



St. James the Greater Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

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 January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PARISH STAFF

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” (John 1:36)

It can be easy to miss Jesus. Just ask John the Baptist. John knew he had been called to prepare the way for the Messiah. He was even the kinsman of Jesus. But still, by his own admission, John did not know him. He did not fully understand the mission of Jesus.

But with time and insight from God, John did come to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and was able to proclaim, “look, here is the Lamb of God.” We may not always recognize Jesus as clearly as John did. Yet, just like John, we too can grow in our awareness little by little.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” Make it a goal to greet Jesus the moment you first wake up. This week, make it a personal resolution to say, “good morning, Lord” and thank Him for the blessing that a new day brings. The Lord takes delight to see you and your family starting your day with even the briefest of prayers and conversation with Him.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” This morning greeting can be a great occasion for you to spend a quiet time of meditation. Even if it is only 5 minutes, a regular time of prayer will help you grow more familiar with Jesus.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” Once the onslaught of the day begins, you might struggle with a busy schedule. Know that Jesus does not want you to forget that He is with you.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” In the evening, you might hit a point when you are ready to unwind. You made it through the day, and you did it with God’s help. Before going to sleep, you can pause to thank Jesus for how He was with you today.

You can look back and try to recall one or two ways that the Lord blessed you with peace, guidance, and safety. Jesus, the Lamb of God is with you. The Lord loves it when you notice him, just a little more each day.

“Look, here is the Lamb of God.” Every time we gather in faith to celebrate the Holy Mass, the priest humbly remembers and makes present these words of John pointing to Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those called to partake in the supper of the Lamb”.

The Lamb. That’s what Jesus is called in today’s Gospel. This gentle symbol would never be considered as a fitting logo for the mighty people of today. Imagine a hockey team being called “The Lambs” or a football team being called “The Lambs”.

The Lamb symbol has a rich history and is intimately associated with some tremendous salvific events. The lamb was ceremoniously eaten in Egypt on the eve of Exodus. The Lamb again was present on the Last Supper table, the night before Jesus died.

At each Mass, we cry out the triumphant chant, not once but three times. “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. By this, we profess that humanity’s admirable Servant walked through this world, showing us that gentleness is toughness. The Lamb theology is teaching us as Jesus says, anyone among you who aspires greatness must serve the rest. (Mt. 20: 25). Amen.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

Did you know your screening requirements must be up-to-date by the end of January in order to continue in your ministry? This means:

All Volunteers: An online Praesidium Sexual Abuse Prevention Training course must be completed and a refresher completed every 2 years.

High Trust/Risk Volunteers: Your police check is valid for 5 years. We are in the process of reviewing the files and will contact you if you require an update.

In-Person Praesidium course for those who have not completed the online version:

Sunday, January 21

1:30—3:30pm in the parish hall

****If you are required to attend the in-person course, please watch for an email from our Volunteer Screening Coordinator, Kerstin Day.***

**Tuesday, January 16**

9:00am Phil Streifel—R/S

Wednesday, January 17

9:00am Michael Soroski—R/S

Thursday, January 18

9:00am Fay Burghardt—R/S

Friday, January 19

9:00am Intention of Dustin & Eloisa Greenwald

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm Nelly Haydee Murgue DeMontes—R/S

Sunday, January 21

10:00am Marie Rocha—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

Fr. Eli will be away next week. Fr. Greg Coupal, Fr. John Wright and Fr. Jose' Bustalino will cover our weekday and weekend Masses. Please note that during Fr. Eli's absence, confession will not be available after the weekday Masses but will be available on Saturday afternoon as per our regular schedule. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been cancelled on Friday, January 19.

Join Fr. Troy Nguyen as he launches the **ABLAZE Youth Ministry** at St. Bonaventure Church (1600 Acadia Drive SE) which is open to all youth in the Diocese. Share this information with parents and teachers, and the youth in your life!

[Register now.](#)

When: Friday evenings

- **Jan 12 (Gr. 9-12) from 7 pm to 9 pm** - with FacetoFace Ministries at St. Bonaventure
- **Jan 19 (All ages) from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm** - Family Adoration and Board Games at St. Bonaventure
- **Jan 26 (Gr. 7-12) from 7 to 9 pm** - Impact Night with Tony Melendez and Access52 - at St. Michael's Church (800 85 St SW)

Please be advised that we are having some technical work done on Monday afternoon and Tuesday that may affect communications on those days. We will do our best to reply to emails and phone calls as we can.



Immense thanks to all who contributed to our 2023 Together in Action campaign. Thanks to many generous donors we were able to reach our goal!

Thank you!

**Did You Miss Confirmation Registration
On January 11?**

**Please contact the office as soon as possible.
Classes begin in February.**

Registration is open to all students who:

- Are in grade 6 or higher
- Have been baptized (copy of baptism certificate required)
- Have celebrated First Communion

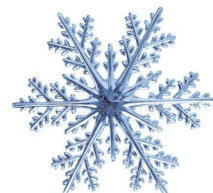
Our preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation will run between February and May with monthly mandatory in-person classes on Thursdays from 7:30—8:30pm in the parish hall. This is a student/parent program and therefore students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This program also consists of a series of online videos using the resource **CHOSEN: Your Journey to Confirmation** from Ascension Press.

The Knights are again holding a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday January 21st after the 10:00 Mass. Bring the whole family together and enjoy pancakes with sausages and ham. All donations support local charities and events in our parish.



Sunday Collection
January 7

Regular: \$4033 PAPS: \$1638
Total: \$5671



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
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
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	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
		Pancake Breakfast
	12:00pm	Mass
	1:30pm	Praesidium Safe Environment Training

Donate a Warm Winter Coat

The Salvation Army is teaming up with the Diocese of Calgary to ensure everyone has a warm coat this winter. Donations of new and gently used coats and other winter wear are sorted and distributed by the Salvation Army throughout various programs to be shared with those in need. **To drop off coats** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre during office hours (please call 403-218-5500).

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)

Kid's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)



Children's Liturgy of the Word—
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Huge thanks also to the donors of the grant from Benefaction Foundation for their generous donation.

Theology of the Body Conference

Join experts Dr. Christopher West, Sister Helena Burns FSP, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, and internationally acclaimed songwriter Mike Mangione as they introduce and reflect St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. When/Where: **Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church** (10827 24 St SW Calgary). [Register online](#). For any questions, please get in touch with theologyofthebodyconference@gmail.com

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccardo, Stephanie Davis, Wendy Denis, Gaetano Dumo, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes, Charlotte Johansen, 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, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

And For Those Who Have Died

Kendra O'Hare, Sylvia Kirkland

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