



St. James Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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

“Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

How beautiful it is to watch shoots of young wheat swaying in the wind and dancing in the sun. I still remember the times I would drive around the places in Vauxhall and Taber (my first parish assignments) and in the neighbouring communities. This is truly the wonders of God’s creation. But how strange is the process by which these shoots come into being.

First, the grains of wheat have to be buried in the cold earth as in a tomb. Then, they must die. If they did not die, no new life would come forth. But, when they die, from the grave of the old grains, shoots of new wheat miraculously spring forth. In time, each of these shoots will produce a whole earful of new grains. It is indeed an amazing paradox-life coming through death.

The way of salvation is similar. It is Christ who is telling us this. Just as the grain of wheat has to die if it is to bear fruit, so there is a sense in which we must die if we are to live fully and fruitfully. We are like seeds dropped by the hands of God into the field of life. Under his watchful care, we break through the surface and open ourselves to the sun and the rain. But having opened us to receive, we must also open ourselves to give. For to give is to live.

Today’s Gospel speaks of the grain of wheat dying in the ground—a reference to the shedding of the blood of the Lord Jesus in order to bring forth a rich harvest recalled those words of Jeremiah at the Last Supper as we do at every Mass.

Jesus endured the cross because He knew that his death would reveal the depths of God’s love for you and me.

Christ is inviting us to let that love surround and sustain us in building up one another. We are called in our family and parish community to imitate the love of our God, the courage to stand up for that love, the willingness to serve and to work for unity.

In the offertory part of the Mass, we notice the wine poured into the chalice and then a little water is added. The wine is strong and powerful. It represents the love of Christ. The water is weak and powerless. This represents our love.

However, when the water is mixed with the wine, it becomes one with the water and is invigorated and strengthened. It is consecrated and raised up as a chalice of salvation.

Let our love be mingled with the love of Christ. May it be a chalice of renewal, a spirit of healing and forgiveness, a sign of hope and new life. May God inspire us to pour it out until the end, Amen.

Together in Action 2024

Thank you for your support last year for our TIA. 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 blessings. Give and contribute to our Together in Action. God will richly bless you more. Thank you for your continued support!

FORMED

FORMED is an outstanding online Catholic resource for the whole family. Create your 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 and faith formation.

This week’s feature:

[Elements of the Catholic Mass - Ep. 3: The Role of the Parishioner](#) --- We Christians are here on earth as exiles. Many of us grow up in middle-class Christianity. The danger with that is that we have everything we want and as a consequence we don’t really long for heaven. In this episode, we learn what the role of the parishioner is in the Catholic Mass.

Fish Fry—Last one March 22

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. Additional piece of fish is \$5.

Save the Date Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

Looking for a gift for Mom for Mother’s Day? Bring her to our Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 11 from 1:30-3:30pm at the church. Tickets are \$30 each and will be available after some of the Masses and through the office. More information to follow. Sponsors and donations of baked goods and basket items gratefully accepted.

**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 – CANCELLED *
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 (Sat 5pm)
March 28	Holy Thursday	7pm
March 29	Good Friday	3pm
March 30	Easter Vigil	8pm
March 31	Easter Sunday	10am & 12pm

The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Monday, Mar 25 at 7 pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. Cathedral doors will be open to the public at 6:00pm.

Pastoral Care Ministry

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in 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](https://catholic.ca) Pastoral Centre
Register now at catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare
Deadline April 15.

Join **Beloved Daughters Ministry** for their second annual **women's conference** entitled, "Worthy and Made New." Conference will be held May 3 & 4, 2024 at St. Michael's Church (Calgary, AB) with guest speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. For more information visit: www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com

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.

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.catholicyyca/TIA

Any TIA surplus funds at the end of the year will be put towards our Operations Programs and/or our 2025 TIA campaign.

Sunday Collection

March 10

Regular: \$2899 PAPS: \$1638

Total: \$4537

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
	11:00am	School Tour
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	6:30pm	IHS Tour Information Night
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass /Confession
	10:30am	Pastoral Zone
	6:30pm	Penitential Celebration
	7:00pm	Parish Renewal Team
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass (Palms)
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
(Palm Sunday)	11:00am	RCIA
	12:00pm	Mass

Outdoor Way of the Cross

All are invited to join Bishop McGrattan on the **Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9 am**. We are introducing a new route this year that begins at St. Mary's University and leads us to the Father Lacombe Centre. Remember to dress appropriately for the outdoors. For more information, visit catholiccyc.ca/wayofthecross

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

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



Tuesday, March 19

9:00am Gordon Bens—R/S

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am Alex & Connie Ciccaglione—R/S

Thursday, March 21

9:00am Giovanni, Giulia & Carmen Ciccaglione—R/S

Friday, March 22

9:00am Gladys Zerr—R/S

Saturday, March 23

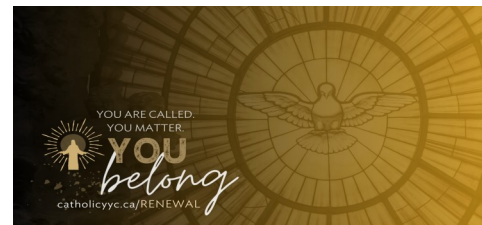
5:00pm Millicent Gonsalves—R/S

Sunday, March 24

10:00am Intention of Marietta Delorey
 12:00pm St James Parish

Solidarity Sunday—Special Collection March 17 For Development and Peace

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, is celebrated throughout most of Canada as Solidarity Sunday, where parishes hold a **special collection for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada** and pray for greater fellowship and understanding amongst people worldwide. Please pray for Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, its members and partners as we strive for God's kingdom to come here on earth as it is in heaven.



We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccardo, Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, Scott Evans, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Ann Hayes, Charlotte Johansen, Dean Klein, 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

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