



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 22, 2024**

### MASS TIMES

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

### Weekday

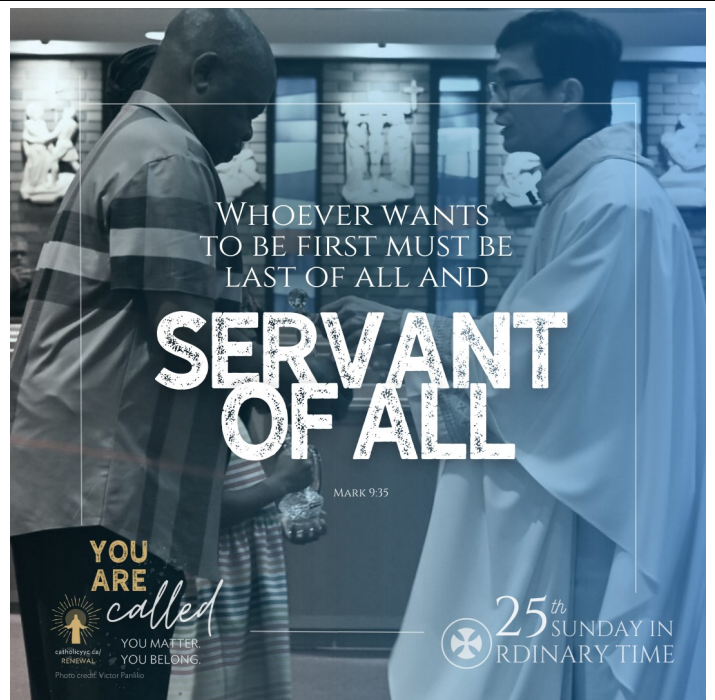
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am  
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

### CONFESSION

Wednesday & Friday 9:30 -10:00am  
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm  
(or by appointment)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday  
9:00am - 3:00pm  
*Closed on all statutory holidays and  
12-12:30pm for lunch.*



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 September

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor**—Fr. Domingo Bongalos—stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com  
**Administrative Assistant**—Brenda Lerner - office@stjamescalgary.org  
**Music**—Michael Scholfield - musdir83@gmail.com  
**Bookkeeper**—David Mu - david.mu@calgarydiocese.ca  
**Volunteer Screening**—Kerstin Daly - pvsc@stjamescalgary.org  
**Sacrament Preparation**—VACANT



Visit us on  
Facebook!

**First Communion/First Reconciliation 2024-2025  
NEW PROGRAM  
REGISTER NOW BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26!!**

We are delighted to introduce an exciting new initiative by the Diocese of Calgary to prepare your child for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Our guiding theme for this sacramental preparation journey is inspired by Matthew 19:14 *“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”* This verse beautifully captures the essence of our pastoral renewal, affirming that *our children are called by God, they matter to Him, and they belong to the Body of Christ* – our Church and parish community.

We deeply value your family and are committed not only to preparing your child for these important sacraments but also to supporting your family’s ongoing relationship with Christ and integrating faith into daily life. To this end, we are introducing several new elements in our sacramental preparation process. Notably, instead of traditional classroom settings, each family will be part of a small group that will journey through the preparation together. During our “Family Gatherings,” you and your child will engage in prayer, listen to the Word of God, participate in conversations and discussions, and enjoy fun, interactive activities and games that will deepen your child’s understanding of the faith and the sacraments.

The preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will include 16 gatherings, totalling 24 hours, from October (tentatively) through June. Schedule to be confirmed once a Sacrament Prep Coordinator is hired. Classes will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 -7:45pm. Registration fee is \$50 per student. **A parent must attend all classes with their child.**

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD **NOW** THROUGH THE OFFICE!  
IMPORTANT PARENT SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30PM.**

This session will provide all the information required for the new program. Registration forms are available at the SW doors, online, and at the parish office. There will not be a registration night as in years past. Registration to be done through the parish office **prior** to the Parent Session.  
Please submit payment with registration form (cash, cheque or credit card).



**Sacrament Preparation Coordinator—Career Opportunity (Casual)  
St James Parish—Calgary**

The Sacrament Preparation Coordinator is called to share in the Church’s teaching on the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The coordinator is responsible to ensure that all necessary requirements have been carefully minded and arranged for all individuals and families preparing to celebrate the sacraments. For more information, contact Brenda in the parish office. Applicants please apply to: [catholicyc/careers](http://catholicyc/careers)

**Together in Action**

2024 Goal  
\$36,218

Collected To Date  
\$15,072

Thank you to those who have already contributed.  
Please consider a donation to our campaign.

