



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 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**  
**“If you choose, you can make me clean”**

These words came out from the man with leprosy begging Jesus and kneeling before the Lord. Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out His hand and touch the person with leprosy and said to him, “ I do choose. Be made clean.” Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

We need to trust in the mercy of a forgiving God who assures us that our sins are forgiven and that we are clean. We are forgiven and made spiritually clean from the spiritual leprosy of sins because God is a God of love who waits patiently for us. The only condition required of us is that we ask for forgiveness with a repentant heart.

People with leprosy were not only considered physically loathsome but were looked upon as persistent sinners. Even if the people with leprosy were cured, they had to submit to a ritual cleansing and purging of sin before they would be re-admitted to society.

By instructing the healed person with leprosy to go and show himself to the priest, Jesus may have been challenging the religious authorities to see that God’s healing grace is available to anyone who asks and needs His help.

What are you asking for to Jesus? What are you looking for? What are we needing as we come to Jesus? The hungry are asking for food. The homeless are asking for shelter. The unemployed are looking for jobs. Immigrants are asking for compassion. War-torn countries are looking for the end of conflicts and violence and yearning to have peace.

What are we personally asking for? Jesus meant for the question to go deeper than just economic, financial or health issues. Jesus is really asking, what is your heart asking and longing for? Appreciation, forgiveness, freedom from stress and worry? Are you asking for inner peace and healing?

This year 2024, Pope Francis chooses the theme “ it is not good that man should be alone” as we celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Sick. Caring for the sick is caring for our relationships. The World Day of the Sick is offering us another opportunity to pray for all those who suffer and to reflect on our commitment beginning in our families and communities.

We are all invited to have the compassionate gaze of Jesus towards those who suffer, are alone, marginalized and rejected. By working together to counter the culture of individualism and indifference, we can grow the culture of tenderness and compassion in our family and community.

In our parish this February 2024, we offer the anointing of the sick and the prayer of blessing for all residents of our Senior Homes namely the Garrison Green, Stay Well Manor and Royal Park. We also celebrate in our Church a Healing Mass that is open to everyone.

As we celebrate the World Day of the Sick, I invite you to honor and recognize the noble contributions of our Pastoral Care Volunteers and Ministers. These amazing people continue to take concrete steps to accompany those who are ill and isolated. Gratitude also goes to all healthcare professionals and other volunteers.

As we renew our commitment to pray for healing and care of the sick, let us learn from the faith of the person with leprosy who said to Jesus, “ If you choose, you can make me clean.” Believe that Jesus is trustworthy, and He will heal and listen to you, 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 weekend Masses. 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. 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, ask them to leave, and 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.

## 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/EM                       |
| 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 |

### **Sunday Collection**

February 4

Regular: \$2744 PAPS: \$1638  
Total: \$4382

### **HAVE YOU MOVED? TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND**

Tax receipts will be available in the church this weekend and next. 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 unless requested.

### **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

### **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. This a great family outing hosted at our parish. Come and enjoy.

## *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/Ashes      |
|           | 1:00pm  | Choir                       |
|           | 7:00pm  | Mass/Ashes                  |
| Thursday  | 8:30am  | Rosary                      |
|           | 9:00am  | Mass /Confession            |
| 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                        |
|           | 4:00pm  | Confession                  |
|           | 5:00pm  | Mass                        |
| Sunday    | 10:00am | Mass                        |
|           | 11:00am | RCIA                        |
|           | 12:00pm | Mass                        |

### **Visa Debit Card**

A Visa Debit card was found in the church several weeks ago. Please contact the office if it might belong to you.

## **RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN**

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



### **Tuesday, February 13**

9:00am Intention of Mary & Sergio Plazas

### **Wednesday, February 14**

9:00am Intention of Ferlita Bond  
 7:00pm Ann Lerner—R/S

### **Thursday, February 15**

9:00am Moneca Raney—R/S

### **Friday, February 16**

9:00am Emiliana B. Laga—R/S

### **Saturday, February 17**

5:00pm Franco Valerio—R/S

### **Sunday, February 18**

10:00am Lois Abbot—R/S  
 12:00pm St James Parish

**ABLAZE**—Grades 9-12 from throughout the Diocese are invited to Ablaze Youth Ministry event with Face to Face Ministries and Fr. Troy Nguyen on **Friday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 9 pm** at St. Bonaventure, Calgary.

### **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

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- ♦ Dropping off your envelope at the office or into the office mailbox
- ♦ Mailing your donation to the church