



September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. MARK'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** Mon — Fri: 8:30 am — 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

*Make the Sunday Eucharist  
a priority in your life.*

**MASSES** - Our Mass Times are: Monday to Friday – 9:00am, Saturday – 5:00pm, Sunday – 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. Adoration every Friday after Mass.

**Walk-in Registrations** for both Weekday Masses and Weekend Masses.

Please visit this link for other important reminders:  
[www.stmarkrcchurch.ca/index.php/registration-for-masses/](http://www.stmarkrcchurch.ca/index.php/registration-for-masses/)

Weekday and Weekend Masses will still be live-streamed, please visit the Diocese website for links and other updates: [www.catholicyyc.ca](http://www.catholicyyc.ca).

**OFFICE** - Our parish office will remain open, Monday to Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm.

**PRAYER TIME** - The church is open for **PERSONAL PRAYER**, Monday to Friday, 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm.

**CONFESSIONS** - Confessions are available by appointment only. Please call the parish office during the office hours to schedule, 403-273-2266.

**EVENTS** - There will be no other activities in the parish except Mass

*If for any reasons you are in the church, please follow all the safety measures without fail. Thank you!*

SUPPORT  
OUR PARISH  
WITH  
WEEKLY *offering*

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[CATHOLICYC.CA/GIVE](http://CATHOLICYC.CA/GIVE)

*Your donations to our parish is of great value at this critical time.  
You are welcome to make use of the different means available.  
Thank you very much. God bless your generous hearts!*

- 1. St. Mark Pre Authorized Payment Form -**  
[www.stmarkrcchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/St-Mark-PAP-Form.pdf](http://www.stmarkrcchurch.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/St-Mark-PAP-Form.pdf)
- 2. RC Diocese of Calgary Online Donation -**  
<https://www.catholicyyc.ca/stmarkcalgary.html>
- 3. Over the Phone** - We are also able to take credit card donations over the phone, kindly call Charisse during office hours, 403-273-2266.
- 4. Donation Envelopes**

*To forward the completed PAP Forms and/or donation envelopes,  
kindly use one of the following options:*

- (1) Drop them off during office hours, Monday – Friday,  
8:30am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm.*
- (2) Mail to St. Mark's Parish, 5552 Madigan Drive NE,  
Calgary, AB T2A4P2*
- (3) Email to [secretary@stmarkrcchurch.ca](mailto:secretary@stmarkrcchurch.ca)*



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### READINGS:

**Isaiah 55.6-9**

*The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

**Ps 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (R. 18)**

*R. The Lord is near to all who call on him.*

**Philippians 1.20-24, 27**

*To me, living is Christ.*

**Matthew 20.1-16**

*Are you envious because I am generous?*

### HOME-BASED SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Recognizing the parents as the primary teachers of the Faith and in response to the current conditions under COVID-19, we will be having a home-based sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Coaching sessions for parents offered by the Diocese will be available via Zoom. These will be offered on various days and times to accommodate to the busy lives of today's families.

Kindly visit our parish website for more details and to download a copy of the registration form.

<http://www.stmarkrcchurch.ca/index.php/sacrament/>

You may also pick-up a copy of the registration from the parish office during office hours.

**Please note that the registration for First Reconciliation will close on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

*We will also accept the registrations for RCIA program. If anyone is interested or if anyone you know, they are most welcome to contact the parish office.*

### Alberta & NWT Bishops say Thank You!

Watch a thank you video message from AB & NWT Bishops to our parish volunteers!

Watch video here: <https://vimeo.com/458253521>

### Mass Intentions for the Week of September 21 - 27

Mon	21	9:00am	<i>(St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist, Feast)</i> Intentions of Rosalie Bulayong +Joaquin & Fulgencia Isidro Thanksgiving Mass - Birthday - Reyna Palaganas
Tues	22	9:00am	+Marilyn Wallace Thanksgiving Mass - Birthday - Luzviminda Ponce +Victoriano & Salaverga Jimenez
Wed	23	9:00am	<i>(St. Padre Pio, Priest, Memorial)</i> +Mary & Dennis Hope Intentions of Canon Brothers +Elizabeth Nielsen
Thurs	24	9:00am	+Sid Johnstone +Cresencio & Felipa Corpus
Fri	25	9:00am	Intentions of Grace McGillivray Thanksgiving Mass - Anita Pierce and Family Intentions of Rogelio Tiro Intentions of Evangeline Pambio
Sat	26	5:00pm	<i>(St. Jean De Brebeuf &amp; St. Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs, Feast)</i> +Joann Lehev
Sun	27	8:00am	<b>MISSA PRO POPULO</b>
		10:00am	+Marilyn Wallace Intentions of Margaret Teoh +Nicola Geffa Belasse
		12:00pm	Intentions of Lim Sanchez

