



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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.*



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 February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PARISH STAFF

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Visit us on
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We are excited to introduce the *Sacred Grace* initiative, inviting **civily married couples** in our Diocese to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. As part of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, this special celebration will be presided over by Bishop William T. McGrattan on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Info sessions on how to participate will be available on the following dates/location:

- **Sunday, February 9** at 6 pm at St. Albert the Great Parish, Calgary
- **Thursday, March 6** at 6 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Calgary
- **Sunday, March 9** at 6 pm at St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary
- **Sunday, March 16**, at 6 pm St. Patrick's Parish, Calgary

Two more locations (Lethbridge & Medicine Hat) will be available soon

Thank you for your support in spreading the word about the *Sacred Grace* initiative. Together, let's help couples take this important step of faith and celebrate the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Stay tuned for updates on additional info session, and visit catholicyyc.ca/sacredgrace for the latest details.

Lost and Found

Have you lost something in the church building? Items that are found in the building are usually placed into the rectangular basket above the coat rack in the hall. Small items or expensive items are kept at the office.

A women's ring was found recently in the building. If it might belong to you, call the office.

Attention Volunteers:

Praesidium Academy sends out email notices saying they have reset your online courses after one year, however the **Diocese** requires you repeat the courses every **two years**. If it has only been one year, please disregard the notice. If you are unsure of when you've completed your courses, please contact Kerstin at pvsc@stjamescalgary.org Thank you!

Parish Renewal Team

We recently presented the results from the parish survey that was completed late last year. Thank you for all that attended, however if you were unable to attend, we have a limited number of surveys printed at the entrance to the church. If you would like to receive a digital copy of the survey results, please email me at real.phaneuf@shaw.ca and I will send you a copy. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts are out in the church this weekend. Receipts are only prepared for annual donations over \$20. Please take your tax receipt but ensure that you have the correct envelope. Any tax receipts not picked up will be mailed out on February 27. **IF YOU HAVE MOVED PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE.**

Prayer for Our First Communion Candidates

Thirteen children are currently being prepared to celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 1. In the area of the baptismal font is a table with a basket with these children's names inside. Parishioners are encouraged to choose a name from the basket and pray for them between now and June.

Upcoming Dates

- Ash Wednesday—March 5
- Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent at 6pm
- Fish Fry—Fridays during Lent at 6:30pm
- **40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations—May 9 to 11**
- Garage Sale—May 23 & 24
- Parish Picnic—May 25
- First Communion—June 1

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, March 1
6:00pm

Due to our volunteer numbers and hall capacity limitations, only volunteers are invited to attend. (Sorry, no spouses or other family members unless they, too, are volunteers)

Menu: Lasagne, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Wine will be available (donations happily accepted)

RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY
Tuesday, February 25.
Firm Deadline

*If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Frehlich at
lisabfrehlich@gmail.com*

Share Lent

Join Development and Peace Caritas Canada's 2025 Share Lent Workshop "[Turn Debt into Hope](#)." Inspired by Pope Francis' call to acknowledge the ecological debt and turn debt into hope, learn how you can act for a just, sustainable future, with one of the following workshops online:

[AB/NWT Workshop](#) on Sat, Feb. 22 at 10:30 am MT

[National Launch Seminar](#) on Sat, Mar 1 at 11:30 am MT

Knights of Columbus—Fish Fry

Lent begins soon and so does our Friday Fish Frys. Beginning on Friday March 7th we will begin our Fish Frys immediately after the Stations of the Cross which begin at 6:00. This is a weekly opportunity to spend time with family and friends all while observing lent. An affordable meal of a piece of fish, coleslaw, and all the French fries you can eat along with an ice cream sandwich. Additional pieces of fish can be purchased.

Pray For Pope Francis

Pope Francis is currently facing significant health challenges. As he undergoes treatment at Gemelli Hospital in Rome, he remains in good spirits and has expressed gratitude for the prayers and support from the faithful worldwide. Join us in prayer: *"We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in your great mercy. May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth."*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 25

9am Ian Gray +

Wednesday, February 26

9am Ann Hayes +

Thursday, February 27

9am Intention of Bruce Morton

Friday, February 28

9am Neil Jeanson +

Saturday, March 1

9am Eduardo Agoto +

5pm Dorothy Nicholson +

Sunday, March 2

10am Linda Britton +

12pm St James Parish

Jubilee Parish Mission Announcement

This year, as we enter into the Jubilee Year, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) has partnered with the Diocese of Calgary to offer two parish missions. One will be February 28 - March 1 at St. Peter's Church, and the other will be March 7 - 8 at St. Bonaventure Church. More details are available at www.catholicyc.ca/reasonforyourhope
All are welcome to attend. Registration is required.



Legion of Mary

This Lent, we are called to prayer, sacrifice, and renewal. What better way to deepen our faith than through Mary, who leads us to Jesus? We invite you to join the Legion of Mary, where we pray the Holy Rosary, reflect on Our Lady's role in salvation, and serve our parish.

If you desire a stronger spiritual journey this Lent, we welcome you to join us. Members will be near the exit after Mass to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Legion of Mary in our parish. Let us walk with Mary this Lent as she brings us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Volunteers to serve coffee after 10am Mass on Sundays are greatly needed. Please call the office for more information.

This Week at the Church

Monday	5:00pm 6:00pm	Knights' Chapter Mtg Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Mass Cenacle Parish Council
Wednesday	9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Mass Confession RCIA
Thursday	9:00am 6:30pm	Mass 1st Communion Class
Friday	9:00am 1:00pm	Mass/Adoration/Confession Sing-a-long for Seniors
Saturday	9:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	Mass Baptism Prep Confession Mass Volunteer Appreciation
Sunday	10am 12pm	Mass Mass

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

A Night of Stories & Songs

The Church Family and the Seeds of the Word invite you to "A Night of Stories & Songs":

A musical concert featuring a variety of compositions written during their journey, woven into their testimonies, discernment, and adventures thus far as the first family in North America to discern with the Seeds Community.

This concert is a fundraiser to help them cover expenses for the Sabbatical Year.

For tickets and more information please visit:

www.abundantlife.studio

March 1, 2025
Sacred Heart Church
6:30pm

Men's Conference

God Squad Canada is proud to announce our **28th Annual Men's Conference**, themed **Pilgrims of Hope**. This event, taking place on **March 14th - 15th** at **St Michael's Catholic Church in Calgary**, promises to be a transformative experience for all attendees. With keynote speakers who are leaders in their fields, participants will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, foster spiritual growth, and build valuable connections. Join us in this journey of hope and community. Register today!

Register now: GODSQUAD.CA

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Fr. Naveed Arif, Joyce Beninger, Emma Boccardo, Ali Boyd, Stephanie Davis, 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, Cecilia Nykyforchyn, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Andrew Pelletier, Kathy Roe, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Virgil Smith, Fr. Michael Storey, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Shirley Valentine

And for Those Who Have Died

Roselene Schroh, Denis Grady, Mario Petrollini, David Rawlyk, Joyce Patterson, Jullith Gallego-Boykin



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