



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 6, 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 October

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor**—Fr. Domingo Bongalos [stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com](mailto:stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com)  
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**We warmly welcome Lindsay Klein, our new Sacrament Preparation Coordinator**  
**Lindsay comes to us with experience in sacrament preparation within the Diocese of Calgary.**  
**Classes will begin soon! More information to follow.**

**First Class—October 17**  
**NOTE TIME CHANGE: 6:00pm to 7:15pm**

### **First Communion/First Reconciliation 2024-2025**

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 17 to June 1. Classes will run on Thursday evenings from 6:00 -7:15pm. Registration fee is \$50 per student. **A parent must attend all classes with their child as together they will be a part of the learning process.**



#### **Regular Donations September 29**

\$3317 + \$2181 (PAPS) = \$5498

#### **Together in Action**

2024 Goal

\$36,218

Collected To Date

\$15,152

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.

#### **Catholic Education Sunday**

October 19 & 20

A special collection will be taken on that weekend.

### **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.

### Pastoral Renewal Survey Results (Diocese wide)

Your Parish Renewal Team is happy to share with you some of the key Diocesan results of the Pastoral Renewal Survey which was completed back in June. Our Parish's results will be shared with the Renewal Team in late October and we will share it with you shortly after.

- 15,522 respondents completed 80% or more of the questions. This is about **39%** of the estimated 40,000 weekend Mass attendees in the Diocese.

- Our Parish had a **37%** response rate (148 out of 395). Thank you!

- Across the age groups (18-34, 35-64, 65+) and length of time in the Parish (less than 5, 6-10, greater than 11 years), **Invite others to know Christ, Practice the Faith, Engage families and youth meaningfully and Accompany people at all stages of life** were the top areas (out of 9) they would like the Parish to prioritize.

- The top 3 elements of parish life that have great impact on your faith practice and spiritual growth are:

**1) Mass 2) Receiving Holy Communion 3) Prayer**

- **78%** committed to Sunday Mass

- **62%** occasionally go to Confession, 19% celebrate weekly/monthly

- **68%** pray daily

- **85%** participated in devotions (rosary, novena, etc.)

#### Areas for improvement:

- **29%** of those who have been in the parish for less than 5 years feel safe and welcomed

- **42%** regularly take part in parish outreach

- **9%** of those aged 18-34 agree that the parish does mission outreach in other countries and pastoral outreach for poverty stricken

- **25%** of seniors agree that the parish provides pastoral care

- **13%** of 18-34 agree that they Encounter Christ during Sunday Mass

- **19%** never experienced Confession (10% of which have been in the parish more than 10 years)

### Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive October 5 & 6 This Weekend!

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 8

9am Intention of Ali Boyd & Family

#### Wednesday, October 9

9am Mel Poulin +

#### Thursday, October 10

9am Maria Louisa Abit +

#### Friday, October 11

9am Intention of Vanessa Poulin

#### Saturday, October 12

5pm Intention of Pilar Polinar

#### Sunday, October 13

10am Intention of Pat Leiper

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	No Mass	
Wednesday	No Mass 1:00pm 7:00pm	Choir RCIA
Thursday	No Mass 7:00pm	Opus Dei Men
Friday	No Mass 1:00pm	Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	10:30am 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Baptism Prep Legion of Mary Confession Mass
Sunday	10:00am 12:00pm	Mass Mass



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**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.

*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, 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, Mary Terek, Shirley Valentine



*And for Those Who Have Died*

Jack Nearing, Carmelina Tola, Marcelina Custodio

*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
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