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Easter Sunday—Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

HOLY WEEK

EASTER MASS TIMES

Saturday 8pm
Sunday 10am & 12pm

Weekday

Tuesday thru Wednesday 9am
Holy Thursday 7pm
Good Friday 3pm

CONFESSION

Wednesday ONLY 9:30 -10:30am

OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Wed 9am-3pm
Thursday 9am - 12pm

Closed 12-12:30 for lunch and on all statutory holidays.



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 Leo's Prayer Intention for the Month of April:

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, let us pray to the Lord.

PARISH STAFF

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Easter Message from Fr. Domingo

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Alleluia! He is risen!

Today, the Church bursts into joy. The silence of the tomb has been shattered, and the darkness of Good Friday has given way to the radiant light of Easter morning. What seemed like the end has become a new beginning. What appeared to be defeat has been transformed into the greatest victory in human history.

But let me ask you something—not just for your mind, but for your heart: have you ever felt like something in your life was already “buried”? A dream that died, a relationship that ended, a hope that slowly faded away? There are moments in life when we stand before our own “tombs”—places of disappointment, grief, regret, or failure—and we quietly say, “This is over. Nothing more can be done.” That is exactly where Easter begins.

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, she was not expecting a miracle. She carried spices for a dead body, her heart heavy and her hopes gone. She came looking for a corpse, but instead she encountered the Risen Christ. The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, and heaven declared a truth the world had never seen before: death does not have the final word—God does. This is the heart of Easter. God does not avoid our darkest moments; He enters them and transforms them from the inside. The Resurrection is not simply the conclusion of Jesus’ story—it is the beginning of ours.

Easter is not just about Jesus coming back to life; it is about Jesus conquering death itself. When Christ rose, He defeated sin, destroyed death, and restored hope. Sin no longer has the power to define you; your past does not imprison you, and there is always a path back to God. Death is no longer an end but a passage—a doorway back to the Father. And hope is no longer fragile; it is anchored in the power of God. This is why the Resurrection stands at the center of our faith. Without it, Christianity becomes just a set of teachings. But because of it, our faith becomes life, power, and transformation.

Easter is not only something we celebrate; ***it is something we are called to live.*** Jesus did not rise from the dead simply to amaze us—He rose to change us.

So today, the Gospel asks each one of us: do you believe that God can bring life out of your dead places? Do you believe that your broken relationships can still be healed, that your wounded heart can still be restored, that your failures can still become a testimony of grace? Because if Jesus truly rose from the dead, then nothing in your life is beyond hope.

To live as Easter people means choosing hope over despair, even when life is uncertain, because we remember that the tomb is empty. It means choosing forgiveness over resentment, because Christ has forgiven us. It means choosing faith over fear, because the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive within us. Easter people are not people without problems; they are people who know that problems do not have the final word—God does.

To all of you, my dear parishioners of St. James Catholic Church, you are not here by accident. God has placed you in this community, in this moment, for a purpose. As we celebrate Easter, I invite you: if you are tired, come to the Risen Lord. If you are burdened, bring your pain to Him. If you feel lost, let Him find you. And as a parish, let us become a community of resurrection—a place where the broken find healing, where the lost find direction, where the weary find strength, and where everyone can say, “**I belong here.**”

Let me leave you with this truth: the stone was not rolled away so Jesus could come out—it was rolled away so we could see that He is already risen. And if Jesus is risen, then your story is not over, your pain is not wasted, and your life still holds a miracle waiting to unfold.

So, stand in faith, lift your heart, and remember this: ***just when you think everything is finished, God is just beginning.*** He is calling us to be witnesses, be an Easter people.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

A Message from our *Multiply the Hope* Team

In order to take advantage of the increased attendance on Easter Sunday, all donations that day will go to Multiply the Hope.

Marian & Divine Mercy Cenacles

Resuming April 14

Cenacles are small prayer group gatherings in the library at 9:30 on Tuesdays. First Tuesday of the month is the Divine Mercy Cenacle; the remaining Tuesdays are the Marian Cenacle.

Pastoral Care

We welcome Cheryl Aitkens as our new Pastoral Care Coordinator. Sharon Jeanson will be stepping down as coordinator but will continue in the ministry adding on to her 28 years of Pastoral Care to date. Thank you, Sharon, for your generosity, compassion and service to the sick and homebound who are so happy to receive the Eucharist. The same thanks goes out to all the Pastoral Care volunteers who so diligently serve these individuals.

Congratulations!

Ariga Agoes, Chris Dinsdale,
Christina Locking, Sonya Hanson

Who after months of preparation through RCIA, entered the Church fully through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Envelopes in the pews and at the door.

Christians from the Holy Land

Christians from the Holy Land will be here the weekend of April 11 & 12. Items will be available for sale after each Mass in order to support their community.

Thank you, Michael!

Michael Scholfield, our music director for the past 7 years, will be retiring effective April 6, 2026. We thank Michael for his dedication and leadership, and sharing his love of music with our community. May God continue to bless him. At this time we would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our choirs and musicians who made our Triduum and Easter celebrations beautiful.

