



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**March 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 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

**Pastor**—Fr. Domingo Bongalos stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com  
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## BISHOPS RAISE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THREATS TO CHARITABLE STATUS DESIGNATION

Monday, March 10 2025

On Monday, 10 March 2025, the members of the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) expressed their grave concern regarding two recommendations made by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance within [Report 21: Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2025 Budget](#). These recommendations (#429 and #430), if adopted, would be profoundly detrimental to Canada's charitable sector, because they would:

- **Revoke the charitable status of "anti-abortion organizations" (#429);**
- **Amend the *Income Tax Act* such that "the advancement of religion" would no longer qualify as a legitimate purpose for granting charitable status. (#430)**

After consulting widely, including with experts in charity law, the members of the Permanent Council sent a letter to the Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, defending the value and role of faith-based charities for Canadian society, as well as the unfairness of targeting pro-life organizations. They urged the government to abandon the two recommendations and to conduct comprehensive consultations within the charitable sector before embarking on any legislative changes that could threaten the viability of charitable organizations and adversely affect the millions of Canadians who depend on them for essential services and support.

A full copy of the CCCB's letter to the Minister of Finance is available in PDF format on the CCCB website:

[https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CCCB-Letter-to-the-Honourable-Francois-Philippe-Champagne-P.C.-M.P.-Minister-of-Finance\\_charitable-status.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CCCB-Letter-to-the-Honourable-Francois-Philippe-Champagne-P.C.-M.P.-Minister-of-Finance_charitable-status.pdf)

### Upcoming Parish Dates

- **40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations**—May 9 to 11
- **Strawberry Shortcake Tea**—April 26
- **Fr. Domingo's 23rd Anniversary**—May 12
- **Garage Sale**—May 23 & 24
- **Parish Picnic**—May 25
- **First Communion**—CORRECTION: May 31@ 5pm

### 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.

### 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 through Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitations (PVS).



If you desire a stronger spiritual journey this Lent, we invite you to join us. Let us walk with Mary this Lent as she brings us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. The Legion of Mary meets at 6pm on Mondays in the library. Call the parish office for contact information.

### Found—Costco Card

If you have lost your Costco membership card, please contact the office.

### Donations March 16

\$2113 + 2181 = \$4294

**2025 Together in Action Goal: 36,218**

## **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



### **\*\*\*First Communion Date Change\*\*\***

Please be advised that the date and time have changed for the First Communion Mass.

**NEW**  
**Saturday, May 31**  
**5:00pm**

Brenda will be away March 29 - April 6  
Kerstin will be in the office during this time.  
No bulletin April 6.

### **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 25**

9am Sharyl Tacud +

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### **Thursday, March 27**

9am Neil Jeanson +

### **Friday, March 28**

9am Intention of Iuliani Family

### **Saturday, March 29**

5pm Giovanni & Maria Petrollini +

### **Sunday, March 30**

10am Wilhelmina Wolfe +

12pm St James Parish

### **Knights of Columbus—Fish Fry**

Beginning on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> 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. (\$10 for 1 piece; \$5 for additional pieces)



### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Tony Kam, Faz Quasha, Katharine Kemp and Carter Kemp will be receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil. Amy Dorner will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our parish community is celebrating three Scrutinies over the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. The purpose of these rites is to help the elect preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, as well as the whole community, to achieve an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church and to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. We will celebrate the First Scrutiny during Mass to enable the community and the elect to be freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil.

### **Volunteers Needed**

- ◆ Collection Counters—meet Monday mornings on a bimonthly basis
- ◆ Assisting with altar décor during Holy Week  
Please contact Brenda or Kerstin in the office

## This Week at the Church

Monday	6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Cenacle
	1:15pm	Grade 3 church tour
	7:30pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
	6:30pm	1st Communion Class
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass / 2nd Scrutiny RCIA
Sunday	10am	Mass
	12pm	Mass

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

## Together in Action Surplus Funds

Any potential surplus funds for at the end of the year for Together in Action 2025 will be allocated to the areas in most need—Operations Deficit and Maintenance.

## We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Pope Francis, Fr. Naveed Arif, Joyce Beninger, Ali Boyd, Emma Boccardo, Stephanie Davis, Shylow Dustin, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Merle Gonsalves, Aidan Hanes, Jennifer Hazen, Charlotte Johansen, Gilda Keller, Martin McCarthy, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski, Andrew Pelletier, Kathy Roe, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Virgil Smith, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Shirley Valentine



## 2025 Together in Action Campaign

Thank you for your generosity in last year's Together in Action campaign. This year, inspired by Romans 12:12, we embrace the call to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

The 2025 Together In Action's campaign kicks off our Lenten journey. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making other people's needs become part of our concerns. Our Parish goal for the 2025 Together in Action campaign should be available next week. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the diocesan goal of \$2 million. [Donations can be dropped off in the collection basket using the green TIA envelopes, at the Parish Office, through our website, or online at [www.catholicyyca.ca/TIA](http://www.catholicyyca.ca/TIA) - where your online donation will be included as part of our parish contribution]. Together, let us trust in God's providence and extend His hope to those in need.

## Your Financial Support Is Greatly Appreciated

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church