*If you would like to offer a Mass in thanksgiving or intentions (such as birthday, healing etc.) for yourself or another person or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, kindly call the parish office for instructions.*



### Faithfully - To Send or Not to Send?

September's Faithfully "To Send or Not to Send" edition is out! <https://bit.ly/3krxk0C>

Don't miss our back to school articles featuring our parishioners, teachers and St. Mary's University. Bishop's message about recognizing the responsibilities we have to each other as stewards of creation.

Read the beautiful story about IWIN project, a CWL initiative to help human trafficking survivors get back on their feet, one backpack at a time, and many more stories.

## COVID & the Call to Faith - Week 1

If you haven't already, please read the Pastoral Statement (<https://bit.ly/3hFMvS1>) from the Bishops of Alberta called: On the Impact of COVID-19 & the Call to Christian Renewal.

Over the next seven weeks, Grandin Media is hosting seven panel discussions on themes referenced in the letter – the impact on family, care of the vulnerable, the changing workplace and the inherent dignity of human life.

The panelists, assembled from across the province and territory, include experts in their fields in health care, education, social services, law and ministry and business.

**Starting Sep. 21**

Week 1 Reflection

***Inherent Dignity of Every Human Life***

<https://bit.ly/3mtv5eR>

*The situation of this pandemic invites us all to re-discover the inherent dignity of every human life and to re-awaken a sense of gratitude, affection and responsibility towards all people, particularly the most vulnerable in our society.*

Panel discussion video will be released on Monday, September 21 here:

<https://grandinmedia.ca/bishops-reflections-on-covid/>

Parishioners and all viewers will be invited to respond to the prepared reflection questions or otherwise to send thoughts/comments to [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:communications@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Life Transitions Retreat at the FCJ Centre

We have experienced many losses. Many of us have lost jobs, freedom, plans and human connections. The FCJ Centre invites you to a *weekend retreat of peaceful exploration and tending of the soul through creative expression*. During the weekend retreat a variety of creative processes will be used to understand this grief and its impact on us. COVID-19 will be explored as a source of resilience that allows us to dream forward and transition to a new life style.

The spirit of the retreat is making space for God through art, nature, meditation, and journaling. \*Please note, this is not suitable for anyone bereaved in the last 6 months. When: **Oct 16-18**. Cost: \$285 or \$185 for commuter. Where: FCJ Centre, Calgary.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/32jok7r>

## Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Support for the Bishops of Canada to pursue the Church's pastoral mission

This year, the Catholic Church in Canada, along with the rest of society, has been seriously affected by the Coronavirus pandemic: from an inability to gather in worship, through limitations on pastoral and personal interaction, to office closures. Bishops, as shepherds who watch over their flock, felt this disruption very keenly.

As we continue to address the challenges and impact of the Coronavirus upon our families, communities of faith and ecclesial outreach, your prayers, gestures of kindness and generosity are invaluable, heartfelt and true sources of consolation, comfort and renewed encouragement in the pursuit of the Church's pastoral mission.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 26 and 27 September 2020. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

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## Letter from the Bishop re: 40 Days for Life

This year 40 Days for Life is organizing their annual pro-life campaign which is entitled "Help Save Lives in Calgary!"

Bishop McGrattan encourages all the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary to actively support this year's planned activities that include prayer, fasting, community outreach, advocacy and peaceful vigils designed to promote awareness of the vulnerability of women, the sanctity of the child in the womb and the need to always be vigilant in bringing an end to abortion in our country.

The organizing committee asked that parishes to commit to adopting a 12 hour day to cover women and children and babies and abortion workers with prayer. We are allowed to have 4 people in front of the Kensington Clinic in Calgary on weekdays between Sep. 23 to Nov. 1, 7 am - 7 pm praying for changed hearts and minds towards abortion.

Read Letter from Bishop McGrattan

<https://bit.ly/3ij5LPL>

To join the prayer team, please contact Camile Pace at [SMCWLEducationHealth@gmail.com](mailto:SMCWLEducationHealth@gmail.com)