



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

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.*



Happy New Year! 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. We hope to see you again soon!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of January:

For the right to education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

PARISH STAFF

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ~Luke 2:13-14

Just as the angels proclaimed, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' (Luke 2:14), may the peace of Christ fill your home with joy and love. Christmas blessings to you and your family!



Fr. Domingo, Brenda, Kerstin, Michael,
Lindsay & David

Donation Deadlines for 2024 Tax Receipts

To ensure donors receive a tax receipt for the 2024 tax year, the following deadlines apply:

- **Mailed Donations:** Must be postmarked by Canada Post on or before December 31st. Given the recent Canada Post strike and potential delays, we strongly encourage donations to be made online.
- **Online Donations:** Tax receipts will reflect the date of the donation. Donations made after 21:59 MT on December 31st will be considered donations for the 2025 tax year.
- **Dropped Off Donations:** Donations must be received at the Diocese/Parish before January 2 but dated for December 31.

2025 Donation Envelope Boxes

Please pick up your new donation boxes located in the hall. If you don't see a box with your name on it but would like one, please contact the office. Boxes that were rarely or never used during 2024 were not re-issued to save money for the parish.

Coffee Maker in the Hall

As some parishioners may have noticed, our coffee maker in the parish hall broke down 2 weeks ago. It is being replaced on January 6th. On account of this situation and with no available volunteers, there will be no coffee at the 10am Mass this weekend.

Thank You!

Thank you to those who have gifted St James Church with donations through the United Way of Calgary, Donor Choice program and Canada Helps. We appreciate your support of our parish.

As the new year begins, we wish to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who so generously give of their time and talent. We especially thank all those who helped with our Masses during this holiday season.



Regular Donations

December 29

\$4452 + \$2181(PAPS) = \$6633

Christmas

\$12, 943

Together in Action

2024 Goal

\$36,218

Collected To Date

\$36, 218

Surplus funds will be added to our maintenance fund.
Many thanks to all our donors who helped us reach our 2024 goal.

Knights of Columbus

If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus or find out more information, please contact the membership director, Real Phaneuf at real.phaneuf@shaw.ca

The Knights will be holding a pancake breakfast after the 10:00am Sunday Mass on January 26. A bottle drive will also be taking place before and after that weekend's Masses to raise funds for activities within the parish and for Catholic charities.

Finance Committee Update

We welcome Anna Mowbray who has taken on the role of Finance Committee Chairperson. We thank Joe Bichel who has been our Chairman for some time now and has stepped down. We also thank Neale Johannesson and Terry Gonsalves for their continued support on the committee.

Did You Know?

We love to see children at the church and applaud parents who bring their children to Mass despite the challenges. All young children can be upset or unhappy from time to time during Mass. Did you know that you can see and hear the Mass on the screen in the parish hall on the weekends? Feel free to go to the hall with your little ones should they need some space away from the crowd.



Bringing Gifts to Jesus

(an excerpt from teachingcatholickids.com)

“The gifts brought by the Magi were precious gifts, expensive and desirable. They signified Jesus as king (gold), priest (frankincense) and Savior (myrrh). The Magi brought their very best for the baby King. And that is what we are called to do as well.

The story of the Magi is a lesson of how we are to respond to the gift of the life of Jesus. We are to put our best gifts forward in the service of God. Often, at Epiphany, we talk about stewardship — the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

The challenge is to see stewardship as an integral part of our everyday life. God calls us to respond with love and care to the divine gift of love — just as the Magi brought gifts to the Baby on Epiphany.

So, what does that mean for those of us faithful mortals you might ask? Stewardship is not a “Church” thing; it is a “life” thing. It is organizing our day to “commit to a life of gratitude and responsibility; to thank God for his endless gifts, and then to decide what we can do to help the world”.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 7

9am Intention of Fr. Eli Canete

Wednesday, January 8

9am Aaron Roy Fraser +

Thursday, January 9

9am Roger Meindinger +

Friday, January 10

9am Rita Delorey +

Saturday, January 11

5pm Neil Jeanson +

Sunday, January 12

10am Leone Pietro Zanin +

12pm St James Parish

Tuesday, January 14

9am Neil Jeanson +

Wednesday, January 15

9am Intention of Romeo Di Stephano

Thursday, January 16

9am Rob Rubben +

Friday, January 17

9am Colin Roberts +

Saturday, January 18

9am Intention of David McKean & Family

Sunday, January 19

10am Intention of Tara Elsner

12pm St James Parish

Our Nativity

Immense thanks to the parishioners who so generously sponsored our beautiful new nativity pieces. Through their help, we were able to complete the set and all the pieces have arrived. (Though the wise men are still travelling to find the manger!) Special thanks to Tim Dahm who created the incredible cave to shelter the Holy Family. We also thank Universal Church Supply in Edmonton for hauling the entire set here for free. We also thank Kim Bichener for setting up the manger scene and maintaining it.



This Week at the Church

Monday	6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am 9:30am	Mass Cenacle
Wednesday	9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Mass Confession RCIA
Thursday	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass Opus Dei Men
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
Saturday	4pm 5pm	Confession Mass
Sunday	10am 12pm	Mass Mass

Rosary begins at 8:30am prior to all weekday Masses.

Anointing of the Sick

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. For other facilities, please contact the nearest Catholic Church and speak with the parish priest.

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We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccoardo, Damian Bernhardt, Ali Boyd, Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, Shylow Dustin, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Phil Faba, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Jennifer Hazen, Charlotte Johansen, Martin McCarthy, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Ashleigh Patterson, Joyce Patterson, Cecilia Nykyforchyn, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Rosemary Scholfield, Gabriel Serpas, Virgil Smith, Fr. Michael Storey, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Shirley Valentine

And for Those Who Have Died

Jullith Gallego-Boykin, Bishop Frederick Henry, Sylvia Harris, Bill Lerner, Dan Wassill, Nhila Kual, Mary Gerus, Linda Britton, Jill Moroney, Marcelina Custodio



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- ◆ 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