



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 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

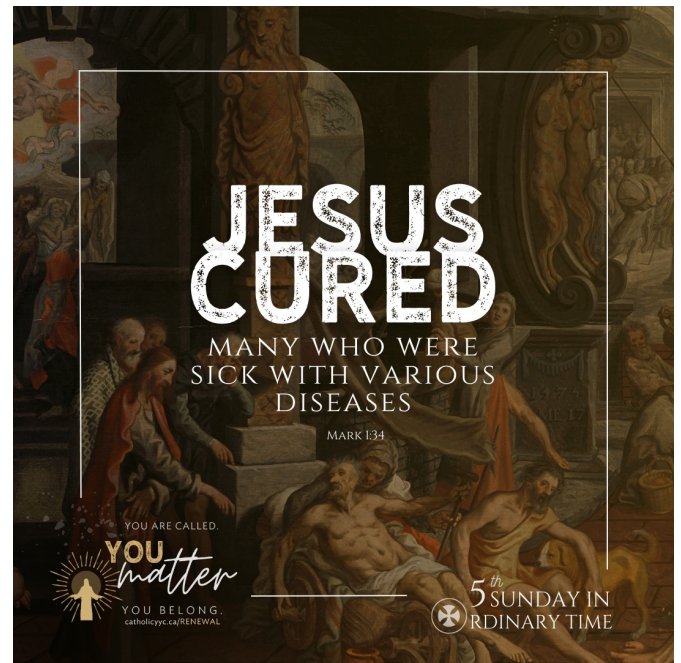
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### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Administrative Assistant**—Brenda Lerner - office@stjamescalgary.org

**Music** - Michael Scholfield - musdir83@gmail.com

**Bookkeeper**—Vacant

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



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### The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli

“ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope. “ Romans 15:13

Yes, our souls find rest in God. Our hope comes from Him. For truly God is our rock and our salvation. He is our fortress, and we will not be shaken. As we begin February 2024, I invite you my dear people of God to rejoice, remember and reflect the power of hope that comes from our God.

Hope. This week, let us keep in our hearts the virtue of hope. And we have in our readings today about Job who went through hard times in life yet with confidence in the promises of God, he never gave up.

Job prayed and desired something good for the future. Job expected it to happen. And not expected it to happen, Job was confident that it would happen. And the best things in his life came.

Who is Job? Job is described as a good person, who respected God and refused to do evil. A hardworking man, he provided a decent and good life for his family. But eventually, little by little all his riches lost, his children had severe sickness and his wife started to discourage him to trust God.

His wife told him, Job, are you out of your mind? Why do you continue to believe in your God when everything that matters to us is lost? Job told his wife, “Let us never give up on our God. God has given, God has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Job continued to bare his heart to the Lord. It is easy to offer God our praises and thanks. But Job challenges us to offer to God even the many questions and the deepest emotions in our hearts. For God alone can satisfy our cries and give us comfort and rest.

Do you know what happened towards the end of the life story of Job? The Lord restored the fortunes of Job, and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning and he had 14,000 thousand sheep, 6,000 camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

Job also had seven sons and three daughters. In all the land, there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters and Job gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived for 140 years and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations and died, old and full of days.

“Everyone is searching for you” the disciples say to Jesus in the Gospel. People must have found strong reasons why they searched for Jesus just as we also have in our hearts reasons why we seek out Jesus and constantly long and yearn to remain and stay with Him.

Jesus wants to fill us with hope, so we can see the possibilities. The Lord is inviting us to open our hearts, minds, and souls to the possibilities. For God, all things are possible. May our prayer be “Lord, increase our faith and help us to see the possibilities,” Amen.

