



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 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, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 -10:00am

No Confession on Thursday

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm

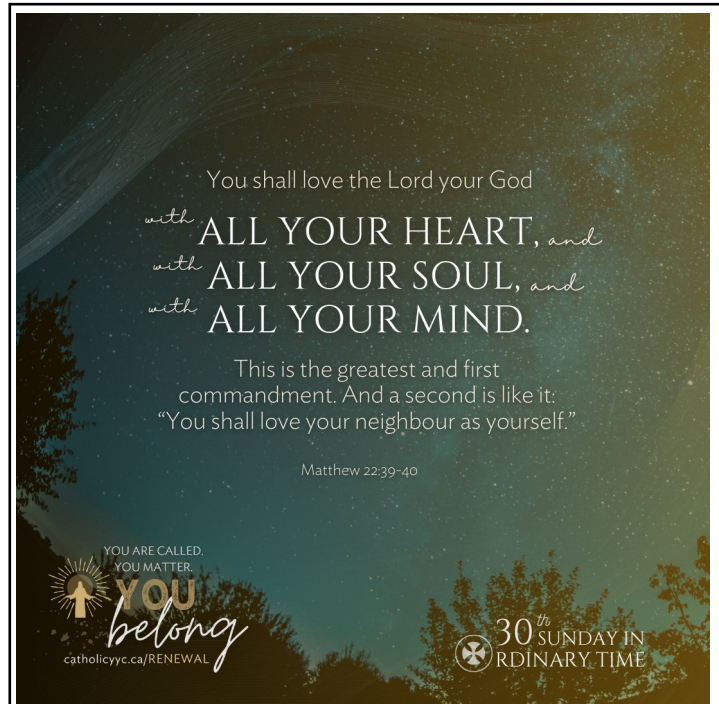
(or by appointment)

### 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

How much do we really love God? Jesus was very specific with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with your whole mind. Sometimes, I wonder if this is possible. As I began my ministry shepherding and serving God's people, I had this purity of intention to serve God uncompromisingly.

However, through the years, I found myself making some compromises. When I felt tired and there were still people requesting my service even outside office hours, there were some instances when I would find a way not to heed to their request and just opt to rest.

I must admit I am guilty of failing to reach out sometimes to our parishioners in need of counseling, spiritual direction and even just finding time to talk to a priest. Loving God fully is not easy. When faced with our human nature, we struggle to give ourselves totally to Him.

Yet, God does not merely invite us to love Him but commands us to do so. Thus, we must strive hard to transcend our human nature to love God in the best way we can.

How much can you love our neighbor? Jesus notes that loving your neighbor must always have reference to yourself. This means a solid basis of loving others is authentic self-love. This is very logical. There is a powerful dictum that says, "you cannot give what you do not have."

If you don't love yourself, how can you love others? When I see a person who is so insensitive and indifferent to others, I can usually sense a lack in how this human being values his/her own person. To love oneself is to appreciate the gift of life given to us by God.

Loving God and loving our neighbor always go together. When we show our full love of God, this must eventually flow into loving others. When we love others as ourselves, we manifest that we truly love God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Pope Benedict XVI said that "love of God and love of neighbor are thus inseparable. They form a single commandment. But both live from the love of God who has loved us first (Deus Caritas #18).

And so, this weekend, I am appealing to every one of you to support our Together In Action (TIA). Your donation and generous financial help are reaching more diocesan ministries and programs in the sixty-eight parishes.

Because of your donations, programs like care for the retired priests and continuing education of seminarians are supported. Because of your financial assistance, many charitable works and apostolates impacted so many lives. Blessed others by the richness of your resources and the Lord will bless you more.

St. Augustine once posed this question, "Does love bring about the keeping of the commandments or does keeping of the commandments bring about love? And St. Augustine's answer was, "who can doubt that love comes first? For the one who does not love has no reason for keeping the commandments."

When you keep on giving and does not give up, it is because your heart full of love gives silently without hope of praise or reward. But know that every charitable act of love is a stepping stone toward heaven, Amen.

### *Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who helped with baking and selling at the Bake Sale last weekend. Profit was \$685.

Thank you to all the ministry coordinators for volunteering at the Fall Fair. We had some new people volunteer for different groups. Anyone else is welcome to join any of our ministries at any time. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Saturday, November 25 at 6pm**

Please bring your favorite dish, salad or vegetable..  
The parish will provide dessert.

**For planning purposes, please let the office know  
if you plan to attend.**

### **NEXT EVENING WITH MARY**

Friday, November 17, 2023 in the Parish Hall

6:00pm Gathering/Song & Rosary

6:30pm Procession

**7:00pm Potluck Dinner is Served**

7:30pm Video

8:00pm Closing Discussion



### **PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

For those who were killed, displaced, and impacted by the terrorist attack in the Holy Land, may God grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those grieving, comfort those in fear, and guide our world leaders so this conflict may be brought to an end.



