



St. James the Greater Church

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 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

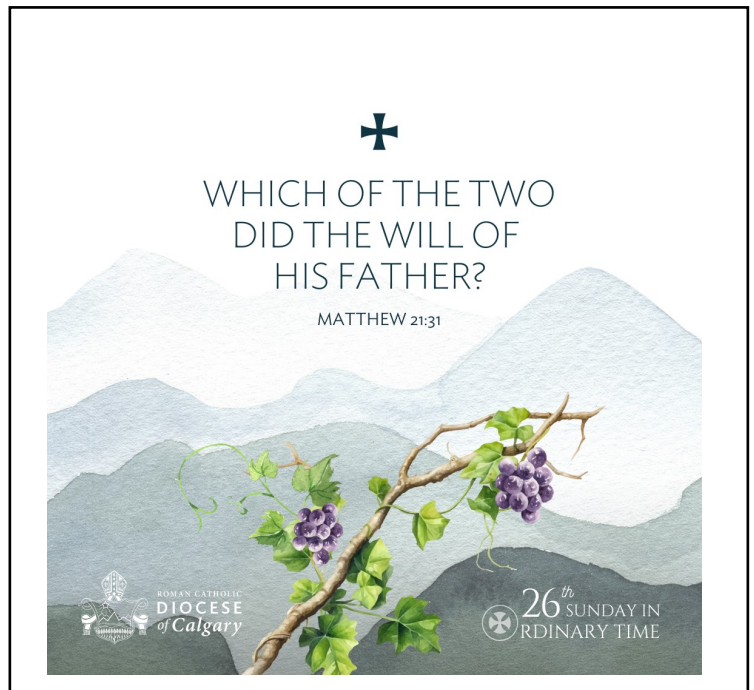
(or by appointment)

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 October:

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

PARISH STAFF

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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

We have often heard this dictum, “Action speaks louder than words.” This seems to be the lesson of our Gospel parable. The first son declared that he would not go to the vineyard as his father had ordered him but realizing that he had to, off he went.

The second son affirmed that he would go and work in the vineyard, but never went. The response of the first son was commendable because, he in fact, followed the will of his father. He was an action person. The first son is the better icon to follow. But there is a third son that hovers in the Gospel which merits reflection.

The third son is no one else but Jesus himself. He said YES to his Father and followed His will. When he agonized at the Mount of Olives, Jesus verbally committed to fulfilling the mission entrusted to Him by His Father. Jesus lived up to his words when He embraced His cross and died on Calvary.

Jesus Christ is a testimony to another dictum: “Actions and words speak the loudest”. What does it mean to follow the sonship of Jesus? It means to always say YES to God and to live out our YES by doing the will of God.

At times, this may not be easy because we find the task very difficult. We say Yes at the beginning but eventually change our decision not to do it. There are times we are like the second son. It is sad when we say Yes but never do anything.

At every stage of our lives, deeds not vain hopes or wishes must be our watchword. Neither lip-service of God nor being a Catholic Christian merely in name, will suffice to merit the eternal vision of the glory of God.

What then is vital to our personal relationship to God and to our neighbor? The first thing is honesty. We must be fearlessly honest with God, with others and with ourselves. Without honesty, we are doomed.

Without honesty in our professional and business lives, we will fail. Without honesty, our love relationships will collapse. Without honesty, marriages will fail, and friendships will be lost. We should always remember that Satan is the Father of lies who destroys everything of who we are and what we have.

We should take full responsibility and accountability to God and to others by honestly saying Yes to God and No to evil in our thoughts, words, and actions. If we are honest with others, honest with ourselves and honest with God, then our actions will automatically follow. We will live lives of sincere integrity and act accordingly. In honesty, we will live in peace and happiness.

When we sit in front of God, who are we? Will we say YES to God and not do anything? Will we say NO to God and yet in the end at least try? Let us walk always in the way of the Lord. Always remember that “actions and words speak the loudest”.

Fr. Eli will be away for the Priests' Study Days October 2—5. Also please note that the office will be closed on Monday for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



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, October 3**

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 4

9:00am No Mass

Thursday, October 5

9:00am No Mass

Friday, October 6

9:00am Intention of Jim Bond

Saturday, October 7

9:00am Intention of Fely Lock

5:00pm Moe Nasser—R/S

Sunday, October 8

10:00am Intention of Bridgette Polinar

12:00pm St James Parish

Mass Etiquette

- *Please refrain from chewing gum in the sanctuary
- *Please stay in the church until the end of the recessional hymn
- *Silence cellphones and refrain from texting
- *If you must speak to your neighbor, please do so *quietly* so as not to disturb others

**Knights of Columbus
Fall Supper
October 28**

Tickets will go on sale on October 14th after the weekend Masses and at the office. Adults \$20 Students \$10 and all children in kindergarten or younger are free. This is a great family event with a complete turkey supper. If you are able to help by making a pie, cooking a turkey, helping in the kitchen, or cleaning up it would be greatly appreciated. A volunteer list will be available where the tickets are sold.

The Knights will begin selling **Grey Cup** pool tickets as a fundraiser again this year. To purchase tickets, ask a friendly Knight.

**Sunday Collection
September 24**

Reg \$2483
PAPS \$1545
\$5262

Together in Action

Goal: \$36,218 Collected \$21,177
(Special Collection = \$426)
Remaining: \$15,401

**LAST CALL!
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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- Enter your name and email

**Pastoral Care Training Course
November 11 & 25**

We are in need of Pastoral Care volunteers who will visit and take Communion to our care facilities on Thursday mornings. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Together In Action (TIA)

Do you know that your donation to Together in Action contributes to the needs of the Church in Canada through the works of the Canadian Bishops and their pastoral ministry? To contribute, please use the envelopes in the pews or e-transfer to **isupport@stjamescalgary.org** (*If using e-transfer, please indicate that your donation is for TIA.)

Reminder to Hall Users

The hall kitchen window has been left open overnight on a few occasions lately. This is a serious security issue. If you open the window(s), it is your responsibility to close them. Please do not assume that the next group will close it as they may not even realize it is open. Thanks for helping keep our building safe and secure!

Beginning in October, there will be no confession after Thursday morning Masses, so that Fr. Eli and our pastoral care team can safely get to the nursing homes on time.

This Week at the Church

Monday	7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am	No Rosary
	9:00am	No Mass/Confession
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
Wednesday	8:30am	No Rosary
	9:00am	No Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	No Rosary
	9:00am	No Mass/Confession
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](#)



Pro-Life Petition

Canada and North Korea are the only countries in the world that have no federal restrictions on abortion. Parishioners are encouraged to sign a petition that asks the Parliament of Canada to enact legislation that would legally restrict the procurement of an abortion. The petition will be available for signature after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on October 14th and after the Sunday Masses on October 15th.

40-Hours for Vocations

Take part in a 40 Hours Adoration to ask the Lord for an increase of vocations in our Diocese. When: **Friday, Oct 6 at 3 pm to Sunday Oct 8 at 7 am**
St. Anthony's Adoration Chapel, Calgary. Get code to enter the chapel by [signing up](#)

In his support for Serra Calgary's apostolate for the promotion of vocations, Bishop McGrattan talks about the true heart and essence of a vocation - a lifelong commitment to the service of God and the Church, and of our new seminarians.

[*Read the Bishop's message here](#)

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Anna Boegershausen, 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, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Andrew Pelletier, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Fr. Julian Studden, Shirley Valentine, Suzanne Zintel

And For Those Who Have Died

Phil Streifel, Joseph Neil



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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
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- ♦ 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