# St. James Church (Okotoks) & St. Michael's Church (Black Diamond) St. James Catholic Paris



# SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH, $2021 \sim 2$ ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### ABOUT US

We are a Christ-centered Catholic community modelling His vision for a faithfilled, joyful, loving, open home for everyone.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Being disciples of Jesus Christ, growing through a sacramental life, serving and evangelizing to those in our parish and greater community.

#### PARISH STAFF

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#### **Eucharistic Celebrations & Devotions**

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH

**SUNDAY MASS:** 

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am/10:00am/5:00pm

#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

Monday, Wednesday - Saturday 9:00am Tuesday 7:00pm

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 10am - 12pm Tuesday 5pm - 6:45pm Or By Appointment

#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Monday - Friday

6am - 9am / 5pm - 7pm

Saturday 6am - 11am (pause for mass at 9am)

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:

**SUNDAY MASS:** 

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 9:00am

**WEEKDAY MASS:** 

Wednesday & Friday 9:00am

**RECONCILIATION:** 

Friday after 9:00am mass Or By Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED **SACRAMENT:** 

Friday after 9:00am mass



May YOU know the deep love and support of our community through our thoughts and prayers.

#### **OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY...**

Dennis S., Peggy H., Velma K.

#### **OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Peter C., Shirley D., AJ M., Larry S., Isla B. Beverly B., Betty M.

#### **OUR SEMINARIANS**

Andre B., Joshua C., Bennet C., Ian M., Martin N., Kevin P., Matthew S., James S., Santiago T.

Please contact the Parish Office to have your name or the name of a loved one placed here (office@stjamesparishrc.com or 403.938.3122)

#### **OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS & NEW BABIES**

Please contact the Parish Office to have your name or the name of a loved one placed here (office@stjamesparishrc.com or 403.938.3122)

#### PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to request prayers or be included in our prayer chain, please email Vi Lake - vilake@telus.net

#### SICK OR INFIRM PARISHIONERS

If you know of parishioners who are hospitalized or confined to their homes, please notify the office at 403.938.3122 to arrange hospital or home visitation. It is also important to arrange to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before any surgery.

SVDP Okotoks: 403.938.0562

SVDP Black Diamond: 403.933.4955

#### PARISH DIRECTORY

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Main Office 403-938-3122 Monday - Friday 9:30am - 2:00pm Emergency Operator 403-869-7382 \*Closed the 3rd Friday of each month\* St. James Catholic Parish Page 3

Mass Intentions			
Saturday January 16	9:00am 5:00pm 5pm (BD)	Holy Souls in Purgatory Mona Gill † Larry Spilak	
Sunday January 17	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	† Manfred Ruppel † Lillian Schmitz † Maurice S. People of the Parish	
Monday January 18	9:00am	Jonathon McCarrol	
Tuesday January 19	7:00pm	Warren Family	
Wednesday January 20	9:00am 9am (BD)	† David Quinlan Nicholas Johnson	
Thursday January 21	9:00am	Salem & Keegan Ostroski- Niles	
Friday January 22	9:00am 9am (BD)	† Joel Ostroski † Geoffrey Shulhan	

# 2021 - The year of St. Joseph

This Lent, join us and consecrate yourself to St. Joseph.

Beginning February 15th until March 19th, we will be studying the book "Consecration to St. Joseph -

The Wonders of our Spiritual Father" by Donald Callaway.

If you would like to join us, please complete this <u>form</u> or call the Parish Office at 403.938.3122.

Deadline to order the book is January 31st. Cost: \$20

#### Women's Bible study:

All women are invited to join us as we study "The Book of Daniel- Lives of Integrity Words of Prophecy" Presented by Beth More. Click the link to see the preview.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dyS Cq2FAwQ&feature=youtu.be

When: Starting February 9 for 12 weeks

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: St James Church Hall, Okotoks
Cost: \$40 includes the study guide

Registration is limited to 40 participants and preregistration is required by February 2nd.

www.okotokscwl.com



### 10am Sunday Mass in Okotoks

We have continued to see high numbers at this mass, therefore we are encouraging Parishioners to register in advance if they will be attending at this time. We do not want to turn people away at the door, however we also need to follow the guidelines set out by AHS and the Diocese of Calgary. Registration will close at 9am on Fridays to allow time for the list to be put together. At 2pm on Fridays, our website will be updated to show the number of spaces open - allowing you to attend a different mass time if possible, or arrive early that morning and take a "walk-in" space.

We appreciate that so many of our Parishioners desire to come to mass, and it is our hope that we can accommodate everyone. Adoration w/ praise & worship music

St. James Church



Friday January 22nd 7pm-8pm



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Financial Corner				
	Dec 26-31	Budget		
Offering Envelopes	\$7,315			
Online Donations	\$9,861	Thank You!		
Preauthorized	\$3,417			
Total Operating	\$20,593	\$9,375		
<b>Building Fund Dec.</b>	\$7,493	\$7,289		
Together in Action	\$5,134	\$2,555		
TIA - Year to Date	\$46,824	\$44,289		

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit our website.

www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate

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2021 Donation Envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you would like to switch to



Automatic Donations, please see our website (above) or call the Parish Office.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME - THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO HELP FINANCIALLY AS WELL AS THOSE WHO SUPPORT US WITH THEIR PRAYERS.

