



St. James the Greater Church

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1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 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

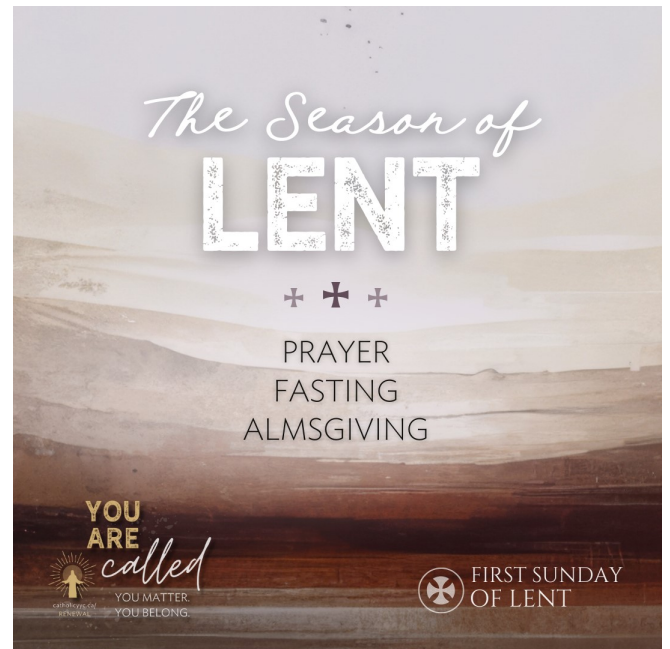
(or by appointment)

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 February:

For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

PARISH STAFF

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

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Christ Jesus. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. (see GNLY no.27)

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress those baptismal and penitential themes.

"During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin and the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offense against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities as we pray and do penance for sinners." (see Ordo 2023 Season of Lent)

St. John Paul II, as he started the season of Lent at the Dominican Church of Santa Sabina said, "when we forget the need for prayer, almsgiving, fasting and abstinence, we forget the reality of our sinfulness. When we forget that we are sinners, we forget our need of God. And when we forget we need God in our life, then we have lost everything."

How beautiful it is for us to hear the voice of our Father in heaven, telling us, go home and go back now and return. God wants to meet us, and God continues to seek and search us when we sin. As we go back to God, He is reminding us that we are not defined by our failures and mistakes, rather we are defined by God's love for each one of us.

Where are we now in our journey in life? Are we closer to Jesus or are we turning away to Jesus? What are the things that we are willing to give up to Jesus as we begin our Lenten journey? And what are we willing to give more and share to Jesus?

During the Ash Wednesday celebration, we are reminded that we are dust. But we are dust loved into life by God who created us. We have the breath of God in us. More than all that, we have the breath of God in us, and God breathes love. That means we are filled with love, and we can give love.

We are a people with a covenant with our God, a people with purpose, meaning, and mission. We are to live as an image and likeness of God. We are sent to bring God's hope, light and his joy and his love to our families, communities, workplaces and to our world.

You are called. You matter. You belong. Each one of us is called to live in God's boundless mercy and love. May this holy season of Lent prepare us to join Jesus in the joyful celebration of His victory in Easter and in His eternal glory in heaven, Amen.

Special Request:

As we begin the season of Lent, please support our Together In Action 2024 campaign. God loves a cheerful giver. You and your family will be richly blessed as you share your blessings with others.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR TAX RECEIPT HOME TODAY

Tax receipts are available in the church this weekend. Please help us save postage! All tax receipts not claimed by February 19th will be mailed. Please ensure that we have your correct mailing address. **If you've moved this year, let us know.** Only tax receipts for amounts \$25 or more will be issued.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Again this year the K of C Annual Fish Fry will be held each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm immediately following the Stations of the Cross. Volunteers are appreciated. Prices for the Fish Fry will stay the same as last year at \$10 for 1 piece of fish served with all the fries you can eat, coleslaw, and an ice cream sandwich. Each additional piece of fish is \$5. This a great family outing hosted at our parish. Come and enjoy.

