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All Saints Day — November 1, 2026

MASSTIMES
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12pm

Weekday
Tuesday to Thursday 9am
1st Saturday 9am

CONFESSION
Wednesday & Friday 9:30am - 10am
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS
9:30am - 3:00pm
Monday toThursday
Closed daily from12-12:30 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 Intentions:
November—For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the tempatation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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There is Room for you Among the Saints

(Fr. Domingo Bongalos)

When you picture the saints, who comes to mind? Perhaps Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saint Mother Teresa, or our patron, Saint James. We admire their courage, seek their prayers, and find inspiration in their lives. But there is another question worth asking this All-Saints Day: **When you picture the saints, do you ever picture yourself among them?**

Many of us hesitate. We know our impatience, our regrets, and the habits we struggle to change. Holiness can seem far removed from the demands of work, family, bills, illness, and strained relationships. Yet these very circumstances are where God invites us to grow. There is room for you among the saints, and your journey begins in the life you are living today.

In the first reading, Saint John sees a countless multitude gathered before God, drawn from every nation, people, and language. What a beautiful picture of our heavenly home! This is a gathering far greater than the familiar names on our church calendars. All Saints Day celebrates everyone who shares in the glory of heaven, including those whose names and quiet faithfulness were known to very few. We can imagine people who raised families, earned their living, cared for neighbours, endured hardship, and learned to forgive. Their circumstances differed, but their salvation came from the same Lord. They stand before God through the saving love of Jesus, the Lamb. Their presence gives us hope: God's grace can bring ordinary lives to extraordinary fulfilment.

Our second reading tells us where this journey begins. Saint John reminds us that **we are God's children now**. That little word, "**now**", matters. We already belong to the Father while we are still growing, still learning, and still in need of mercy. His love gives us both the security to acknowledge our failures and the courage to change.

Think of a child learning to walk. The child stumbles, reaches up, and tries again. Through every fall, that child remains loved. In our spiritual lives, we also need to rise again. We confess our sins, receive forgiveness, repair the harm we can, and ask for strength to continue. A painful chapter need not determine the rest of our story.

The saints' stories are finished. God is still writing ours.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us how holiness takes shape through the Beatitudes. Mercy, humility, purity of heart, peacemaking, and faithfulness become real through daily choices. We learn mercy when someone hurts us. We practise humility when we admit we were wrong. We become peacemakers when we refuse to feed an argument or pass along gossip.

Consider the parent who comes home exhausted and still makes time to listen. Think of the caregiver who answers the same question gently once again, or the employee who chooses honesty despite pressure to compromise. Remember the person who visits someone lonely, apologizes sincerely, or quietly helps a neighbour. Such choices allow the love of Christ to become visible.

Psalm 24 asks who may stand in God's holy place and directs our attention to clean hands and a pure heart. Our hands represent what we do; our heart points to what we desire. Together, they invite us to integrity. The faith we profess at Mass is meant to shape our conversations, our priorities, and our treatment of others throughout the week. Of course, we cannot sustain this journey by determination alone. We need Christ. In the Eucharist, he nourishes us with his life. In reconciliation, he restores us through mercy. In prayer, we bring him our weakness and ask for help. Sometimes the most honest prayer is simply, "Lord, I want to love better. Please show me how."

For our St. James community, here is a simple invitation this week: **choose one Beatitude, practise it with one person, and begin today.** Make the overdue apology. Offer patient attention. Interrupt the gossip. Reach out to someone who feels forgotten. Let one concrete act of love become your response to God's grace.

Imagine the difference these choices could make in our homes and parish. Relationships could begin to heal. Burdens could become lighter. Someone could discover, through us, that they are loved.

Today, the saints remind us that heaven is our hope and holiness is our calling. The grace that sustained them is offered to us. Whatever your age, your history, or your struggles, take the next faithful step with Jesus. He knows your name, and he is calling you to holiness.

Remember: "There is room for you among the saints."

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 3
9am S/I Chloe & Keith Morgenstern

Wednesday, November 4
9am Tracy Fader +

Thursday, November 5
9am Suzanne Zintel +

Friday, November 6
9am Blago Cekuta +

Saturday, November 7
9am S/I Sybille Melotte
5pm Emidio Faba +

Sunday, November 8
10am Matilda Zintel +
12pm Parishioners of St James

Book of Remembrance

Through the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be present in the sanctuary. Feel free to add the names of your deceased loved ones IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN ENTERED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

Memorial Liturgy

with Bishop William McGrattan
For those grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth,
November 10 @ 7pm
St Mary's Cathedral

Rite of Ordination of 7 Deacons

for the Diocese of Calgary
November 14 @ 11am
St Mary's Catheral

Congratulations to the newly baptized during the month of October.

