



# St. James Catholic Church

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**4th Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 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  
**Administrative Assistant**—Brenda Lerner - office@stjamescalgary.org  
**Music**—Michael Scholfield - musdir83@gmail.com  
**Bookkeeper**—VACANT  
**Volunteer Screening**—Kerstin Daly - pvsc@stjamescalgary.org



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## The Shepherd Speaks—Fr. Eli Canete

Today, in the Diocese of Calgary, there is an urgency and a need to encourage and pray for our young men and women to respond to God's call to serve His Church and His people.

Currently in this year 2024, the Diocese of Calgary alone has only 13 seminarians who are preparing for priesthood. And we have 68 parishes and 11 missions waiting for them. Vocations begin in the family. Let us open the doors for our children the path to enter seminaries and consider priesthood and religious and consecrated life as one of the options in choosing a career.

In John 15:16, Jesus is calling young men and women to serve His flock. Jesus said, "it was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

In the Gospel Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He knows his sheep and loves them so much that he is ready to die for them."

The Gospel offers us both comfort and challenge. The comforting good news is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us. The challenge is for each of us to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and become also good sheep.

Jesus knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice. Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our dreams, our prayers, our merits, and faults. Jesus loves us as we are, with all our limitations and he expects us to receive and return His love by keeping His word.

Jesus speaks to us at every Mass, through the Scripture, through our parents and through the events of our lives. God whispers to us in our pleasures, God speaks to us in our consciences, and He shouts to us in our pain.

Jesus gives eternal life to His sheep by receiving us into his sheepfold through Baptism. Jesus strengthens our Faith by giving us the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Jesus supplies food for our souls by the Holy Eucharist and by the Divine Words of the Scripture. Jesus makes our community holy by the sacraments of Matrimony and the Priesthood.

Peter asserts before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ the Good Shepherd. Moreover, John tells us how Yahweh the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus Christ by making us His children.

Jesus is inviting us who are touched and healed by His love to shepherd and care for others. There are other sheep that are not of this fold and these Jesus must lead as well. Pope Francis said, "it is so important to pursue and help everyone-not just those who have lived under strict Church doctrine."

Instead of being just a Church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a Church that finds new roads, that can step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are different. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return.

"The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia." (Communion Antiphon)

### FORMED in Faith

FORMED is an outstanding online Catholic resource for the whole family. Create your 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 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. 7: Sacramental Signs](#)

### 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

All the numbers are in for the Fish Friday events during Lent and through your participation a donation is being made to the parish for \$2,500.00 (\$500 of which will be coming from a matching grant from the KofC Charitable Foundation).

Roses will be on Sale on Mother's day weekend in support of Calgary Pro Life. \$5/Rose.

Mark it on your Calendars. The annual St. James Knights of Columbus garage sale will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday Collection April 14

Regular: \$7033 PAPS: \$1638  
Total: \$8671

### Together in Action

2024 Goal \$36,218 Collected: \$5149

### **In Memoriam Ryan Summers**

It with sadness that we announce the sudden death of our bookkeeper, Ryan Summers. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family members at this time. May he rest in peace. We thank Ryan for his dedication and service to St James Parish in the short time he was with us.

### **Employment Opportunity**

Bookkeeper (Full-Time)

Please visit the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary Employment page for details or to apply.

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/careers.html>

### **Parish Renewal**

We had about 20 parishioners attend the Parish Renewal Gathering last Saturday. This allowed for some deep conversations on ways in which we could make our Parish community more open, inviting and inspiring. We explored opportunities to develop our faith at all ages of our lives through our parish.

We know many of you were not able to attend and we continue to develop ways in which we can hear your ideas. We have idea boards at the back of the church and in the parish hall for you to leave your thoughts. Also please check out our page on our parish website [www.stjamescalgary.org/renewal](http://www.stjamescalgary.org/renewal) where you can gain a thorough understanding of our journey and opportunities to leave your thoughts on our online idea board. We have now extended your opportunity to be heard until May 15th.

### **Snow Removal**

As many parishioners are aware, we were in a sudden dilemma this past winter when our previous snow removal company suddenly decided late in the fall that they would not be doing commercial properties any longer. We were challenged to find a company so late in the year that would accept new accounts. Unfortunately, the company we went with did not manage our site well. Parishioners will be happy to know that we have secured Bugaboo Landscaping for next season. Bugaboo Landscaping was highly recommended by several other parishes.

### **Senior Sharers for Our Confirmation Students**

We are looking for seniors who might be interested in partnering with our Confirmation students. These individuals would attend the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, May 4 from 2:15-3:00pm to share in small groups: a) their faith journey, b) why the faith is important to them, and c) what practices they participate in as part of their Catholic faith. If you are interested, please contact Gaby Morrissey at (403) 819-9953 or the office  
**BY FRIDAY, APRIL 26.**

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Tuesday, April 23**

9am Gary Mogenson—R/S

#### **Wednesday, April 24**

9am Harry Acheson—R/S

#### **Thursday, April 25**

9am Stanley Mircheff—R/S

#### **Friday, April 26**

9am Rosa Rino Sr—R/S

#### **Saturday, April 27**

5pm Luigi & Filomena D'Ippolito—R/S

#### **Sunday, April 28**

10am Jens Christiansen—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 [catholicyc.ca/2023impactreport](http://catholicyc.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!

This Sunday, World Day of Vocations or "Good Shepherd Sunday," we heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The Diocese of Calgary also asks for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. You can donate online at [catholicyc.ca/give](http://catholicyc.ca/give) or through our parish. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

### **BEWARE OF SCAMS!**

**Please be vigilant:** Our bishops, priests, deacons, and religious do not request gift cards or cash through emails or texts. If you receive such requests, they are highly likely to be a scam. Protect yourself by ignoring these messages, and **DO NOT RESPOND**. For the safety of our community, report any suspicious activities to the parish office. Your awareness and action can help prevent these scams from spreading

Once again we are seeing individuals (some even with babies) begging outside the church. Remember that these groups are known around the diocese. PLEASE do not give to these people. There are plenty of services available to **legitimate** individuals.



### *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
	1:00pm	Choir
	6:00pm	Sacristan Meeting
	7:15pm	RCIA
Thursday	6:15pm	First Communion Class
	7:30pm	Confirmation Class
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	2:00pm	Funeral Mass—Estrella Haining
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

### RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Kid's Bulletin—[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](http://www.calgaryprolife.com).

Team Name: St James Church—Calgary

IF PAYING BY CHEQUE OR CASH, PLEASE USE THE HIKE FOR LIFE ENVELOPES PROVIDED.

### Enchanted Petals

For all your floral needs.  
[www.enchantedpetals.ca](http://www.enchantedpetals.ca)  
10% off for parishioners



Please keep our students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in your prayers. We thank Gaby Morrissey and Vicki Oliphant for their assistance in preparing them.

First Communion—Sunday, June 2 at 2pm  
Confirmation—Wednesday, June 5 at 7pm

### 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)

### 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, Bill Montgomery, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Joyce Patterson, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter, Shirley Valentine

### And for Those Who Have Died

Ryan Summers, 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](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