Employment Opportunity—Music Director CASUAL

A new music director is needed for the parish. Availability is required for the 5pm Saturday and 10am Sunday Masses, choir practices, special celebrations throughout the year, weddings and funerals. Candidate should be familiar with the Catholic liturgy and have a proficiency and knowledge of music.

Responsibilities will also include music selection, working with the pastor and parish staff, and leading/creating two choirs. Music style is flexible but must be from approved Catholic sources. Preference given to individuals with piano, organ, and/or guitar skills.

[Diocese of Calgary employment](#) page for more details. Competition will remain open until a suitable person is found.

Strawberry Shortcake & Tea

Saturday, May 2

2:30-4:30pm

St James Parish Hall

Family Friendly

No tickets. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

**PLEASE RSVP AT THE PARISH OFFICE
or contact Lisa at 403 969 4939**



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 7

9am Intention of James Schiller

Wednesday, April 8

9am Clare Kramer +

Thursday, April 9

9am Intention of Brian & Brenda Lerner

Friday, April 10

9am Intention of Helen Burgardt

Saturday, April 11

5pm Sheila Ross +

Sunday, April 12

10am Philip Gonsalves +

12pm Intention of Frank Szala

Tuesday, April 14

9am Julia Almeida +

Wednesday, April 15

9am Intention of Romeo Aron

Thursday, April 16

9am Intention of Gabriella Vautour

Friday, April 17

9am Neil Jeanson +

Saturday, April 18

5pm Intention of Jack Russell

Sunday, April 19

10am Michael Angelo Lagman +

12pm Parishioners

Tuesday, April 21

9am Intention of Fr. Andrew Bogdanowicz

Wednesday, April 22

9am Peter Kelly +

Thursday, April 23

9am Intention of Fr. Fabio

Friday, April 24

9am Pauline Montemurro +

Saturday, April 25

5pm Alex, Connie & Guido Ciccaglione +

Sunday, April 26

10am Gary Mogenson +

12pm Parishioners

Tuesday, April 28

9am Intention of Anita & Stuart Selby

Wednesday, April 29

9am Intention of Wendy Novakowski

Thursday, April 30

9am Jose Zaldivar +

Friday, May 1

9am Ann Lerner +

Saturday, May 2

9am David Howes +

5pm Intention of Martin McCarthy

Sunday, May 3

10am Neil Jeanson +

12pm Parishioners

Pancake Breakfast/Bottle Drive

Next Weekend

Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out through Lent and Holy Week! Greatly appreciated!

Next Week at the Church

Monday	Office Closed 6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am	Mass
Wednesday	9:00am 1:00pm 6:30pm	Mass/Confession Choir Maintenance/Finance
Thursday	7:00pm	Opus Dei Men
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Confession/Adoration
Saturday	10:00am 10:30am 4:00pm Bottle Drive 5:00pm	Pastoral Care Meeting/Lunch Baptism Prep Confession Mass
Sunday	Bottle Drive 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Mass Pancake Breakfast Children's Liturgy Training Mass

Rosary at 8:30am prior to all weekday Mass.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Ali Boyd, Emma Boccardo, Lucy Ciccaglione, Stephanie Davis, Patrick Driscoll, Mia Dumonceaux, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Emidio Faba, Tracy Fader, Nancy Farrell, Mary Figley, Bernice Foley, Marie Funke, Merle Gonsalves, Aidan Hanes, Jennifer Hazen, Sharon Jeanson, Charlotte Johansen, Joe Klein, Lara Lavalley, Martin McCarthy, George McDonald, Monty Montemurro, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Tyler Norris, Elliott Nowell, Guy Ouellette, Ashleigh Patterson, Emil Rawlyk, Nash Reyes, Jocelyn Robb, Brad Sluiter, Graham Smith, Marie Swab, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Frank Toone, Maria Zuzic

And Those Who Have Died

Delores Fleming, Avelina Ayoro, Gabriel Oberg, James Lokiru

**please inform the office if names can be removed from the sick list*

Save the Date

April 12—Pancake Breakfast/Bottle Drive
 May 1—Teen Night—grades 7-12 (7pm-9:30pm)
 May 2—Strawberry Shortcake Tea
 May 22—Mass for the Unborn 7pm
 May 22 & 23—Knights' Garage Sale
 May 29—Confirmation Celebration (7pm) - Bishop J. Hansen
 June 5—Games Night for Kids—grades 1-6 (7pm-9pm)
 June 6—First Communion Mass (5pm)
 June 26—Memorial Mass for the Dead: 2025-present (7pm)
 June 28—Parish Picnic—TENTATIVE
 July 5—Stampede Breakfast

**More details will follow regarding these upcoming events.*



Find out more about this campaign at www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope



Sunday Collections

Regular	\$3369.30
Maintenance	\$85.00
Flowers	\$184.00
Food Bank	
Together in Action	\$25.00

To Date

Together in Action (2026 Goal: \$36, 218)
 \$2943
Maintenance
 \$4710

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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Mindful Give (Quick Tap)

For a complete list of events in the Diocese of Calgary, please visit www.catholicyc.ca