



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 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
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Sacrament Preparation—VACANT



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**First Communion/First Reconciliation 2024-2025
NEW PROGRAM**

If you missed the parent meeting but you still want to register your child, please contact the parish office this week.

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.**



**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

**Regular Donations
September 22**

\$1954 + \$2181 (PAPS) = \$4135

Together in Action

2024 Goal

\$36,218

Collected To Date

\$15,117

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

Security

As a means to control vandalism and trespassing on our church property, our garbage and recycling bins are now going to be locked. Keys will be hung by the kitchen exit door once they arrive. If you are using the keys, please ensure that they are returned to the hook provided so they can be found by others.

Offering Communion Under Both Species

In order to begin to provide both the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass, we need more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Interested individuals should contact the parish office. The hope is to begin offering the chalice during our weekday Masses as early as next week.

Priests’ Study Days—October 7 to October 11

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses or confession during this time.

Want to Receive Our Bulletin via Email?

In order to reduce printing costs we encourage parishioners to sign up for our online bulletin. Please use the link on our website to have your email address added to the list.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! **Our Parish Needs You! Please Help!**

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 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.

Food Bank

Assembles and distributes food hampers at the church.

Pastoral Care

Visiting and bringing Communion to the sick or house-bound.

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, October 1

9am Intention of Craig Elsner

Wednesday, October 2

9am Shirley Klein +

Thursday, October 3

9am Philip Gonsalves +

Friday, October 4

9am Julia Almeida +

Saturday, October 5

9am Intention of Coady Family

5pm Gabriel Waschmann-Ortiz +

Sunday, October 6

10am Intention of Cheryl Aitkens

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.

FREE LECTIO DIVINA WORKSHOP

led by Seeds of the Word

Sat., Oct. 5, 3-4 p.m. in the parish hall (with 30 min. social time to follow)

Lectio Divina (literally divine reading) is a way of becoming immersed in the Scriptures very personally.

Attendees will be gifted a 2024 Lectio Divina

Compendium from the Seeds of the Word.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a pen, notebook, and Bible.

Free will offerings are gratefully accepted.

The Sisters will also be selling their homemade baking and Compendiums after the weekend's Masses Oct 5 & 6.

Family Compass

Family Compass is a series of workshops offered by the Schoenstatt Movement of Calgary. These workshops are designed for married couples who want to enrich their relationship and connect on a deeper level with God and their family. Our monthly encounters include prayer, discussion, and a brief presentation.

Registration Required


October 25, November 22, January 24, February 21
7:00pm in the parish hall

For more information or to register, please email
schoenstattcanada@gmail.com

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	Christmas Hamper Mtg
Wednesday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass//Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass
Friday	8:30am	Rosary
	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
	1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	3:00pm	Lectio Divina Workshop
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass

Kids' Korner

Kid's Bulletin— [Click Here](#)—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!

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament that offers peace, strength, and healing during times of illness. It reminds us of God's desire for wholeness, that even in times of serious illnesses, we are never without His grace. To provide parishioners access to this Sacrament, the diocesan call centre will request the patient's information and will dispatch the request to the priest on call.

Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

If you or a family member have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**. This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

Thank You!


Special thanks to Tim Dahm who dedicated many volunteer hours to clean up and organize our audio-visual area in the parish hall. It is now far more user-friendly and organized! Thanks also to Ken Denis for building the storage box for our extra AV items.

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, Mary Lerner, 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

Marcelina Custodio, Cecil Dreger, Jean Coughlin, Neil Jeanson



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