



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**4th Sunday of Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

### MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

### Weekday

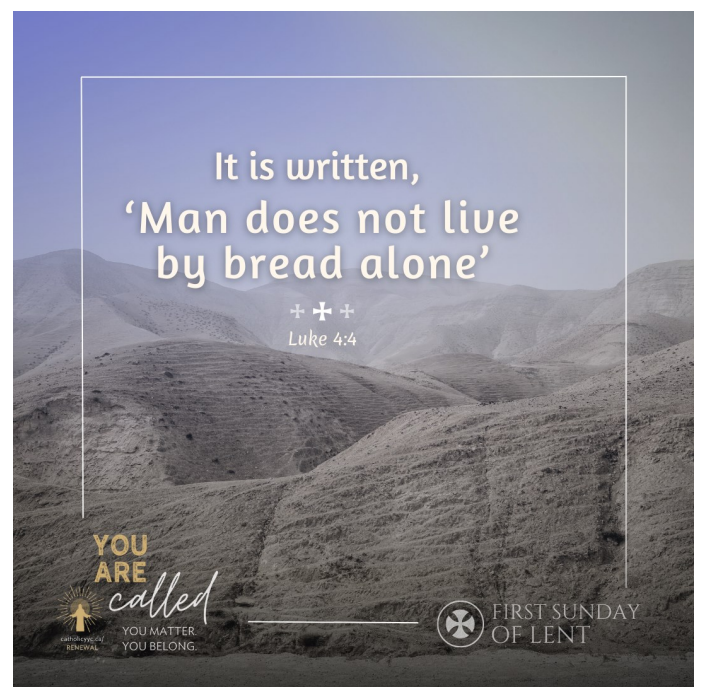
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am  
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

### 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 April:

For the use of the new technologies—Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor**—Fr. Domingo Bongalos [stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com](mailto: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 (CCCC) 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
- **Fr. Eli's 25th Anniversary Mass**— June 14 @ 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 Visitation (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 23**

\$2421 + 2181 = \$4602

**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



### **Chaldean Masses**

April 19 : 3:30pm (English) & 5pm (Aramaic)  
April 20 : 2pm

No bulletin April 6.

**Saturday**  
**April 26, 2025**  
**2:45 – 4:45 pm**

**St. James Church Hall**  
**Family Friendly**  
**Freewill Donation**  
**At the Door**

**RSVP**  
Parish Office  
(403) 243-2680 (ext 4)  
or  
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[lisab-frehlich@gmail.com](mailto:lisab-frehlich@gmail.com)



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Tuesday, April 1**

9am Intention of Sheila Toole

### **Wednesday, April 2**

9am Neil Jeanson +

### **Thursday, April 3**

9am Intention of Fr. Andrew Bogdanowicz

### **Friday, April 4**

9am Marita Delorey +

### **Saturday, April 5**

9am David Rawlyk +

5pm Rocco Raimondi +

### **Sunday, April 6**

10am Bill Lerner +

12pm St James Parish

### **Tuesday, April 8**

9am Kevin Clark +

### **Wednesday, April 9**

9am Intention of Brian & Brenda Lerner

### **Thursday, April 10**

9am Intention of Arvin Tonolet

### **Friday, April 11**

9am Philip Gonsalves +

### **Saturday, April 12**

5pm Carmela & Rudy Torjan +

### **Sunday, April 13**

10am Julia Almeida +

12pm Parishioners of St James

### **Knights of Columbus—Fish Fry**

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)



(\*No Fish Fry on Good Friday.)

### **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.

### **Volunteers Needed**

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 5 church tour
	7:00pm	Penitential Celebration
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
	6:30pm	1st Communion Class #5
	7:00pm	Liturgy Meeting (Outreach)
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/Confession
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
	1:00pm	Baptism Prep
	4:00pm	Confession
	5:00pm	Mass /3rd Scrutiny RCIA
Sunday	10am	Mass
	12pm	Mass

## 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

**Together in Action - Be the Father's Embrace**  
*In this Sunday's Gospel, the father's mercy restores his lost son with love and dignity. Together in Action invites us to do the same—offering hope and healing to those in need. Rooted in Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer," your gift is an act of faith and compassion.*

**You're invited to the Blooms & Blossoms Charity Dinner for Elizabeth House Sat, May 24, 2025, from 6 to 9:30 pm at the Calgary Italian Cultural Centre** Join us for an elegant evening of fine dining, live music, and a lively silent auction to support mothers building a brighter future at Elizabeth House. Your presence will help fund much-needed renovations, including an additional bedroom to welcome more women and babies into a safe, supportive home. And thanks to *Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink*, all ticket sales and auction donations will be matched up to 50%—with 100% of proceeds going directly to Elizabeth House!

[More information or to purchase tickets](https://catholiccyc.ca/blooms) or visit [catholiccyc.ca/blooms](https://catholiccyc.ca/blooms)

## Solidarity Sunday - Mass with Bishop McGrattan

at Noon on April 6, 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

### • Ways to give on Solidarity Sunday:

#### [Online](#)

o **By cheque** - please mail to: Development and Peace – Caritas Canada 555, René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th Floor, Montreal QC H2Z 1B1 \*Please make sure to include your return address.

**By phone** - 1-888-234-8533

**Learn more and watch videos** at [devp.org](https://devp.org), the official site of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada.

**Sign the petition** at [devp.org](https://devp.org) or at any Jubilee event, urging global powers to cancel unpayable debts.

## 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