#### **Stewardship Reflection**

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" - JOHN 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, to live your stewardship, by asking the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

#### St. James Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Memberships for 2021 are now available. The amount is \$30.00. Place your cash or cheque in an envelope marked "St. James CWL" and drop it off at the parish office or in the Sunday collection basket. The third option is a bank e-Transfer to <a href="StJamesOkotoksCWL@gmail.com">StJamesOkotoksCWL@gmail.com</a>. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 403-938-2369 or send an email.

Meetings will now be the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$18,877

Together in Action: \$46,824

AS WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL, THE EXCESS FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH AND PUT TOWARDS THE BUILDING FUND.

#### **Children's Collection**

The Children's Collection has resumed at all masses. Children are invited to come up during the preparation of the gifts.

Funds will go to the Holy Childhood Association.

https://

www.missionsocieties.ca/holy-childhood-association-hca/

The Knights of Columbus would like to remind all Brother Knights that the 2021 memberships fees are due. The first notification was emailed/mailed out on Dec. 15th. You can provide payment for your fee via cheque or cash and mail/

drop off to the parish office. If you are unable, you can drop it in the offering basket at mass tagged to the KofC. You can also provide payment on the following link:

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48430

If you have not received any communication from the Knights regarding Membership Dues via email/mail or you simply would like to discuss your dues, please contact our Financial Secretary, Elie Plamondon @ 403-701-0054 or weatherfordman@hotmail.com

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## St. James Parish - Sacramental Preparation - 2020-2021

# Registration for all sacraments for Parishioners of St. James & St. Michael's ~ Ongoing at the Parish Office or online <a href="here">here</a> ~

\*Please note: If your child has not received any sacraments at St. James or St. Michael's Church, a copy of their baptismal certificate must be given at the time of registration.\*

#### **CONFIRMATION 2021**

For students in Grade 6 and up. ALL CLAS-SES WILL BE WEDNESDAYS from 6:30pm-8pm. Parent & student to attend each session & final retreat. Cost \$30.

Parent Only Retreat: February 3rd @ 6:30p

Session #1: Wed, February 10 (online)

Blessing at Mass: Sat. Feb 6th @ 5:00pm

Session #2: Wednesday, March 3rd Session #3: Wednesday, March 24th

Session #4: Wednesday, April 14th

Retreat: Saturday, May 8th @ 9am-1pm Rehearsal: Friday, May 14th @ 7pm

Celebration of Confirmation with Fr. Vincent Ha and Fr. Troy Nguyen: May 15th, 2021

\*Please note the change between online and in person sessions will change as regulations change\*

#### FIRST COMMUNION 2021

For students in Grade 2 & up who have completed their First Reconciliation. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS 6:30pm-8pm**. Parent and student are to attend each session and retreat. Cost \$25.

Session #1: Monday, April 12th

Blessing at Mass: Sat. Apr 17th @ 5:00pm

Session #2: Monday, April 26th Session #3: Monday, May 10th Session #4: Monday, May 17th

Retreat & Rehearsal:

- Saturday, May 29th @ 10am-12pm
   1st Communion Sacramental Mass:
- Saturday & Sunday, June 5th & 6th, 2021 (at all Masses)
- \*Please note the session schedule is subject to change based on COVID restrictions\*

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

This program is designed for all children age 7 and older (grades 2 to 6) who desire to receive the Catholic Sacraments they have missed or who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **Contact Leanne for more information.** 

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF TEENS (RCIT)

This program is designed for all youth from grades 7-12 who desire to receive the Catholic Sacraments they have missed or who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. **Contact Leanne for more information.** 

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Registration is ongoing for all Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Inquirers are instructed in the Catholic Faith and introduced to the life of the Church. **Contact Leanne for more-information**.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Registration takes place at the Parish Office and a meeting is booked with one of our Parish Priests. A Baptism Preparation session is required for the baptism of your first child. (Baptisms take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays & Sundays of each month.)

#### Sessions:

Saturday, January 16th, 2021 @ 1pm Wed, February 24th, 2021 Wed, April 14th, 2021 Wed, May 26th, 2021

#### Documents required:

- \*Birth Certificate of child
- \*Baptism Certificate of parent(s)
- \*Annotated Baptismal Certificate of Godparent(s) This is a baptism certificate that shows date of Confirmation as well.

\*Sessions will take place online until COVID restrictions are removed \*

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Phone the Parish Office at least 6 months before marriage and make an appointment. Marriage preparation sessions are mandatory for those preparing for marriage. Cost is \$150.00 per couple.