**Regular Donations  
September 15**

2281 + 2181 (PAPS) = \$4462

### Thank You!

Immense thanks to the volunteers who assisted at Fr. Domingo's Installation Mass and to all those who came out to support Fr. Domingo. Special thanks to Kim Bichener for coordinating the reception. It was a well attended, joyous event with plenty of time to visit with Bishop McGrattan.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Our Parish Needs You!

#### Maintenance

Men and women who are willing to help maintain our building and its belongings with small, medium and large projects—some weekly, some more intermittently—from organizing storage areas, to maintaining our boiler, there are lots of jobs to cover for lots of skill levels (Handy men or women are most welcome!)

#### Weekday/Weekend Sacristans

Usually a once a week task to set up the altar and prepare for the morning Mass

#### Altar Servers

Assisting at Mass—girls and boys who have already received First Communion

#### Collection Counters & Coordinators

2 teams alternate monthly to count and prepare the deposit on Monday mornings

#### Finance Committee

Individuals with backgrounds in accounts management who will oversee our parish finances with the help of David Mu, our parish bookkeeper, and Fr. Domingo.

#### Children's Liturgy

Adults to deliver the Sunday 10am Children's Liturgy Program along with the team. Limited time required.

#### Lectors

Proclaims the readings at Mass.

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Distributes the Body & Blood of Jesus at Mass.

For more information about any of our ministries, please contact either Brenda or Kerstin in the parish office.

### Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive October 5 & 6

A trailer will be parked in the parking lot. The Knights will gladly accept your empty bottles and cans before and after the weekend Masses.  
Thank you for your support.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, September 24

9am Catherine Streifel +

#### Wednesday, September 25

9am Intention of Michelle Rodriguez

#### Thursday, September 26

9am Intention of Danny Poulin

#### Friday, September 27

9am Intention of Ali Boyd

#### Saturday, September 28

5pm Robert Jackson +

#### Sunday, September 29

10am Elizabeth del Carmen Dreyer +

12pm Parishioners of St James

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?** All non-Catholic inquirers and interested Catholics are welcome. Parishioners who want to learn about volunteering in this ministry are also invited to join us. Please contact Brenda in the parish office for more information.

### We have a new look!

Our bulletins are now designed with our new logo. Check out our new website too that was just launched this week!

**Why is the seashell a symbol of St James?** The shell symbolizes the Apostle James, who was said to have been buried in Santiago, hence the town's name. According to legend, James' body was transported back to Spain on a boat made of a single scallop shell, which is why the scallop shell became the symbol of the pilgrimage.

### Lectio Divina Workshop With the Seeds of the Word Sisters

Saturday, October 5

3:00—4:30pm

Parish Hall

All are welcome. No registration required.

*Homemade baking and Lectio Divina books will be sold after all the weekend Masses on October 5 & 6.*



This week at the Church

Monday	6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Marian/Divine Mercy
	7:00pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	7:00am	Regnum Christi Women
	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass
	6:30pm	Parent Session 1st Reconciliation
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass

Be sure to visit **Enchanted Petals** for your floral needs. We thank Enchanted Petals for their continued service to our parish.  
[www.enchantedpetals.ca](http://www.enchantedpetals.ca)  
(Across the street from the church.)



**Kids' Korner**

Kid's Bulletin— [Click Here](#)

Sunday Connection—[Click Here](#)



**NEW! Helping Hands**

We are putting together a team of men and women who are willing to help with odd jobs around the church. These may be weekly, monthly or yearly small jobs. Please contact Brenda in the parish office to add your name to the list. Your help is greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary. The plan is that the parish office will keep a list of the small jobs to be done and call upon the *Helping Hands* team as needed. The more people we have on the list, the better!

**Life Chain**

**Sunday, October 6**  
2-3pm

Along Macleod Trail between Heritage Drive and Southland Drive. Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful demonstration.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, donations to the **Elizabeth House Education Fund** in Sept will be matched up to \$15,000! Your support helps moms achieve their dreams by funding tuition, school supplies, transportation, and childcare as they pursue GEDs, trades, and degrees. Empower these women and their children's futures— donate today and double your impact! Give now: [catholicyc.ca/eh\\_bactoschool](http://catholicyc.ca/eh_bactoschool)

*We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them*

Emma Boccardo, Ali Boyd, Alex Clennett, Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Phil Faba, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Jennifer Hazen, Charlotte Johansen, Deacon Tony Klein, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Nancy, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Joyce Patterson, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Fr. Michael Storey, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Shirley Valentine

*And for Those Who Have Died*

Cecil Dreger, Jean Coughlin, Neil Jeanson, Clementine Lagimodiere, Ann Hayes, Maria Da Braganza, Andre Page, Barbara Kenmuir



*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