



St. James the Greater Church

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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

In our Gospel this weekend (25th Sunday Year A) known as the parable of Workers or the parable of the Generous Landlord, it tells us an enormously powerful message that although God owes us nothing, He gives us abundantly. In the story, the similarity is the landowner who is somewhat like God the Father.

God can be generous as He wishes to those He loves and even to those who He might not totally approve of. This might be the way He is working with someone to bring them around to God's way of thinking.

With this, Jesus gives warning to His disciples not to claim any special honor or any special places because they are strongly associated with Him or because they are the first special members of the Church.

All the people, no matter when they come, are equally precious in the eyes of God. In the words of Pope Francis, he said, the Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

The parable explains that we cannot work our way into Heaven because by our own unaided strength, we can never do enough good in this life to earn our everlasting reward.

That is why, God expects us to cooperate with His grace for doing good and avoiding evil. Salvation comes to us by God's grace and our cooperation with it, that is by a blend of faith and works.

We need to follow God's example and show grace to others. When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume the person needs it. Envy should have no place in our lives. We become envious of others because of our lack of generosity of heart.

We cannot control the way God blesses others, only rejoices that He does so, just as He blesses us everyday. It is not the amount of service given but the love of God with which it is given which matters.

This week, I invite you to find ways with grateful hearts to give back to God the abundance of His blessings to you and your family. Help and give to our TIA or Together In Action and Chalice. Donate to our Food Bank. Serve and offer your time and talent to the different ministries and organizations. Support our parish and diocesan needs financially.

God's generosity challenges us to be generous too. We must be generous in love, mercy, and forgiveness. We must be generous in our service to God and others. May the prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola motivate us to have generous hearts.

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will, Amen."

Safety for Seniors

How to Avoid Being Scammed—Don't Take the Bait!

1. If you are informed of a problem or crisis via a computer, phone, letter and even in person, you may feel the need to act out of concern, fear or panic. **Stop** and pause before you act.
2. E-mail or phone: Do not use the link or any contact information they provide. Move away and think calmly. Do NOT reply to the sender or click links in an email, or call the number they leave. Banks and financial institutions know your information and would not be asking for it. Call the customer service number you usually use for your credit cards, bank cards, or branch to verify the message you've received before acting.
3. E-mail: You receive an email from a pastor asking you to get gift cards. **Don't do it!** Instead contact the parish office immediately. These are scams!
4. Sometimes people will scam unknowing seniors in person, often developing a friendly rapport with them before anything serious happens. After a time, you may hear varying stories from the person, and eventually, as the relationship develops, begins to ask for money or other favors. **Report any activities to the parish office that make you suspicious or concerned.**

You may also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre or the Calgary Police Service for more information.

**Tuesday, September 26**

9:00am Kathleen Parnis—R/S

Wednesday, September 27

9:00am Andy Cotterhil—R/S

Thursday, September 28

9:00am Intention of Melissa Harris

Friday, September 29

9:00am Joe Rino—R/S

Saturday, September 30

5:00pm St James Parish

Sunday, October 1

10:00am Shirley Klein—R/S

12:00pm Geri Rinaldi—R/S

***No Mass on October 3, 4 & 5
Fr. Eli will be away for the Priests' Study Days**

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

Donations 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.

As we get back to our regular schedule, we would like you to consider how you can assist our parish in making a regular donation to the Together in Action campaign in support of Catholic centered charities and our Catholic community. Many do not know that funds from TIA are used to support the systems and structures in place for the retired priests—residences, subsidies, and assisted-living support. Please consider making regular donations to TIA through automatic bank withdrawals or through envelopes in the pews

Goal: \$36,218
Collected: - \$20,511
\$15,707

Sunday Collection
September 10 & 17 (Combined)

Reg \$3717
PAPS \$1545
\$5262

**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 until May. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

You will need:

- *Completed registration form
- *50 registration fee
- *a copy of your child's baptism certificate (unless baptized at St. James)

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- Go to FORMED.org/signup
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- Enter your name and email

Technical Problems in the Office

Over the past several weeks, emails sent from the parish office have not been reaching the intended recipients. We believe that this problem has now been resolved. Our apologies for any difficulties this may have caused. If you have been waiting for a reply from the office and have not heard back, please call Brenda at 403 243 2680 extension 4.

Knights of Columbus**Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, September 24
Following the 10am Mass

Fall Supper

Saturday, October 28
More information to follow.

Volunteers Needed

- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment Team—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.

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
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession
	7:00pm	Christmas Hamper Committee
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

Prayer Intention Basket

Beginning this weekend, there will be a basket at the SW entrance for parishioners to place any prayer requests for the week. Each Friday during Adoration, these prayer requests will be offered up in prayer. Simply write out your prayer intentions on the paper provided, fold, and place in the Prayer Intention basket. (Prayer intentions will remain private and will be burned afterwards.)

Resources for Children

Coloring Page—[Click here](#)

Kids' Sunday Bulletin—[Click here](#)

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



Family Foundations Institute—FFI

Family Catechism is:

Families gathering to share their Faith through ongoing community, prayer, and formation. Families coming together to grow in their knowledge and love of their Saviour Jesus Christ. A wonderful opportunity to get to know others who want to grow in their faith, in a fun family atmosphere.

Calgary Family Catechism 2023 - 2024

Location:

The Kerby Centre, 1133 7th Ave SW

Dates:

October 21, 2023

November 4 & 18, 2023

December 2, 2023

January 13 & 27, 2024

February 10 & 24, 2024

March 11 & 23, 2024

April 13 & 27, 2024

Registration and Information:

Elias Ruiz: (403) 604-2400 or

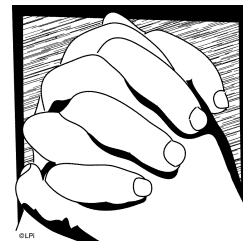
familycatechism@outlook.com

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



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
- ♦ 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