



# St. James the Greater Church

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## 4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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

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

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### The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning, exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.” (Isaiah 66:10-11)

This is the Entrance Antiphon that we find for this 4th Sunday of Lent. These words evoke rejoicing as we celebrate Laetare Sunday. As on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our takeaway this Sunday is that our salvation is a free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. God loves each one of us that in His mercy, compassion, kindness, and grace Jesus is willing to offer His life to free and rescue us from our sins.

In the readings, God chose Cyrus the great, a pagan conqueror to become the instrument of His mercy to and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon.

Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel but on a much higher level. Jesus the Son of God becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world.

Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee, and member of the Sanhedrin meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe the words of Jesus because He is the Son of God.

Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent, Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, God is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

As we continue to journey this Lent, we need to love the Cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy but also price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy while helping others to carry their heavy crosses.

We need to reciprocate God's love by loving Him in others. God's love is unconditional and universal. Know and remember that we are always granted mercy unconditionally. The Eucharist is God's central expression of love and mercy for us. Every time we celebrate Mass, we receive God's merciful love that we may share this love with others, Amen.

Prayer Request: Please pray for the members of the Parish Renewal Team, namely Real Phaneuf, Nick Fader, Mary Lojek, Gabby Morrissey, Mike Adelino, Philip Christian Tsai as the team begins to pray, listen, and assess the current state of the parish and create a visionary renewal plan.

The team will work in collaboration with each one of you, my dear parishioners. The team will actively involve you and those who are unchurched in the process of renewal. As the members express their commitment to this Renewal, we are also asking your commitment to being pilgrims on a journey of authentically growing closer to Jesus, who calls us to communion and mission in this particular moment in time. God bless us all!

## 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](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's feature:  
**Intelligent Worship -  
Opening Up the Treasures of the Mass**

### Sunday Collection March 1

Regular: \$10,964 PAPS: \$1638  
Total: \$12,602

### Welcome Committee

“WELCOME” is a new ministry of hospitality, outreach and welcome for new parishioners. Ideas and suggestions welcome. Time commitment will be dependent on the number of new parishioners and is always flexible. For more information or to volunteer, contact the office.

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

### 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.

### Pastoral Care Ministry

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Whether you're a new minister or someone with prior training in Pastoral Care Ministry, this workshop warmly welcomes you.

April 20 & May 4—Catholic Pastoral Centre

Register now at [catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare](https://catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare)

Deadline April 15

### 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 – <b>CANCELLED</b> *
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

**\*Confession on Holy Monday has been cancelled on account of the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7pm.  
All are welcome.**

### What do I do with my old glasses and hearing aids?

We now have a box for these used items. Please look for the box "**Lions Recycle for Sight**" box now located in the parish hall. All donated items are refurbished, sanitized and packaged right here in Calgary! Packaged items are then sent with medical mission teams such as *Doctors Without Borders* to help those in developing countries who would normally not have access to vision and medical care. Simply place used glasses, sunglasses and hearing aids in the box.

### Beloved Daughters Women's Conference

*Worthy & Made New*

May 3 & 4

St. Michael's Church

For more information or to register visit:

[www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com)

### Lenten Penitential Services

In preparing us as the faithful for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, check out services in the diocese and rejoice in God's Mercy!

See schedule at: [catholiccyyc.ca/lent](http://catholiccyyc.ca/lent)

St James Penitential Celebration: March 21 6-8pm

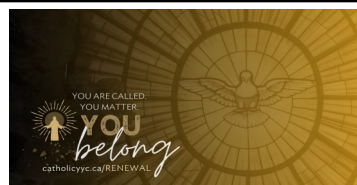
### Together in Action

**2024 Goal \$36,218**

Thank you for your support of Together in Action last year. This year's theme is inspired by Philippians 4:19: "**God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**" This scripture encourages us to trust in God's abundant provision and share this abundance with others through service and love.

Our diocesan goal is the same as last year: \$2 million. Nearly 50% of the proceeds will go to caring for our retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, and pastoral care. Approximately 10% will support diocesan missions, Mission Council and Elizabeth House. Another 15% will help organizations, such as CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops), Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, and the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute.

In addition, for the next three years, close to 30% of the yearly proceeds will be used to support local or regional healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. For more information, visit [www.catholiccyyc.ca/TIA](http://www.catholiccyyc.ca/TIA)



### 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](http://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 7:15pm	Rosary Mass//Confession Choir RCIA
Thursday	8:30am 9:00am 6:15pm 7:30pm	Rosary Mass /Confession 1st Communion Class Confirmation Class
Friday	9:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Mass/Confession/Adoration Sing-a-long for Seniors Stations of the Cross Fish Fry
Saturday	4:00pm 5:00pm	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, March 12**

9:00am Intention of Marietta Delorey

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

9:00am Intention of Mary & Sergio Plazas

#### **Thursday, March 14**

9:00am Intention of Laura Septon

#### **Friday, March 15**

9:00am Maria, John, & Carmen Petrollini—R/S

#### **Saturday, March 16**

5:00pm Marshall Swab—R/S

#### **Sunday, March 17**

10:00am Pasqualina Angela Durante—R/S  
 12:00pm St James Parish

### **ABLAZE Youth Ministry in March 2023**

Set your hearts on Fire - ablaze with love for God and His Catholic Church!

- **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](mailto:troy.nguyen@calgarydiocese.ca)

**Open to all youth in the diocese.**

### **Solidarity Sunday—Special Collection March 17 For Development and Peace**

**Theme of the Week:**

**God's Love of Humanity & Our Interconnectedness**

Bolivia is very vulnerable to climate change. In the northern mountainous region, imbalances in the microclimate of the Lake Titicaca ecosystem are causing both abnormally heavy rainfall and long periods of drought and cold. Fundación NUNA is helping Indigenous and peasant communities in the region cope with these changes.

### **Enchanted Petals**

We thank our new neighbor for the continued support. Check out [www.enchantedpetals.ca](http://www.enchantedpetals.ca) for your floral needs.  
 10% off for parishioners  
 (Located across the street from the church.)



### **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, Scott, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Michael Swab, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

### *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](mailto: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