Welcome Committee

"WELCOME" is a new ministry being formed in the Parish and will be one of welcoming, hospitality, and outreach to new parishioners. All ideas and suggestions on how to excitedly make our new parishioners feel welcome will be prayerfully considered! Your time commitment will be dependant on the number of new parishioners and is always flexible! For more information and/or to sign up, please leave your name and contact information with the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Italy October 7 - 18, 2024

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Eli Canete
www.ihtours.com
\$5290/person
Information Night in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 20
6:30pm

Lent & Easter

**February 14 Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm (Church)
10:30am (St James School)**

Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

February 16	1st Friday of Lent	Knights of Columbus
February 23	2nd Friday of Lent	Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers
March 1	3rd Friday of Lent	Couples for Christ
March 8	4th Friday of Lent	Music Ministry
March 15	5th Friday of Lent	PENDING
March 22	6th Friday of Lent	1st Communion/Confirmation Class

Confession

March 25	Holy Monday	6pm-7pm
March 26	Holy Tuesday	6pm-7pm
March 29	Good Friday	10am-12noon

Penitential Celebration

March 21 6-8pm

Holy Week

March 24	Palm Sunday	10am & 12pm
March 28	Holy Thursday (Triduum)	7pm
March 29	Good Friday (Triduum)	3pm
March 30	Easter Vigil (Triduum)	8pm
March 31	Easter Sunday	10am & 12pm

Communion Under Both Kinds

As per the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, and at the discretion of the Pastor, the distribution of the Precious Blood may resume beginning the First Sunday of Lent (Feb 17 & 18). Parishes are not required to start on this date as they will need to prepare and inform parishioners of the principles that need to be observed. A memorandum from Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon, Moderator of the Curia, outlines this information and will be available to parishioners next week. Fr. Eli has met with the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and they have all agreed that **three critical elements are needed** before we resume the distribution of the Precious Blood at St. James Church:

1. a program of information regarding all aspects of concern and education be conducted through the bulletin and Mass announcements
2. the parishioners have time to absorb and comment on this direction and express their feelings toward it
3. the ministry of Communion leaders have time to work with current members about this direction and have time to find additional ministers required for each Mass

Upcoming thoughtful and informative materials from the Diocese will answer most questions that will come to mind. Over the next several weeks, these materials will be sent to parishes for review and education and will be available in the bulletin, in our weekend announcements and on our website. **PLEASE PREPARE TO READ THE INFORMATION AS IT IS PROVIDED BEFORE EXPRESSING YOUR THOUGHTS TO THE PARISH IN ORDER TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIRECTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIOCESE.**

This Week at the Church

Monday	Family Day—Office Closed 7:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:30pm	Rosary Mass/Confession Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:30am 9:00am 1:00pm 7:15pm	Rosary Mass//Confession Choir RCIA
Thursday	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass /Confession
Friday	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Mass/Confession/Adoration Sing-a-long for Seniors Stations of the Cross Fish Fry
Saturday	9:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Mass Confession Mass
Sunday	10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm	Mass RCIA Mass

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Kid's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)
 Kid's Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)
 Children's Liturgy of the Word—[Click Here](#)



Tuesday, February 20

9:00am Intention of Sr. Aimee Marie Oliphant

Wednesday, February 21

9:00am Intention of George & Rita Delorey

Thursday, February 22

9:00am Joseph Delorey—R/S

Friday, February 23

9:00am Blaine Mattie—R/S

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Gilles Deziel—R/S

Sunday, February 25

10:00am Intention of Anna Aron
 12:00pm St James Parish

Sunday Collection

February 11

Regular: \$4621 PAPS: \$1638
 Total: \$6259

Together in Action 2024 Has Begun!
 More information next week.

Lenten Resources

Visit our Diocesan Lenten Resources at catholicyc.ca/Lent to find a listing of Lenten missions/retreats in parishes throughout the Diocese, daily Lenten reflections, Stations of the Cross, and Lenten activities and inspiration for individuals, children, and families.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccardo, Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes, Charlotte Johansen, Dean Klein, Leo Klein, Cindy Leonard, Clifford MacFarlane, McDonald/Born Family, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Michael Swab, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

And For Those Who Have Died

Doris McCullough. Mary Erazo, Kendra O'Hare

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@stjamescargary.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