



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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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**Bookkeeper**—

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



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

I had this graced opportunity to join a pilgrimage in Holy Land in 2019. This was before covid set in. One of the holy places we visited is Mount Tabor where Jesus had his transfiguration. I was totally amazed by the heavenly bliss of serenity, calmness, quietness, and the sacredness of the surroundings.

If only I could stay longer and pray to give thanks to the Lord for the amazing wonders of His creation. Mount Tabor is a 360-degree view of the Jezreel Valley, Mount Gilboa, the Samaritan mountains, Mount Carmel, the Golan Heights, Gilead Afula, the Lower and Upper Galilee and even Mount Hermon at the Lebanese border to the north. It was an experience of great spiritual beauty and grace to be there in the very site where Jesus transfigured Himself before Peter, James, and John.

What is the meaning of the Tabor experience? At Mount Tabor, Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed by His heavenly Father's presence and support. By this, Jesus knew that the Father was pleased with him and would give him strength to face the challenges ahead. He knew that with God on His side, Jesus could face anything.

The transfiguration event of Jesus is a glimpse of his divinity and glory. The Transfiguration event reveals to Peter, James, and John the true and identity of Jesus. They saw his divine splendor. Then, the Father made his filial affirmation of Jesus.

The Father said, "this is my chosen Son, listen to Him." Witnessing Moses and Elijah confirmed that Jesus is the culmination of the Law and the Prophet whom they stand for, respectively.

Do you remember the event in the garden of Gethsemane? Jesus was praying to His Father with the same disciples, Peter, James, and John. Jesus prayed, "Father, if possible, let this cup of suffering pass away, not my will but your will be done." It is in this agony in the garden that the disciples of Jesus saw and witnessed the great suffering that Jesus will encounter.

Hence, if they are to follow Jesus, they too, will share in his suffering. They will also encounter persecution, humiliation, and rejection. They will also die. With these trials and forthcoming sufferings, fears, doubts, and anxieties slowly discouraged them to follow Jesus. But Jesus did not allow these things to happen. Jesus brought them again in Mt. Tabor to witness His divine glory and majesty.

The transfiguration event is an encouragement for the disciples to go on as they follow Jesus. It is an inspiration for them to hold on, to stay and listen to Jesus. It is a motivation for them to face bitter realities and sufferings.

And the things that they saw fires them up. But it is not yet the time. They must go down. They must return to their jobs. They must face the daily realities of the Cross and the Calvary. The transfiguration of Jesus is a call and an invitation for Peter, James, and John to a life of transformation and conversion.

Let us not be discouraged by the trials, sufferings, and crosses that we have in life but to be steadfast in the promise of the Lord. Let us always remember that the sufferings that we are experiencing now are nothing to be compared to the glory that will be revealed to us. The good news that the Lord proclaims to us is that we are made for heaven.

## **FORMED**

### **FORMED in Faith**

FORMED is an outstanding online Catholic resource for the whole family. All parishioners are encouraged to create their own free account (go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://FORMED.org/signup), select St. James Calgary, enter name and email).

FORMED resources will be highlighted weekly in answer to our diocesan call for parish renewal based on foundations that include faith formation. This week introduces the first episode in a series about the Mass:

[Elements of the Catholic Mass: The Meaning of Liturgy.](#)

### **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.

### **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.

## Lent & Easter

### 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) but this is not a requirement. Parishes will need to prepare and inform parishioners of the principles that need to be observed.

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have met 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

When we receive Christ from either the host or the chalice, we are receiving the fullness of Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity. Receiving both species is not required to receive the fullness of the sacrament. Once the Precious Blood is available, parishioners who prefer to receive the Precious Body only can continue to do so.

### Pilgrimage to Italy

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Eli  
October 7—18, 2024  
[www.ihours.com](http://www.ihours.com)  
\$5290/person  
Information Night in the Parish Hall  
Wednesday, March 20  
6:30pm

### Together in Action 2024

2024 Goal \$36,218

*\*same as 2023*

The Lenten call to almsgiving means making other people's needs become part of our concerns. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the diocesan goal of \$2 million.

### Meet Our New Parish Renewal Team

Real Phaneuf  
Nick Fader  
Mike Adelino  
Christian Tsai  
Gaby Morrissey  
Mary Lojek  
Fr. Eli

On February 10, almost 300 people from around the diocese met for an orientation. [Read more.](#)

## *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
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass /Confession
	6:15pm	First Communion Class #2
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Baptism Prep
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	11:00am	RCIA
	12:00pm	Mass

### **Sunday Collection**

February 17  
Regular: \$2925 PAPS: \$1638  
Total: \$4563

Visit Enchanted Petals for your floral needs. 10% off for parishioners. 2114—54 Ave SW. Across from the church.

## **RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN**

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



### **Tuesday, February 27**

9:00am Intention of Becky Hill

### **Wednesday, February 28**

9:00am Intention of David Brister

### **Thursday, February 29**

9:00am Intention of Michael Brister

### **Friday, March 1**

9:00am Intention of John A. MacDonald

### **Saturday, March 2**

9:00am Charlie Gallant—R/S

5:00pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

### **Sunday, March 3**

10:00am Marino Mihoc—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

**Development and Peace**—Caritas Canada supports rural populations in the Global South in defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more. [Read More.](#)

### **We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them**

Emma Boccoardo, 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

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- ♦ 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
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