



St. James Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

MASS TIMES

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

Weekday

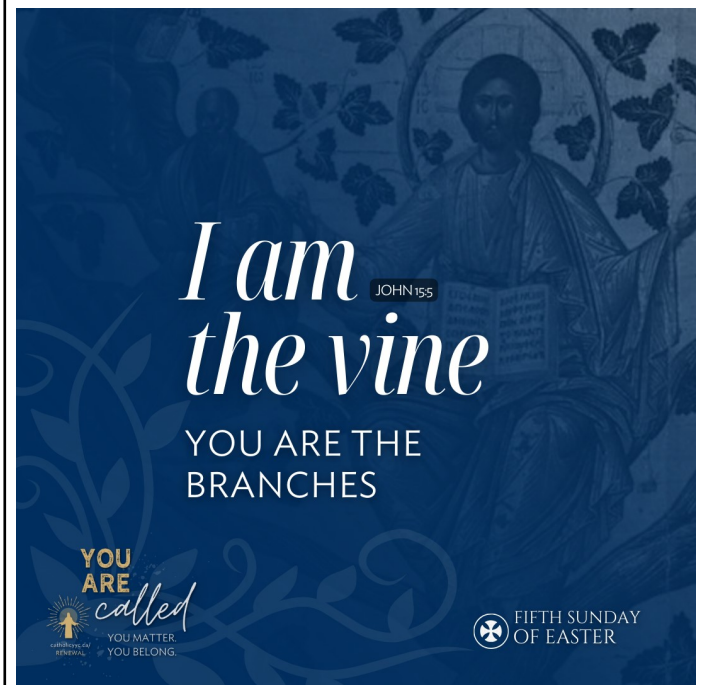
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

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

Do you know the most important gift in our life that God gave us? We are his sons and daughters. We are children of God. We are His. We belong to God. We are created in the image and likeness of God.

When we were baptized, Christ said, we do not belong to death, we belong to God. With these words, we live, we think, we move, and we love in Christ.

This is the most powerful reason Jesus said to his disciples. I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Abide in me. Stay with me. Be with me. Remain in me. The great truth that Jesus is telling us that if we want life in all its fullness, then, we must be connected to the true vine, the very source of life.

Those who do not abide in Jesus will wither and be thrown away. Jesus himself pruned away the former Saul to make it Paul, making him from a sinner to a saint, from sin to grace.

Many people live in misery and slavery of sin because of pride, arrogance, and selfishness believing they do not need God. We are created because God loves us, and we are born to love. Anything that is without love is without God.

John offers us solid guidance on how to remain in God's love. John is telling us that one of the secrets to this is to listen to the movements of our hearts.

That's because the heart, or the conscience is the place where the Holy Spirit speaks to us most intimately. Listen to the movement of your heart. As St. Augustine shared to us his faith-experience, our hearts are restless until it rests in you, my God.

There is always the providence of God that is governing all our human affairs. There is no situation in our life in which it is not safe to abide, to stay, to remain and to trust in Jesus. It is always good to trust the past to the mercy of Jesus, the present to his love and the future to His providence.

As we journey together in our Parish Renewal this 2024, I invite you to put forward your ideas, inputs, insights and thoughts. All of us have been called to the vocation. A vocation is a way of life in which we become more involved within our immediate family and community, in working for the good of others rather than for purely selfish reasons.

It is a way of allowing ourselves become instruments of God's love, of allowing Christ, through us, draw near to all who have need of his healing presence and of the peace which the Lord alone can bring to our souls.

Today, I invite you to remember your own great story of the vocation the Lord has started in you. Rejoice and celebrate the power of your witness as you share your great deeds done with other people.

People will help them believe that God's love is real and powerful. Your acts of love and care are infectious. Your acts of service and volunteerism will tell and retell our people that we are not Christian part-time, only at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain decisions.

We are Christians all the time for are called, we matter, and we belong. And this is the beauty of our Church: the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

FORMED in Faith

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, select St. James Calgary, enter name and email). Follow the link(s) below to learn more about our faith, in the spirit of our diocesan call for parish renewal.

This week's feature:

Apr. 27/28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Elements of the Catholic Mass, Ep. 8: The Purpose of the Mass](#)

Note From Our Coffee Ministry Volunteers

We are most willing to receive your baking or cookie donations (bought or homemade) any time you would like to bring any for our coffee time following our weekend Masses. Currently our few volunteers provide the majority of the treats each week. Your yummy additions are greatly appreciated!



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

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

The annual St. James Knights of Columbus **Garage Sale** will be held on June 7th & 8th. More information to follow.

Sunday Collection April 21

Regular: \$2252 PAPS: \$1638
Total: \$3890

Together in Action

2024 Goal \$36,218 Collected: \$5174

In Memoriam Ryan Summers

It is 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 are grateful for Ryan's 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 continue to explore opportunities to develop a welcoming, open and inspiring parish where we can develop our faith at all ages of our lives. 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 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.

40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations (if there is enough interest)

Proposed:
Friday, June 22 beginning at 4pm
to
Sunday, June 24 ending at 6am

We would need adorers for all hours during this time period. Comments—speak with Fr. Eli or Brenda
More information/sign-up sheets to follow.

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 30

9am Anne Conlisk—R/S

Wednesday, May 1

9am Dina Nastasi—R/S

Thursday, May 2

9am Abele Micheli—R/S

Friday, May 3

9am Cristina Lisella—R/S

Saturday, May 4

9am Lindsay Marchuk—R/S

5pm Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

Sunday, May 5

10am Euclid Dore' - R/S

12pm St James Parish

NOTE: There will be no Masses at St James on May 14, 15, 16 & 17. Fr. Eli will be away on the priests' retreat.



The **Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI)** includes friends and family who have a unique relationship with the *Oblates and their missionary works*, especially with the Oblate Province of OMI Lacombe Canada. We are called to be partners with the Oblates in serving the poor through our prayers, finances and participation in missionary activities.

The OBLATE KENYAN MISSION WILL CELEBRATE the 27TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. On the Feast of the Ascension, May 11th & 12th, we will welcome a Congolese Oblate, who has served in the Mission in Kenya for the past twenty years. He will speak to us at all of our Masses that weekend. He is presently serving as Superior of the Mission.

Fr. Fidele Munkiele OMI will also share with parishioners in the hall after our Masses. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a time together, view pictures, listen, ask questions and celebrate twenty-seven years of a great Canadian partnership with the poor of Kenya.

There will be no special collection for the mission during the Masses, but you will be receiving a brochure about MAMI, encouraging you to become a partner and consider membership in MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate).

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
	7:15pm	RCIA
Thursday	7:30pm	Confirmation Class
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	10:30am	Baptism Prep
	2:00pm	Confirmation Retreat
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

No Bulletin

There will be no bulletin on May 11/12 and May 18/19. Brenda will be away May 6—19. Kerstin will be in the office during office hours. During that time, Kerstin will be answering phones. Any emails requiring immediate attention should be directed to Kerstin at pvsc@stjamescalgary.org

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

Pledge forms are at the church entrances or pledge online at www.calgaryprolife.com.

Team Name: St James Church—Calgary

IF PAYING BY CHEQUE OR CASH, PLEASE USE THE HIKE FOR LIFE ENVELOPES PROVIDED AND DROP OFF IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR AT THE OFFICE.

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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

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
- ◆ 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