



St. James the Greater Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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 March:

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

PARISH STAFF

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The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20: 1-2)

Today, I invite you to reflect on God's power in our lives to free and rescue us especially from the kind of slavery to sin. It is a slavery that happens whenever we are trapped in sinful habits that we cannot get out of.

The good news is that just as God rescued the Israelites from physical slavery, God wants to rescue us from spiritual slavery. The idea of being someone's slave is naturally abhorrent to us. No one wants to be owned by someone else.

This is the same attitude that we should have when it comes to slavery, to sin as well. No one wants to be under its power. No one wants to feel powerless in some area of their lives. As St. Paul has said, we were created to be free. And Jesus came for just this purpose: to set us free (Galatians 5:1)

Always remember that the Lord our God is kind and merciful. He is slow to anger and rich in compassion. But most people experience the world as cruel, harsh, mean, merciless and uncompassionate.

Why? God's ways are not man's ways and all too often the ways of man rule the world. Jesus is inviting us to change that. Jesus envisions a world that is lovingly directed and rescued by God's ways.

So, do you want to experience freedom from sinful habits that has some control over your life?

First, confess your sins to the Lord. Know and remember that wherever you are now in your journey, the loads and baggage of sins that you carry will always be forgiven. Come and find your way back to the Lord in Reconciliation. He is just waiting for you with compassion and love.

When the Lord meets you at the throne of His grace, He always sees the good in your heart. Know that you are not the sum and total of all your faults and sins, but you are the sum and total of God's boundless love and mercy.

Second, pray for the strength to resist. Trust that God sees your efforts and blesses them with His own power to help us say no when temptation rises up within us. We may never stop sinning. But the process of sanctification, which comes as we pray, confess our sins, and seek God's strength, can help us reduce our sins.

It makes sin lose its power over us and makes us stronger in our efforts to resist. Jesus believes that you are infinitely valuable. You are worth saving and redeeming. You are always and will remain a child of God, temple of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever you are now in your journey in life, you are called, you matter, you belong!

FORMED

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, 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

Sunday Collection

February 25

Regular: \$3146 PAPS: \$1638

Total: \$4784

We welcome Ryan Summers, our new bookkeeper, who will begin next week. Ryan has been hired by the diocese to take care of the bookkeeping needs of the parishes in the SW quadrant of the city.



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	RCIA Team
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	7pm
March 29	Good Friday	3pm
March 30	Easter Vigil	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.

Parish Council

We wish to acknowledge two of our longstanding Parish Council members who are stepping down. Immense thanks to Kyle Hagan and Elvira Castaneda for their years of service to our parish in this role. Thank you!

Current Members

Nick Fader (Chair), Daryl Engelman, Ralph Walicki, Brian Lerner, Andrew Beingessner, Mike Adelino, Michael Serafini.

Together in Action 2024 Goal \$36,218

Together in Action (TIA) is the Diocese of Calgary annual campaign to support key ministries, partner organizations and agencies.

Embracing God's plan allows us to enrich lives and support those in need. This year's "Together in Action" campaign aims to **raise \$2 million** for crucial causes such as caring for retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care, diocesan ministries, and the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

27th Annual God Squad Men's Conference

God Squad Canada is hosting its annual Men's Conference called **"The Way to the Father"** on **March 22-23, 2024** at Ascension Catholic Parish in Calgary with keynote speaker: Jon Leonetti, an author, Catholic Speaker, radio host, but most importantly a husband and a father; as well as Brother Simon of the Seeds of the Word Community in Calgary. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.godsquad.ca

This Week at the Church

Monday	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 5:30pm	Rosary Mass//Confession Choir Altar Server Training
Thursday	8:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	Rosary Mass /Confession Opus Dei
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 10:30am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Mass Baptism Prep Confession Mass
Sunday	10:00am 11:00am 12:00pm	Mass RCIA Mass

ABLAZE Youth Ministry in March 2023

Set your hearts on Fire - ablaze with love for God and His Catholic Church! The following events are available for all youth in the Diocese:

- **Fri, Mar 1, from 7 to 9 pm - for Gr. 9-12** | FacetoFace Ministries at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary
 - **Fri, Mar 9 from 10 am to 5 pm - for Gr. 6-8** | Elevate: FacetoFace at St. Bonaventure's, Calgary
 - **Fri, Mar 16 (7 to 9 pm) - for Gr. 7-12** | Impact Nights with Access52 at St. Michael's, Calgary
 - **Mar 22-23 - for Gr. 9-12 (Boys only)** | God Squad Conference at Ascension, Calgary
- For info, call 403-278-7556 or email troy.nguyen@calgarydiocese.ca

Open to all youth in the diocese.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

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



Tuesday, March 5

9:00am Intention of Zoe Christiansen

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am Intention of Catherine Cameron

Thursday, March 7

9:00am Moe Nasser—R/S

Friday, March 8

9:00am Intention of Lillian Brister

Saturday, March 9

5:00pm John & Maria Petrollini—R/S

Sunday, March 10

10:00am Tony Divjak—R/S
12:00pm St James Parish

Solidarity Sunday—Special Collection March 17 For Development and Peace

Theme of the Week: Denouncing Oil Pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands

Enchanted Petals

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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, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Michael Swab, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

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