



# St. James Catholic Church

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday

March 24, 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](mailto:eligiocanete@gmail.com)  
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### **The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete**

“ God did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all. ” ( Romans 8:32)

Today, we begin the Holy week with the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Our attention is focus on the sacrificial death of Jesus. The Gospel narrates the humiliation, passion, and crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus fulfills the will of the Father. Jesus translates into reality his preaching. Jesus shows in his passion what true love is.

Jesus reveals what real forgiveness is. There is no bitterness in his words. There is no hatred or anger in his heart. There is no frustration or resentment in his feelings. Jesus willingly and openly embraces and accepts the Cross and the Crucifixion.

This Palm Sunday, we commemorate the hour when Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem for the last time. It was a triumphal entry of Jesus as King, reminding us of King David when he entered and took possession of Jerusalem.

The whole multitude of his disciples proclaimed, blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. He entered Jerusalem but that is just the beginning. We must follow Jesus, from the gates of Jerusalem to the upper room, to the garden of Gethsemane, to the Praetorium, to Calvary and then to the tomb where Jesus gloriously rose from the dead.

We are all invited to accompany Jesus in His sufferings and death, to follow Him. We lift and wave our palm branches, aware that these are not only symbols of victory but also martyrdom. We shout Hosanna!

But when our faith is tested and when we are asked to carry our own Crosses in life, we stop following. We flee from our crosses. We complain. And we start to doubt the power of God as our Savior and King.

One of the most striking aspects of the Gospel Passion accounts is how largely alone Our Lord Jesus in his final hours. Most of His beloved disciples, followers and friends flee from Him and abandon Him in His hour of need. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story.

Peter denied Jesus three times, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the Cross and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

As we enter the Holy Week, it is good to reflect and remember the times when we flee from the Cross and from our Savior. We all do it at one point or another. A period of suffering for ourselves, a loved one, our neighbor, or even the people we encounter in our daily lives.

Jesus is now inviting us to follow Him. Are we willing to follow Jesus not just to Church but in our daily life? Are we willing to entrust ourselves to Him even when the future is not certain and confusing, believing that God has a great plan for us?

Let us be moved and encouraged by the few people who stayed with Jesus. Our heavenly Mother Mary and St. John and other faithful women stayed with Jesus at the foot of the Cross until the death of Jesus. They became the witnesses of Jesus. They were touched. They accepted Jesus and confessed, truly, “this man is the Son of God,” Amen.

### **FORMED**

FORMED is an outstanding online Catholic resource for the whole family. Create your own free account (go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://www.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. 4: The Church Building](#)

[Brother Francis - Ep. 13: He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection](#) - An animated presentation of key points in the life of Jesus Christ, His death on the cross, triumph over death, and ascension to the Father. It shows children how we celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

### **Hope and Dignity**

#### **A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

A great resource for all Catholics and those nearing end-of-life.

Visit [www.hopeanddignity.caedm.ca](http://www.hopeanddignity.caedm.ca)

### **Perfect Mother's Day Gift!**

#### **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 are now 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.

### **Mission Council Cards**

We have a new display that allows parishioners to see the greeting cards more easily. Check it out in the hall! Cards are \$1.00 each (unless otherwise stated on the tag). All proceeds go to support missions in Canada and around the world.

### **Knights of Columbus - Bottle Drive**

**April 20 & 21**

30 minutes before and after the weekend Masses  
in the parking lot

**Next Pancake Breakfast—April 21**

## Holy Week Schedule

### Confession

March 26	Holy Tuesday	6pm-7pm
March 29	Good Friday	10am-12noon

### 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 Pastoral Centre

Register now at [catholicycyca.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholicycyca.ca/pastoralcare)

Deadline April 15.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**April 7, 2024**

