



# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday

April 13, 2025

### MASS TIMES

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

### Weekday

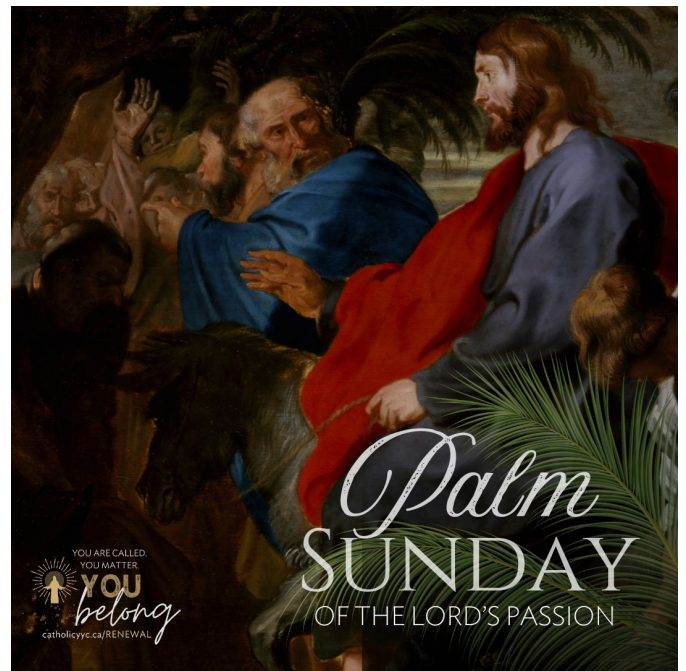
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am  
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

### 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 (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**—May 31@ 5pm
- **Fr. Eli's 25th Anniversary Mass (NOTE CHANGE)**  
Sunday, June 15 at 12pm followed by reception

### Strawberry Shortcake & Tea

You are cordially invited!

Saturday, April 26  
2:45-4:45pm

St James Church Hall  
Family Friendly, Community Building Event  
Free will Donation at the Door

### RSVP to the office

Contact Lisa  
Frehlich if you  
would like to  
volunteer.  
403 969 4939.



The Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Monday, April 14 at 7 pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral. During this Mass, the priests, deacons, and all the faithful gather around Bishop McGrattan, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. Door opens at 6 pm. All are welcome!



### Donations

March 31

\$2425 + \$2181 = \$4636

April 6

\$5323 + \$2181 = \$7504

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

Total Collected to Date: \$10,935



**Holy Monday, April 14**  
Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

**Holy Tuesday, April 15**  
9:00am Mass

**Holy Wednesday, April 16**  
9:00am Mass

**Holy Thursday, April 17**  
**Washing of the Feet**  
7:00pm

**Good Friday, April 18**  
**Passion of the Lord**  
3:00pm

**Easter Vigil—Saturday, April 19**  
8:00pm

**Easter Sunday—April 20**  
10am & 12pm

**Chaldean Mass (in Aramaic)**  
**Saturday, April 19**  
5:00pm  
**Sunday, April 20**  
2:00pm

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, April 15**  
9am Mario Lamacchia +

**Wednesday, April 16**  
9am Intention of Fr. Raul Ranola

**Thursday (Holy Thursday)**

**Friday (Good Friday)**

**Saturday (Easter Vigil)**  
8pm Intention of Catechumens and Candidates

**Sunday, April 20**  
10am Bill Lerner +  
12pm St James Parish

### 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 as they prepare for entering our Catholic faith community.

We thank Karen Serafini & Ellen Solomon-Ching for preparing our catechumens and candidate.



### Outdoor Way of the Cross

Walk with Bishop McGrattan and our diocesan faithful and pray the Stations of the Cross. on April 18, Good Friday at 8:30 am. Route starts and ends at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary (219 18 Ave SW, Calgary).

**Parking and route details** are available at [catholicyc.ca/wayofthecross](http://catholicyc.ca/wayofthecross)

**Volunteers needed** for First Aid and Lost & Found. To help, call [403-218-5500](tel:403-218-5500) or email [receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca).

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TRAINING

If you are called to minister to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved - and approved by your pastor or Pastoral Care Coordinator, you can register for the Pastoral Care Ministry Training at [catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare](http://catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare) or contact Mara at 403-218-5521.

When: **Sat, May 24 & Jun 7**, 9:30 am - 3 pm at Ascension Parish, Calgary.

For more information, speak to Sharon Jeanson or Brenda in the parish office.

## This Week at the Church

Monday	6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Cenacle
	1:15pm	Grade 1 church tour
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass
	9:30am	Confession
	1:00pm	Choir
	2:00pm	Decorating for Holy Thursday
Thursday	7:00pm	Mass
Friday	3:00pm	Passion
Saturday	11:00am	RCIA Last Preparation
	1:00pm	Decorating for Vigil
	5:00pm	Chaldean Vigil
	8:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	10:00am	Mass
	12:00pm	Mass
	2:00pm	Chaldean Mass

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

Pope Francis, Ali Boyd, Christian, Emma Boccoardo, Stephanie Davis, Mia Dumonceaux, Shylow Dustin, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, 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, Jocelyn Robb, Gabriel Serpas, Virgil Smith, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Shirley Valentine

**And For Those Who Have Died**  
Joyce Beninger, Jorge Carlos Rotela



**Come and venerate the sacred relics of the saints**—a grace-filled moment to honour those who now dwell in God's presence and be inspired by their holy witness in the communion of saints.

**March 17 - June 30, 2025**

**Veneration of the Relic of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Michael Catholic Community.** For more information, contact Loreen Morrison at St. Michael's Catholic Community at [info@saintmichael.ca](mailto:info@saintmichael.ca)

**April 4-6, 2025**

**Veneration of the Relics of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Vincent Ferrer at Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary.** For more information, contact seminarian Bennet Chacko at [info@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:info@holyspiritparish.net) | (403) 251-3381

## Holy Week Office Hours

The parish office will close at 12pm on Holy Thursday and will re-open on Tuesday, April 22.

For emergencies **only**, contact Fr. Domingo at 403 860 6357.

*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

[beloveddaughtersyye.com](http://beloveddaughtersyye.com)  
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[events.itsogai.org/ComeandStay](http://events.itsogai.org/ComeandStay)

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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
- ◆ 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