### **Tuesday, October 31**

9:00am Intention of Eileen Coady

### **Wednesday, November 1**

9:00am Hughie Ching—R/S

### **Thursday, November 2**

9:00am Intention of Emil Rawlyk

### **Friday, November 3**

9:00am Divina Cayetano—R/S

### **Saturday, November 4**

9:00am Intention of Fr. Julian Studden

5:00pm Jose' Zaldivar—R/S

### **Sunday, November 5**

10:00am St James Parish

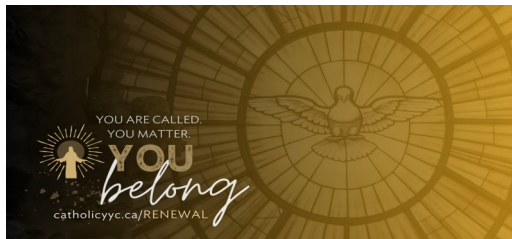
12:00pm Marian Rawlyk—R/S

## **ARE YOU GOING TO THE RENEWAL GATHERING?**

As part of the launch of the Pastoral Renewal, Bishop McGrattan is conducting a series of visits throughout the Diocese.

Bishop McGrattan will be coming to our area to have Mass with us, share a meal together, and discuss how we can experience renewal in our personal lives, our parishes, and the Diocese. There is no cost to attend but your registration helps us in the meal planning. Register online at [catholiccyc.ca/renewal](http://catholiccyc.ca/renewal) or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

**CALGARY** Saturday, Nov. 4 - 9 am (Mass) to 1pm, at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church in Calgary.



## **Christmas Hampers**

We are once again taking names of those who need a Christmas Hamper. Please leave contact information on the Food Bank line (403 243 2680 Extension 3). **Please note that we have an earlier deadline this year —November 30.** Those requesting hampers must live within our parish boundary. More information coming soon regarding our Angel Tree program.



Your contribution and generosity make a real difference in the lives of thousands of people. Did you know that part of your contributions to Together in Action supports CCIS (Calgary Catholic Immigration Society). This nonprofit organization provides settlement and integration services to all immigrants and refugees in Southern Alberta empowering them to successfully settle and integrate into our communities. Your contributions to Together in Action help organizations like CCIS to continue to do their good work. You can contribute through envelopes in the pews or contact the office to sign up for automatic bank withdrawals if that is more convenient.

Collected: \$23,082 Goal: \$36,218



Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on **November 4 & 5, 2023**. Together with our community, let us unite to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. A collection for Calgary Catholic Education will be taken next weekend.

There are three ways we can show our support for publicly funded Catholic education:

**Donate today.** Your financial gift supports the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation which supports the Calgary Catholic School District's with equity in fundraising. Franco-Sud School Board which has Catholic francophone schools in Calgary and Cochrane. St Joseph's Seminary at Newman Theological College which helps in the formation of our seminarians and St-Mary's University offering undergraduate degrees in liberal arts, education, and science. Your financial stewardship impacts over 61,000 students right here in Calgary and area.

**Share your Catholic education story** with friends and family.

Show how meaningful Catholic education has been for you.

**Pray** for our students, staff, and schools. We are grateful for your continued support of Catholic education through your prayers and donations.

Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit <https://theccef.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>



## *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
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass /Confession
	6:15pm	First Reconciliation Class 2
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Baptism Prep
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

## RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Children's Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)

Children's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)



Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly fundraiser at The Beach YYC, Calgary's exclusive indoor beach facility, in support of Elizabeth House. When: **Saturday, Nov. 25 from 2:30 pm to 5 pm at The Beach YYC, Calgary.** By purchasing a ticket, you're not just securing a day of beach games and fun, but also helping Elizabeth House raise \$10k for operational expenses. Please share this event with your family and friends!

[Get tickets](#)

[How to sponsor the Beach Carnival?](#)

### DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Soon we will have our 2024 donation envelope boxes available to our parishioners. If you have not had a box this year but would like one, please contact the office. If you prefer to use our easy pre-authorized payment system, just let us know so we can provide the forms.

**Emergency Aid for Israel and Gaza.** We lament the loss of all innocent lives and the displacement of all innocent peoples, Israelis and Palestinians, due to the ensuing war. While we pray for the eternal rest of all the deceased and for God's strength and comfort for those grieving, let us help our brothers and sisters in need.

Donate through [CNEWA](#) | [Development and Peace](#)

### 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,  
Deacon Frank Peta, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter,  
Fr. Julian Studden, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski, Suzanne Zintel

### And For Those Who Have Died

Phil Streifel, Joseph Neil, Fr. Salvador Ahumada

## *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