**2:00-4:00pm**

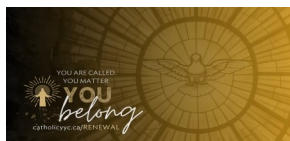
- Blessing of the image
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 30 minutes of quiet adoration
- Reflection on Divine Mercy
- 3:00pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Benediction
- Veneration of the Image



### From our Parish Renewal Team

We begin our journey of Parish Renewal by listening to you. On **Saturday April 13 from 2 - 4pm** we will be holding our Parish Renewal Gathering. We invite you to join us in exploring how we can move our parish forward in our quest for spiritual and community renewal. This gathering will be an opportunity to explore ways in which you will be able to express and help our parish find a welcoming path, all with the goals of strengthening our family life, encountering and witnessing God's love for each other, inviting, teaching and practicing our faith.

You are called (we want to hear from you), you matter (your opinion is of value), and you belong (you are an important part of our parish). Please join us as we make renewal in our parish a reality.



### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by e-transfer to [terresainte@bellnet.ca](mailto:terresainte@bellnet.ca) or online at [Commissariat.ca](http://Commissariat.ca)—receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM  
*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

### Sunday Collection—March 17

Regular: \$3064 PAPS: \$1638

Total: \$4702

### Together in Action

2024 Goal \$36,218 Collected: \$4193

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

### Office Hours for Holy Week

**Holy Thursday — Closed at noon**

**Good Friday to Easter Monday—Closed**

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

\*NOTE: Brenda will be away April 3-10. Kerstin Daly will be covering in the office. If you need to reach the office, contact Kerstin by phone or by emailing [pvs@stjamescalgary.org](mailto:pvs@stjamescalgary.org). For emergencies contact Fr. Eli at 587 929 8972.

**(No bulletin April 6/7)**



### ***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
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
Thursday to Sunday - as per Easter Triduum Schedule in bulletin.		

### **Children's Liturgy**

All children 3 and up are invited to join our Children's Liturgy program on most Sundays during the 10am Mass. This is a free program and there is no need to register. Younger children may attend with a parent.

If you would like to volunteer as a Children's Liturgy volunteer, please contact Kerstin Daly at [pvsc@stjamescalgary.org](mailto:pvsc@stjamescalgary.org)

### **Outdoor Way of the Cross**

The Outdoor Way of the Cross needs you! Join us as a volunteer on **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**. We're excited about our new route from St. Mary's University to the Fr. Lacombe Centre, running from **8 AM to approx. 1 PM**. Various roles are available. All are welcome to participate.

Bring your family and friends along! To volunteer, please register **by Monday, March 25, at 10 AM**, and await further details for onboarding.

### **Women's Conference**

Worthy & Made New

May 3 & 4

St Michael's Parish

Information & Tickets: [www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com)

### **RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN**

Kid's Bulletin—[Click Here](#)

Kid's Coloring Page—[Click Here](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi—[Click Here](#)



### **Tuesday, March 26**

9:00am Doris McCullough—R/S

### **Wednesday, March 27**

9:00am Hans Jabubczyk—R/S

### **Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)**

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **Saturday, March 30 (Easter Vigil)**

8:00pm Giovanni, Giulia & Carmen Ciccaglione

### **Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)**

10:00am Gerald Catling—R/S

12:00pm St James Parish

### **44th Annual Hike For Life**

Prince's Island Park

Saturday, May 11

8:30am—Noon

10K Hike to Promote Respect For Life

Please register and pledge online at [www.calgaryprolife.com](http://www.calgaryprolife.com)

Or fill out the pledge sheets at the SW entrance

### **Come & See**

April 12—Mass & Healing Service 6:30-9pm (St Luke's)

April 13—Conference 9am-8:30pm (St Thomas More)

Register now at [www.cccsevents@gmail.com](mailto:www.cccsevents@gmail.com)

### **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, Shirley Valentine, Richard Zelichowski

### **And for Those Who Have Died**

Cristina Licella, Staff Sgt. Randall, Joan Randall

### ***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