Gavin Lee
Oreoluwa Edalere
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Catholic Alpha for Moms

Calling All Moms!

Looking for a welcoming space to explore your faith, ask big questions, and connect with other moms?

Join us for Catholic Alpha for Moms at St James in the parish hall on **Wednesdays from 9:30am-11:00am.**

A light breakfast will be provided. Alpha is a relaxed, welcoming program where we explore questions such as:
- Who is Jesus?
- Why and How do I pray?
- How can God guide me?

Each morning includes a short video followed by friendly, open discussion. No prior knowledge or experience is needed - just come as you are!

Whether you feel like you've had the chance to go deeper in your faith, you want to reconnect, or are simply curious to explore it more, you're invited to join us.

And bring your little ones! We'll have a fun activity available for young children.

Come for one morning and see what you think!

Email: marytclaire@gmail.com

All Souls Day

Mass with Bishop McGrattan
Monday, November 2
5pm
St Mary's Cathedral

We Have Seen His Glory

Join Fr. Geoffrey Young for an Advent morning exploring the mystery of the Incarnation, the beauty of Advent & Christmas traditions, and ways to deepen our faith at home
Saturday, December 5
9am-12pm

Next Week at the Church

Monday
6:30pm Legion of Mary

Tuesday
9:00am Mass

Wednesday
9:00am Mass/Confession
9:30am Mom's Alpha
7:00pm RCIA

Thursday
9:00am Mass
7:00pm Opus Dei Men

Friday
9:00am Mass/Confession/Adoration
2:30pm Funeral - Gary Shemanski

Saturday
5:00pm Mass

Sunday
10:00 am Mass
12:00pm Mass

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

Workbook for Lectors

$20
Great resource for weekend lectors.
Available in the sacristy or the office.
Eligible for Tax receipt.

New Sacristan Needed

One Weekday Mass Per Week
Volunteer will open/lock doors and set up the church for Mass. Contact the office or an existing sacristan for information.

Campaigns to Date

Together in Action

2026 Goal: $36,218 by December 31
Raised to date
$21,288

Remaining
$14, 930

Multiply the Hope

Campaign Goal: $96,430

MULTIPLY THE HOPE GOAL REACHED THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU!

REMEMBER: All 2026 Together in Action and operating cost obligations must be met before Multiply the Hope funds are matched by the Diocese. We have the opportunity to double our Multiply the Hope funds by the Diocese once all the criteria is met.

We will continue collecting maintenance funds for other upcoming work on the building which may be matched as well.

We Pray for the Sick

Pope Leo XIV, Rinehart Burgardt, Fr. Greg Coupal, Wendy Denis, Patrick Driscoll, Mia Dumonceau, Rene & Josie Dumonceau, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Nancy Farrell, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Merle Gonsalves, Aidan Hanes, Jennifer Hazen, Charlotte Johannesson, Leo Klein, Lara Lavelle, Martin McCarthy, Loretta & George McDonald, Yvette Meier, Monty Montemurro, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Tyler Norris, Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski, Guy Ouellette, Ashleigh Patterson, Emil Rawlyk, Graham Smith, Gen Spiro, Marie Swab, Mary Terek, Frank Toone, Art Wood, Maria Zuzic.

And for Those Who Have Died

Fr. Michael Nguyen, Sr. Marjorie Perkins FCJ, Elaine Kershaw, Gary Shemanski, Sr. Gerardine "Ger" Curran FCJ, Don Burgardt, Nash Reyes, Fr. John Schuster, Bernice Foley, Stephen Suto, Lillian Brister, Keith Hannan

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There are several ways to support St. James Parish:

- Online Giving: Through the "Contribute" page of our website. Make a one-time or monthly donation using debit, Visa, Visa Debit, Mastercard, or American Express.
- Parish Office: Mastercard, Visa or debit for one-time or monthly donations.
- Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit): Forms are available from the parish office or at the church entrance.
- E-transfer: fsupport@stjamescalgary.org
- Collection Basket: Drop off your donation envelope during Mass.
- Parish Office Mailbox: Leave your envelope at the office or in the office mailbox.
- By Mail: Mail your donation directly to the church.
- Mindful Give: Quick Tap giving option.