? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18:21) Seventy-seven times means to forgive is limitless, without limit.

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.

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 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.

In closing, I invite you to pray with me for healing, forgiveness and reconciliation beginning in our family and parish community. If there were misunderstandings, conflicts and disagreements that have affected our relationships, we must forgive those who have hurt us, even our worst of enemies.

In the end, what truly matters is our humble deeds of pursuing peace with them and with God, Amen.

Looking for a few handy guys (or gals) to join our maintenance committee! Those with electrical, plumbing and general construction knowledge or experience to do odd jobs at the parish would be a great asset to the team. Contact the office if you would like to find out more about how to share your skills, experience and talents to keep our church in tip-top shape.



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.

Classes will run Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm beginning September 20. All are welcome.

Confirmation Registration—for all students in grade 6 or higher who have been baptized and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Mark your calendars.

Confirmation Registration & Information Session
Thursday, January 11 at 7:30pm

**Tuesday, September 19**

9:00am Intention of Lillian Brister

Wednesday, September 20

9:00am Tim Godfrey—R/S

Thursday, September 21

9:00am Intention of Dalton Kaiser

Friday, September 22

9:00am Intention of Christine Gamache

Saturday, September 23

5:00pm Living & Deceased Weitmann Family

Sunday, September 24

10:00am Stefan Lojek—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

*No Mass on October 3, 4 & 5

DYING TO MEET YOU *presents a*

Diocesan-Wide Open House

The Church as an Expert in Humanity
Saturday, September 23

Suffering / Death / Meaning / Hope

Morning Ministry Hall of Exhibits
Afternoon Panels with 10+ Speakers
Evening Program with Bishop McGrattan

To more information and tickets:
Call Amanda 403 519 7074 or
visit www.dyingtomeetyoucalgary.com

Volunteers Needed

- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment—decorating our sacred space
- Funeral Lunches
- Hall Supervisor
- Maintenance Committee

Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer for any of our volunteer roles.

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.

CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER
1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST COMMUNION

If you missed registration night, please contact the office as soon as possible. Classes begin in October and will be held monthly on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15pm in the parish hall from October until May. Classes are mandatory for student/parent

We will need:

- *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.

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- Go to FORMED.org/signup
- Enter parish name: St James Calgary
- Enter your name and email

Special Collection September 24
For the Needs of the Church in Canada

Donation to **Together in Action (TIA)** contributes to the needs of the Church in Canada through the works of the Canadian Bishops and their pastoral ministry. This donation is usually collected as a second collection, but in the Diocese of Calgary parishes are encouraged to highlight donations to TIA as ways to contribute to this pastoral need.

Goal: \$36,218
Collected: \$19,951
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Afternoon Tea at St James

Please join the Manor Village at Garrison Woods for coffee, tea and treats

September 21
1:00pm—3:00pm
St James Parish Hall

Come with your questions about senior community living or just enjoy the treats!

This Week at the Church

Monday	7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	6:00pm	Sacristan Meeting
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	1:00pm	Garrison Wood Tea
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	11:00am	Children Liturgy Meeting
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
	7:00pm	Couples for Christ
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass
	4:00pm	Filipino Mass
	6:00pm	Mass for Refugees/Migrants

Resources for Children

Coloring Page—[Click here](#)

Kid's Sunday Bulletin—[Click here](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi (Catholic TV)
[Click here](#)



Journeying Together—Hope & Healing

Miscarriages can cause a range of emotions, such as grief, guilt, anger, and loneliness, and it is often hard to find people who understand what you are going through. The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals or families to join a transformative workshop designed for those navigating the grief of miscarriage. Connect with others who understand your pain, share your experience in a safe and compassionate environment, and learn coping strategies from professionals and peers who have gone through this journey. October 13 & 14.

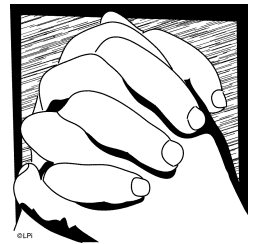
[2023 Workshop - MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY - DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)
<http://miscarriageliturgy.ca>

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Stephanie Davis, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes,
Sharon Jeanson, 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



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- ♦ 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***
- ♦ Dropping off your envelope in the collection basket
- ♦ Dropping off your envelope at the office or into the office mailbox
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