



St. James the Greater Church

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The Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 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

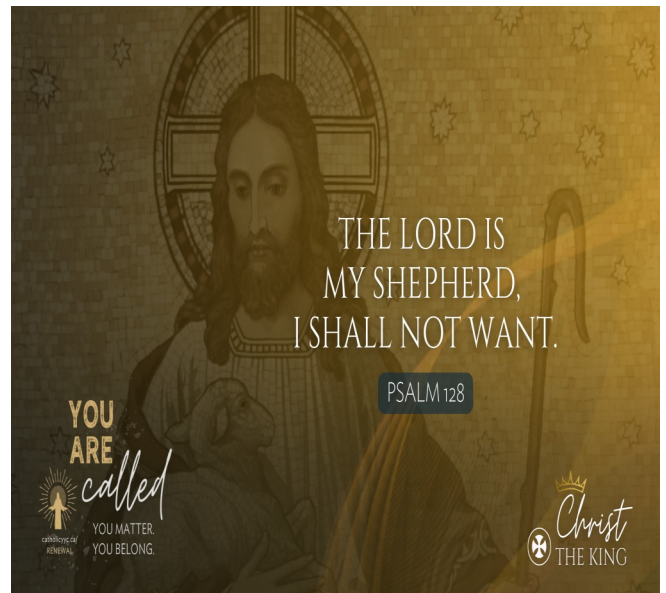
(or by appointment)

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

We celebrate today with gratitude and joy the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe, the King of Kings as we also close the liturgical year. Today, we turn our thoughts, our prayers, and our gaze to the Lord for richly providing us throughout this year graces and blessings.

In the words of St. Therese of Lisieux, she said, “EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE IS GRACE.” TRULY, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME AND ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.

The greatest gift that we receive from the Father is his SON Jesus Christ. Yes, we receive him in the Liturgy of the Word and in Holy Communion, we say Amen. St. Augustine said. “Be what you received.”

If Jesus is the center of our lives, then, our thoughts, our words, our actions should be a Christian thought, word, and action. But when Jesus is lost in the center, something and someone will replace Jesus. It can be our fleeting pleasures, selfishness, greed and vices. Then harm and sin can damage our relationship with Jesus.

We are created in the image and likeness of God. We are destined to be with God in heaven. And Jesus has told us that He will prepare us a place and He will come back to us. “Do not be afraid, I will be with you until the end of time.”

To Jesus, we can bring our hopes and joys, our blessings and pains, our misery and struggle. We can even bring to him the darkest times of our life and how He will give us hope like what He did to the good thief.

While others treat Jesus with disdain, rejection, and insult, if you are the Christ, the Messiah King, save yourself by coming down from the Cross. The thief who went astray in his life but now repents, clings to Jesus and beg HIM, “REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM. AND JESUS PROMISES HIM, TODAY, YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

IN THE KINGDOM OF JESUS, HE ONLY SPEAKS FORGIVENESS, MERCY, LOVE, CARE AND KINDNESS. WE DO NOT HEAR WORDS OF CONDEMNATION. HE DOES NOT EVEN SEE AND COUNT THE GRAVITY OF OUR SINS. HE SIMPLY EMBRACE US WHEN WE GO BACK TO HIM.

TODAY, WE CAN ALL THINK OF OUR HISTORY, OUR MISTAKES, OUR SINS, AND LOOK SINCERELY AND HONESTLY, “LORD, REMEMBER ME BECAUSE I WANT TO BE GOOD BUT I AM WEAK. HELP ME AND GIVE ME STRENGTH. I AM A SINNER.”

AND JESUS CAN REMEMBER US WHEN WE ARE TRULY SORRY, WHEN WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE JESUS. THE PROMISE OF JESUS TO THE THIEF GIVES US HOPE, A GREAT HOPE. IT TELLS US THAT THE GRACE OF GOD IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN OUR SINS.

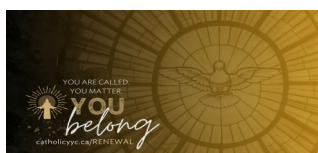
LET US ASK JESUS TO REMEMBER US AND TO BRING US INTO HIS KINGDOM. LET US ASK THE LORD TO REMEMBER US IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE THAT BY HIS MERCY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE HIS GLORY IN PARADISE.

As we enter the Advent season, I invite you and your family to encounter Jesus in the sacrament of Confession. I invite you also to praying the rosary with your family. I invite you to Adoration. And I invite you more and more to the richness and bountiful blessings of the Holy Mass.

Let us choose to put more of Christ into Advent. Let us prepare our hearts so that we may be able to give to one another the best and most important gift of all, CHRIST! More of you Lord Jesus and less of me, Amen.

FORMED

St James Parish has a new subscription to an online Catholic resource called **FORMED** and it's free for all parishioners. Check it out! Great resources for ALL ages! Sign-up information can be found at the entrances of the church. Some of the short videos will be introduced in the hall during coffee time after some of our upcoming weekend Masses. You are all invited to join us!



**Tuesday, November 28**

9:00am Ronaldo Caedo—R/S

Wednesday, November 29

9:00am Intention of Lauren Lerner

Thursday, November 30

9:00am Intention of Victor Osagie Omeike

Friday, December 1

9:00am Glen Lawrence—R/S

Saturday, December 2

9:00am Intention of Marian Omeike

5:00pm Intention of Sheila & Denis Mahoney

Sunday, December 3

10:00am Jennifer Edwards—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

**Sunday Collection
November 12 & 19**

Regular \$4746

PAPS \$3276\$8022**DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES**

Our 2024 donation envelope boxes are now available in the church. If you have don't see a box 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. (Envelope boxes not used in 2023 were not re-issued.)

Festival of Carols

December 10, 2023

2:00pm—3:30pm

St James Church

Come join us for an afternoon of carols! Our own wonderful choirs along with some special guests will be sure to bring some Christmas cheer!

Freewill Offering
Light reception to follow.



We're getting there! Many thanks to those who have already contributed to our TIA campaign. If you haven't made a contribution, please consider making a donation to our TIA campaign by the end of the year. Any amount brings us closer to our goal. Any deficit by the year's end has to be made up by parish funds.

Collected: \$26,991 Goal: \$36,218

Remaining: \$9227

Deadline December 31, 2023**Fundraising**

The Seeds of the Word Sisters will be selling baking after Mass this weekend. Proceeds support their mission.

The Knights of Columbus Council #8471 (from Holy Spirit parish) will be selling ergonomic snow shovels for \$30 after our Masses on December 9 & 10.

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 this weekend. 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	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
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	10:00am	Knights Spiritual Breakfast / Light Up for Christ
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)

Kid's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)



Children's Liturgy of the Word—
[Click Here](#)

The Calgary Catholic School District *presents...*

Hear the Angels Sing

An Advent and Christmas High School Choral Festival brought to you by 8 participating high schools: Bishop Carroll, Our Lady of the Rockies, Bishop McNally, Bishop O'Byrne, Notre Dame, St. Francis, All Saints, and St. Mary's. Over 300 students will be participating.

This free concert comprised of sacred music will take place on Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm at St Michael's Church (800—85 St SW). Doors open at 6:30pm.

A silver collection for St. Michael's Catholic Community Charities will be located at the entrance to the parish.



We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Stephanie Davis, Wendy Denis, 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, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Fr. Julian Studden, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

And For Those Who Have Died

Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban, Deacon Bill Young, 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