



St. James the Greater Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 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.

Prayer Intention for the month of November:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH STAFF

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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

In the Gospel, Jesus makes a startling remark about His traditional rivals, the Pharisees. Although Jesus did not approve their actions, seeking honors and important titles and imposing heavy burdens on others, Jesus still told His disciples to follow their teachings because they were legitimate successors of Moses.

The Lord respected their status as religious teachers and support their rights to preach and be obeyed, even though they did not practice what they preached. We may not approve of the personal conduct of some people in authority, but if they hold legitimate offices, we have obligations to respect their positions.

Who can be perfectly consistent in word and deed every moment of life? If Jesus could show such merciful tolerance to the irritating Pharisees who rarely matched words and deeds, can't we afford some understanding for the inconsistencies of others?

Even St. Paul said that he knew what he should do but often did the opposite because he was weak, yet he continually invited others to that perfection which St. Paul personally could not attain.

The scribes and the Pharisees sit in the chair of Moses: "therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach," Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples.

When I was ordained as a Deacon in the year 1999, my bishop strongly advised me during the rite of ordination, "BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ, TEACH WHAT YOU BELIEVE, PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH."

I remember Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton telling us priests during the Inculturation program, PEOPLE SEE THE CHURCH THROUGH THE PRIESTS' LIFESTYLES AND VALUES. In shepherding your people in the parish, humbly listen to them, be transparent, spend time with them and love them. If you fail, be strong enough to ask forgiveness and admit your faults. And then begin again.

Jesus did not mince words when it came to religious hypocrisy. Jesus said, woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to white sepulchers, which outwardly appear to men beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness.

What then are we to do? The first thing we must do is to live and practice what we believe and teach. We need first above all else, to recognize about ourselves and ask God, in his mercy and love, to change and renew our ways. Yes, there are times that we fall into sins. And yes, we humbly ask God the grace to help us become good witnesses to others.

It seems to me that there is only one difference between a saint and a sinner and it's this; the saint keeps on trying. The saint humbly admits that God alone is holy and that we all fall short of God's infinite holiness. The saint tries to be sincere, tried to not wear a mask, tries not to be pretentious. The saint tries to walk the Christian walk and not simply talk the Christian talk. The saint reverses an old saying, turns it around to say this, Do as I do, not just I say.

With humility, St. Paul is encouraging us never to give up to live an honest life. Paul said that we work night and day, that with God's gracious help, we want to keep on trying so that at the end, we can also join Paul in saying, I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept and lived my faith, Amen.

Mission Council Gift Tags—25 cents each

Located at the SW entrance where the Mission Council greeting cards are kept. Christmas cards also available (\$1.00).

Living with Christ Sunday Missal 2023—2024

New missals can be found on the rollaway cart along the west wall in the church
\$5 each

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 Meatless Potluck

7:30pm Video #2

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, November 7

9:00am Asuncion Gueco— R/S

Wednesday, November 8

9:00am Pedro & Evaresta Encarnacion— R/S

Thursday, November 9

9:00am Intention of Jana Ferner

Friday, November 10

9:00am Ermino Lacobucci —R/S

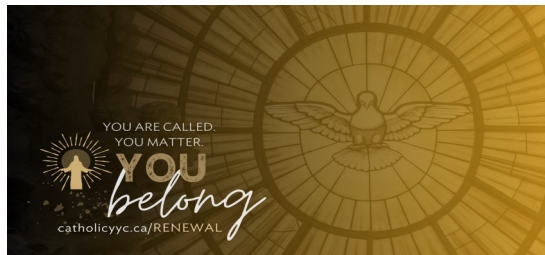
Saturday, November 11

5:00pm Moe Nasser —R/S

Sunday, November 12

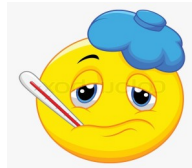
10:00am St James Parish

12:00pm Rita Mentis—R/S



Cold & Flu Season

Just a friendly reminder to parishioners that if you are not feeling well and are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, please do not come to Mass. Those who are ill are not obliged to attend Mass.



Sunday Collection—October 22 & 29

Reg	\$8285
PAPS	\$1545
	<u>\$9830</u>

Christmas Hampers

We are once again taking requests for Christmas Hampers. 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 Giving Tree program.



Together in Action (TIA) supports vocations in our diocese. As Catholics, we pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Through your TIA contributions, you are supporting these young men and women. Your support of the Together in Action campaign helps many Catholic organizations. Please consider donating through envelopes that are available in the pews, e-transfer (marked TIA) or pre-authorized withdrawal. Any amount brings us closer to our goal.

Collected: \$23,317 Goal: \$36,218

Remaining: \$12, 901

Deadline December 31, 2023



Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday this weekend. 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	Office Closed 12:30—2:30pm 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 6:00pm Christmas Hamper Meeting 7:00pm RCIA
Thursday	8:30am Rosary 9:00am Mass /Confession 7:00pm Opus Dei Men
Friday	9:00am Mass/Confession/Adoration 11:00am School Tour 1:00pm Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	4:00pm Confession 5:00pm Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass

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.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

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

Children's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)



Annual Red Mass

The Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Calgary invites all members of the legal profession, family and friends, to the annual Red Mass with Bishop William McGrattan. All are welcome to join Bishop McGrattan as he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass **5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Everyone can purchase tickets for the reception and keynote address with Honourable David Brown in St. Mary's hall following Mass by contacting calgary.stmlg@gmail.com - or [buy ticket\(s\) online for the reception](#).

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is once again located at the front of the church close to the altar. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered at the Masses during the month of November.

NOTE: if you have already entered a name in a previous year, there is no need to add it again.

Thank you to the families and staff of St James School who generously donated supplies for our children's room.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, 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, Richard Zelichowski

And For Those Who Have Died

Fr. Salvador Ahumada, Sr. Helen Hengel SCSL

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