



St. James Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday

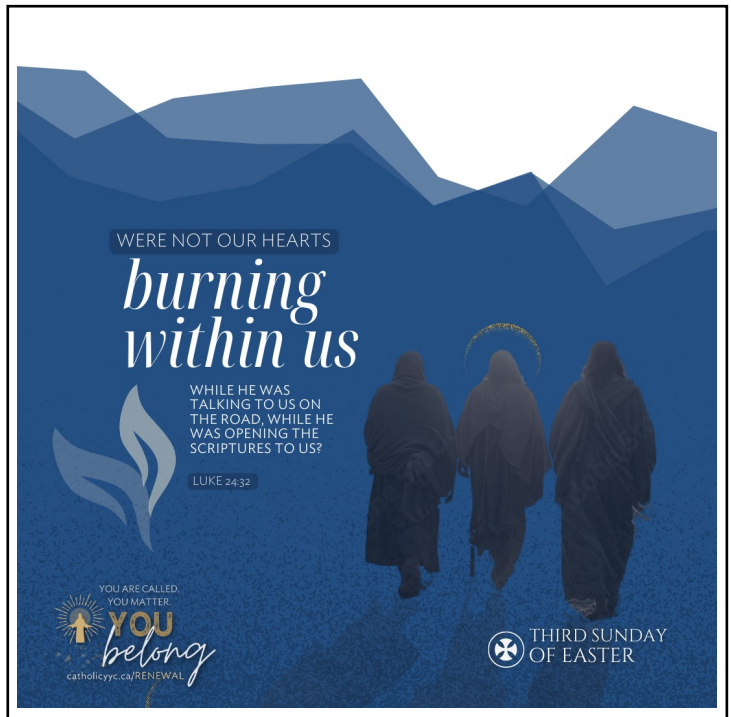
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

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 April:

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Fr. Eligio “Eli” Canete - eligiocanete@gmail.com
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Sunday Connection
Courtesy of Diocese of Saskatoon

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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:

This week we draw our attention to the following episode in a series about the Mass:

[Elements of the Catholic Mass, Ep. 6: Signs and Symbols](#)

**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.

Knights of Columbus - Bottle Drive

Our next bottle drive held on the weekend of April 20th and 21st. On Sunday April 21st after the 10:00 mass we will be holding a pancake breakfast. Please plan on bring your family and meet some new parishioners.

The Knights have updated their charitable donation on the bulletin board in the hall. If you are interested in seeing where the funds raised from your generous participation in our parish events go, please have a look.

Hope and Dignity

A Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

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

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 catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare

Parish Renewal Gathering Saturday, April 13

Thank you to all that attended the Parish Renewal Gathering this weekend. If you were not able to attend we invite you to continue to journey with us as we explore ways to move our parish forward in our quest for spiritual and community renewal. The **idea boards** at the back of the church and in the parish hall will remain up for the month of April. Please add your thoughts and ideas. Please be open to discussing with your family, friends and fellow parishioners your thoughts on how to make our parish an open and inspiring parish in which you would be proud to be a part. We are continuing to think of how to engage our parish. If you have a good idea you can speak to any of the team members or email us at saintjamesrenewal@gmail.com For more information, please visit our website [St. James Parish Calgary \(stjamescalgary.org\)](https://stjamescalgary.org)



This year, National Volunteer Week will be from April 14 to 20, 2024, and we're taking a moment to celebrate the incredible impact volunteers have on our parish communities!

Our volunteers, the quiet champions of our parish, embody love in action. They uplift those in need, prepare the sacred spaces, and nurture our young during their formative years. Their dedication echoes far beyond the Holy Week preparation and Easter Sunday—a constant reminder of the impact one person can have in the lives of many. We are profoundly grateful for their presence and the grace they bring to our parish. Thank our many volunteers when you see them next!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 16

9am Gary Baltas—R/S

Wednesday, April 17

9am Margaret David—R/S

Thursday, April 18

9am Tokuko Epp—R/S

Friday, April 19

9am Carol Aebli—S/I

Saturday, April 20

5pm Giuseppe & Carolina D'Ippolito—R/S

Sunday, April 21

10am Family & Friends of Troy—S/I

12pm St James Parish

2024 Impact Report

We are excited to share with you the 2023 Impact Report of the Diocese of Calgary. As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the growth, resilience, and profound impact of our actions. This report highlights how, through faith and collaboration, we continue to move towards becoming true missionary disciples in our world today! Visit catholicyyca.ca/2023impactreport On behalf of Bishop McGrattan, thank you for your unwavering support and generosity towards serving our community and spreading the good news of God's unconditional love!

Please join us at the Vocations Rally on Sun, April 21 from 11 am to 3:30 pm at St. Michael's Church in Calgary! Discover how to build a culture of vocation, whether you're discerning your own calling or supporting others. Hear from experts such as Dr. Ryan Topping, Fr. Cristino and Fr. Santiago, Bishop McGrattan, enjoy a free lunch, and pray for our vocations! Let's rally together for the future of our Church! **Register** at catholicyyca.ca/vocations

Sunday Collection Easter

Regular: \$8136 PAPS: \$1638
Total: \$9774

April 7

Regular: \$2800 PAPS: \$1638
Total: \$4438

Together in Action

2024 Goal \$36,218 Collected: \$5003

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.

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
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:15pm	RCIA
Thursday	7:00pm	Parish Renewal Team
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	11:00am	School Tour
	6:00pm	Knights of Columbus Event
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
		Knights Bottle Drive
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Pancake Breakfast
	12:00pm	Mass
		Knights Bottle Drive

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](#)

44th Annual Hike For Life

Prince's Island Park
Saturday, May 11
8:30am—Noon
10K Hike to Promote Respect For Life

Fr. Eli will be doing the hike. Pledge forms are at the church entrances or pledge online at www.calgaryprolife.com

Women's Conference

Worthy & Made New
May 3 & 4
St Michael's Parish
Information & Tickets: www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com

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

Enchanted Petals

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Funeral Mass for Estrella Haining
Friday, April 26 at 2pm

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

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

Estrella Haining, Clifford MacFarlane, 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
- ◆ 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