### WHY SHOULD WE NOT GIVE TO PANHANDLERS OUTSIDE OUR CHURCH DOORS?

Recently, we've had a group of people asking for money outside our church doors as parishioners exit after Masses on Sunday. These individuals have been asked to leave multiple times as they are trespassing. But as long as well-meaning parishioners give, they continue to come back. There is a group known by other parishes that make their rounds to the parishes every year. The more people give, the more they come back. Please **DO NOT** give to these individuals. If giving stops, they move on. Sadly, the majority of these individuals—even those with children—are involved in illegal activities targeting the generous nature of churchgoers. As the police service will only come if trespassing is occurring, please call the police to report them and have them removed. **We need your help to stop this activity.** We've had an increase of people loitering around the church at all hours of the day and night so anything we can do to help keep our building and parishioners safe is important. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### Children's Liturgy

We are in need of more screened volunteers to assist with our Children's Liturgy program. Without volunteers that have gone through the screening process, we cannot offer this important children's ministry every Sunday. Please consider volunteering especially if your children regularly attend Children's Liturgy. The commitment is small but the reward is great! Please contact Kerstin Daly, our Volunteer Screening Coordinator, at [pvsc@stjamescalgary.org](mailto:pvsc@stjamescalgary.org) OR by phone on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-3pm at 403 243 2680 Extension 6.



### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 6**

9:00am Marie Olechow—R/S

**Wednesday, February 7**

9:00am Anecito L & Ma. Luisa C. Abit—R/S

**Thursday, February 8**

9:00am Intention of Jana Ferner

**Friday, February 9**

9:00am Intention of Lori Reinbold

**Saturday, February 10**

5:00pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

**Sunday, February 11**

10:00am Intention of Xavier Christiansen

12:00pm St James Parish

**World Day of the Sick  
Mass & Anointing of the Sick  
Saturday, February 10**

**9:00am**

**St James Church**

For residents living in Carewest Garrison Green, Carewest Royal Park, and Staywell Manor, Fr. Eli will anoint these residents when he is there to celebrate their monthly Masses.

**Seeds of the Word**

The Seeds of the Word Community will be visiting us this weekend. They will be selling the 2024 Compendium of Lectio Divina (\$20 each) and homemade bread and cookies after the Masses.

**Sunday Collection**

January 28

Regular: \$2813 PAPS: \$1638

Total: \$4451

**AN EVENING WITH MARY**

Friday February 9

ROSARY 6PM followed by POT LUCK

VIDEO SERIES - THE BIBLE AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
followed a brief discussion

**Lost & Found**

We have a large collection of items found in the church over the last few months. Our Lost & Found basket is located on the shelf above the coat rack in the hall. Items not removed by the middle of February will be discarded or donated.

**Did You Miss Confirmation Registration?**

Classes begin on Thursday at 7:30!

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:  
THE DATE FOR OUR CONFIRMATION  
CELEBRATION HAS CHANGED TO JUNE 5.**

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. No siblings please.

**Notes from the Knights**

**Lenten Friday Fish Fry** begins on Friday, February 16 at 6:30pm. More information to follow.

**Family Enrichment Retreat**

**Talk #1**

**God's Plan for the Family**

St James Parish Hall

Saturday, February 10

6:30—8:30pm

All parishioner are welcome.

For more information, contact:

Christian or Jennifer Tsai

Family & Youth Ministry Coordinators

pctsa@gmail.com

587 969 8830

**Pilgrimage to Italy**

**October 7 - 18, 2024**

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Eli Canete

[www.ih Tours.com](http://www.ih Tours.com)

\$5290/person

Information Night in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 20

6:30pm

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on February 14.  
Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 9am & 7pm.

Please bring in your old palms to be burned by next Sunday.



## *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
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass /Confession
	6:15pm	First Communion Class #1
	7:30pm	Confirmation Class #1
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
	6:00pm	An Evening with Mary
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	11:00am	RCIA
	12:00pm	Mass

### **HAVE YOU MOVED?**

#### **TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON**

CHANGE: Tax receipts will be available in the church the weekend of February 10 & 11. Please help us save postage! All tax receipts not taken 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 unless requested.

## **RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN**

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

We thank **Enchanted Petals** for the ongoing assistance with our floral arrangements.

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[www.enchantedpetals.ca](http://www.enchantedpetals.ca)

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2114 54 Ave SW

*\*across the street from the church*

### **Welcome Committee**

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of our new Welcome Committee. Members will welcome new parishioners and get to know them to encourage participation and involvement, and help connect new parishioners with our parish community. Call the office if this is something you would like to be a part of.

### **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, 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, 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@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