



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 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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**Bookkeeper**—Magda Aguillon

**Volunteer Screening**—Kerstin Daly - pvsc@stjamescalgary.org



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## **The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete**

Last November 6, 2023, Monday, I attended the funeral Mass of a priest in our Diocese who suddenly died last October 25, 2023, at the age of 60 years. I was in Taber and Vauxhall when I met and got closer to him. We both belong in the same Deanery of Lethbridge.

During our study days last October 2 to 5, 2023 in Canmore, I greeted him with a smile. He was the same jolly Mexican priest who always inspired me with a generous heart to serve the Lord and his people. There were no signs of any health issues. Only a vibrant, enthusiastic, and God-loving priest, fellow and friend whose life is filled with humility and charity in all the people he met. Rest in peace Fr. Sal. Thank you so much for the gift of your life and friendship.

Fr. Sal's death was unexpected. Everyone who knew him was surprised by his sudden passing away. And during the celebration, as we came together to offer and celebrate Mass for him presided by Bishop William T. McGrattan, it reminds me also that one day I will also die and be in a coffin.

Life is short from the perspective of eternity. I always believe that God has given us our entire lifetime to prepare for His kingdom. Let us waste no time to be with our God. Several of us think that we have all the time in the world to do what we want for ourselves, unmindful of our time, for and with God.

We find ourselves blinded by the illusion that we will live forever on earth. Because of this, we suspend our spiritual preparation for the ultimate destiny for which we all aspire. Some no longer spend time on prayer and are just busy with their work. There are those who compromise their Sunday Mass for a job or personal rest. Others don't even give time to works of charity for the poor and needy.

What do we do to prepare, to be ready, to be vigilant, to wait for the Lord? What shall we do while we wait for the time that we stand before God?

Make sure we have enough oil for our lamps. Let us store the oil of kindness, goodness, love, and compassion for others. Let us continue to have the oil of thirsting for the Word of God and most importantly, let us always seek the oil of the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us always in good decision making.

The parable is warning us that there are certain things which we cannot obtain at the last minute of our lives like a good relationship with God, a good character and witnessing of our faith. These things are not a program that happen only for 3 to 5 years. It is a way of life. It is a habit to live a good Christian life everyday.

Why do some people put God at the last of the list of their priorities? Why do they spend little or no time for God anymore? Let us waste no time to be with God. Remember the warning of Jesus, "so stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

### **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.**

### **AN EVENING WITH OUR LADY OF THE CAPE (Canadian Icon)**

Friday, November 17, 2023  
Parish Hall

6:00pm	Rosary
6:30pm	Procession
7:00pm	Meatless Potluck
7:30pm	Video #2—The Bible & The Blessed Virgin Mary



Bring your prayer intentions to be prayed for by our community.



### Tuesday, November 14

9:00am Intention of Mary & Sergio Plazas

### Wednesday, November 15

9:00am Eufemia Montemayor—R/S

### Thursday, November 16

9:00am Angelo Vozila—R/S

### Friday, November 17

9:00am Intention of Coady Family

### Saturday, November 18

5:00pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

### Sunday, November 19

10:00am Cyril Almeida—R/S  
12:00pm St James Parish

### Altar Server Training

Students in grade 2 or higher interested in becoming altar servers are invited to attend our altar server training sessions on either November 16 or 24 from 6:00-7:00pm.



*Lest We Forget*

### 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.



### Last Sunday's Collection

Reg	\$5829.60
PAPS	\$1545.00
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	\$7374.60

Catholic Education: \$926



Did you know Together in Action (TIA) supports Catholic Family Services (CFS). Healthy families build the core of our community. CFS offers a wide range of counselling, education, and community outreach programs to equip members of families with knowledge and skills to deal with issues and to live life to its fullest. Mental health and well-being, empowering parents, healthy children, and success in school are areas of focus for this charity. Through your TIA contributions, you are supporting worthwhile charities like CFS in our community.

Please consider making a donation soon. Any amount brings us closer to our goal. Any deficit by the year's end has to be made up by parish funds.

Collected: \$24,601 Goal: \$36,218  
Remaining: \$11,617  
Deadline December 31, 2023

### Christmas Hampers

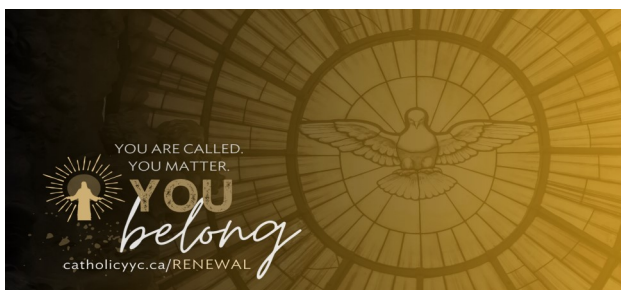
If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas Hamper this year, please contact the office or leave a message on the Food Bank extension (3). Recipients must live within our parish boundaries.

**Deadline for requests is Thursday, November 30th.**

### Angel Giving Tree

Our Angel Giving Tree will be set up near the baptismal font beginning November 25. To allow for more participation from parishioners, there are a variety of tags to choose from — tags for candy canes and chocolates that will be included with our Christmas Hampers, as well as tags for \$25 Walmart gift cards for the children on our hamper list.

Last year's decision to purchase Walmart gift cards instead of physical gifts was received very well by parishioners and by the hamper recipients themselves. It allows more flexibility for both parents and their children. If you wish to participate, take a tag from the tree and return the item to the church **by Sunday, December 10.** Candy canes and chocolates can be left under the Giving Tree but please drop off gift cards at the office, in the office mail slot by the office entrance, or in the collection basket. Alternatively, donations can be dropped off at the office to put towards the gift cards.





## *This Week at the Church*

Monday	Office Closed 7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary Mass/Confession Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle
Wednesday	8:30am 9:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Rosary Mass//Confession Choir RCIA
Thursday	8:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Rosary Mass /Confession Altar Server Training
Friday	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Mass/Confession/Adoration Sing-a-long for Seniors Evening with Mary
Saturday	4:00pm 5:00pm	Confession Mass
Sunday	10:00am 12:00pm	Mass 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](#)



### **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.

The Salvation Army Community Services (Calgary) **Mobile Warming Station** is looking for volunteers! If you have a passion for working with vulnerable populations, this position may be for you! Volunteers will meaningfully engage with participants accessing the Mobile Warming Station, support Warming Station staff, monitor center activities, and provide a safe and clean space for all. [Click Here](#) to find out more.

### **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