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1st Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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 March:

For families in crisis- Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF POPE FRANCIS.

PARISH STAFF

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Entering the Season of Lent

At the very heart of the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus preached three indispensable practices of the spiritual life: Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting (Matthew 6:1-18). This Lent, rededicate yourself to even one of these central disciplines, to strengthen your relationship with God.

Let us journey together *in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical Spe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'*

Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!" ~Pope Francis, 2025 [Lent Message](#).

A Lenten Message from Bishop McGrattan - [Read now](#)

Parish Pastoral Renewal Planning Session

**Tuesday, April 8
7:00pm—9:00pm**

Our hope is to consolidate some of the ministries with their approval into larger ministries and allow the smaller ministries better communication with our plan as a whole. At this meeting we will be grouping the ministries into the five areas of parish life.

1. Word – Proclamation of the Gospel.
2. Worship – Liturgy and Sacraments.
3. Service – Charity and Outreach.
4. Community – Building Relationships.
5. Leadership and Stewardship – Administrative aspects of parish life.

Our hope is that working together we can create an action plan that propels our parish forward towards pastoral reform and create an energized welcoming parish that allows its parishioners to grow, practice and express their faith within our parish.

Called & Gifted Discernment Workshop

- The Called & Gifted Discernment Process is an opportunity designed to help you discover and activate your spiritual gifts. Through expert-led workshops, a one-on-one gifts interview, and hands-on discernment, you will gain deeper clarity on how to use your charisms to help transform your parish and community.

When: **Mondays 6:30 - 9 pm, March 10 – June 9, 2025** (schedule below)

- Where: **Catholic Pastoral Centre** (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)
- Fee: **\$60** (to cover complete resources, lifetime access to online materials, refreshments, etc.)

[Register online here](#)

Spots are extremely limited and priority is given to parish and ministry leaders in the Diocese of Calgary.

Upcoming Dates

- **40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations—May 9 to 11**
- **Garage Sale—May 23 & 24**
- **Parish Picnic—May 25**
- **First Communion—June 1**

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

Plenary Indulgence

Obtain the grace of a plenary indulgence, especially in this Jubilee Year of Hope - and discover how this extraordinary gift of God's mercy can renew your soul and benefit those who have gone before us.

Read the latest Decree from Bishop McGrattan to learn more.

Decree
ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION OF JUBILEE YEAR INDULGENCES

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

Donations

March 2

\$16,199 + 2181 = \$18,380

Lent & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
6:00pm

Penitential Celebration

Tuesday, April 1
7:00pm

HOLY WEEK

Holy Monday, April 14
Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

Holy Thursday, April 17
7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18
3:00pm

Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 19
8:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 20
10am & 12pm



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."*

Looking for a gift for Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation?

Reindeer Family Co. will be visiting our parish on the weekend of May 3 & 4 and will be selling Catholic items and gifts after each Mass. Buy local!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 11

9am John, Maria & Mario Petrollini +

Wednesday, March 12

9am Ark Banaszek +
7pm Intention of Anonymous

Thursday, March 13

9am Intention of Fr. Andrew Bodganowicz
10:30am (Carewest Royal Park)
Intention of Kathy Oczkowski

Friday, March 14

9am Sylvia Harris +

Saturday, March 15

5pm Giovanni, Giulia & Carmine Ciccaglione +

Sunday, March 16

10am Bishop Frederick Henry +
12pm St James Parish

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

Knights of Columbus—Fish Fry

Beginning on Friday March 7th we will begin our Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent immediately following the Stations of the Cross. This is a weekly opportunity to spend time with family and friends all while observing Lent—an affordable meal of fish, coleslaw, all you can eat French fries, and an ice cream sandwich.



Beloved Daughters

Come and Stay:
Relationships Rooted in Love
Women's Conference

Acts 16:13-15 | John 1:35-42
Ephesians 3:14-21 | Proverbs 27:9

MAY 9-10, 2025

St. Michael's Parish
Calgary, AB

Friday at 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Saturday at 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Register Here

beloveddaughtersyyc.com
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events.insogau.org:ComeandStay

This Week at the Church

Monday	6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Cenacle
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Confession
	7:00pm	Mass
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
	6:30pm	1st Communion Class
	7:00pm	Opus Dei Men
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	10am	Mass
	12pm	Mass

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

Seeds of the Word

The community of Seeds of the Word will be here at the church selling their Lectio Divina Compendium and their homemade bread and cookies this weekend after the Masses. Your support last time helped the community print their Compendium. Proceeds continue to support the works of the Seeds of the Word community.



We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Pope Francis, 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, Kathy Oczkowski, 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



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- ◆ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, or American Express
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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
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- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church