Sessions run Friday @ 7-9pm and continue Saturday @ 9am-4pm on the following dates:

February 5th & 6th, 2021 April 23rd & 24th, 2021

Follow up meetings with a Sponsor couple take place after the weekend on your own time.

Contact Leanne Plamondon, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Parish Office for more information about the sacraments. By Phone: 403-938-3122 or by email: religious edu@stjamesparishrc.com



Pray the Rosary with us before each weekday Mass at St.

James.





CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### **Attending Mass**

- Pre-registration is requested for weekend masses. Please sign up <u>here</u>. Contact tracing is optional.
- ♦ Capacity Limits: St. James = 180/ St. Michael's = 30
- Arrive early to answer health and travel questions. Doors open 30 minutes before mass.
- ♦ Wear your mask at all times while in the Church
- ♦ Sign in with a point of entry team member.
- Wait for an Usher to bring you to your seat.
- Physical distancing to be observed 6 feet (2meters) at all times for those who do not live in the same household.

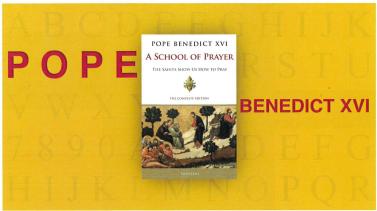
#### Mass at St. Michael's

Due to increased numbers in attendance, pre-registration for weekend mass at St. Michael's in Black Diamond is **re-quired.** 

#### Deadline is Fridays at 9:00am.

When you register for a mass, your seat is only GUARAN-TEED up until 10 minutes before the mass starts. If you are not in your seats 10 minutes before the mass starts we will give away your seat to someone who is waiting but has not registered.

As per the Alberta Government regulations, masks are to be worn at all times while in the church.



January 23, 2021

#### **Catholic Book Club**

Are you a young adult who enjoys books and wants to grow in your Christian faith? Then join us for our book club!

Come have an open, intelligent, fun, and spiritual discussion about what you've read with an equally engaged—and Catholic—group of book lovers. This January, read Pope Benedict XVI's, *A School of Prayer: The Saints Show us How to Pray* and take part in the conversation.

Join us at 7:00pm on January 23, 2021 online. Email <u>Leightonfenske@outlook.com</u> to get involved!

#### **Ministry** Contact

#### Liturgy

- EMHC: Tara Epp | tepp@redeemer.ab.ca
- **LECTOR**: Jayme Crawford | jcrawford@redeemer.ab.ca
- Music: Maureen MacLennan | mmaclennan@redeemer.ab.ca
- ALTAR SERVERS: Jihane Allen |
- USHERS: Mark Congram | congramm@mac.com
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Karla Seitz | k-faye@hotmail.com
- LITURGY COMMITTEE: Leanne Plamondon | 403-938-3122

#### Social Justice / Outreach

- St. VINCENT DE PAUL (OKOTOKS): Tara Epp | 403-938-0562
- St. VINCENT DE PAUL (BLACK DIAMOND): John Walsh | 403-933-4955
- PRAYER CHAIN: Vi Lake | vilake@telus.net
- BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Barbara Zimmer | zimmb@shaw.ca
- PASTORAL CARE OKOTOKS: Mary McGinness | 403-995-0202

Or: Mary Fraser | 403-457-8674

• PASTORAL CARE - BLACK DIAMOND: Mavis Hills | 403-933-4741

#### Parish Life

- PARISH COUNCIL: | 403-938-3122
- FINANCE COUNCIL: Andrew Keller |
- YOUTH MINISTRY: | 403-938-3122
- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Leanne Kilcommons | 403-938-2291 | Imkilcommons@gmail.com
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKOTOKS: Patrick Brown-Harrison |
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLACK DIAMOND: Joe Bews | 403-558-2291
- Couples for Christ: Julius Strachan | 403-630-5291 | julius\_strachanjr@yahoo.com
- ADORATION: Stephanie Foran | 403-455-5768 | stephanie.foran@rogers.com
- RIVERS OF LIVING WATER: rolwinfo@shaw.ca
- St. Michael's Christian Fellowship: Jennifer Gill | 403-931-1509
- STEWARDSHIP: Colleen Mortimer | colleenmortimer6@gmail.com

#### Sacraments

Leanne Plamondon | 403-938-3122 ext. 105 religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com St. James Catholic Parish Page 7

Sunday of the Word of God - Jan 24 Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio Aperuit illis, published on September 30, 2019 establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 24, 2021) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Please read the letter from The Canadian Bible Society who offers their full support in this inspiring initiative. The Canadian Bible Society have several excellent Catholic editions of the Bible available in a wide range of languages and approved translations, resources for the Sunday Lectionary Gospel of Mark, as well as Lectio Divina and other devotional tools. For full details and more resources, click here.

An Evening Service of Prayer - Jan 21 Week of Prayer of Christian Unity - Jan 18-25. Join Bishop Todd Atkinson (Preacher, Via Apostolica), Dcn. Trevor Jameus (Via Apostolica), Rev. Terry Fach (Ambrose University), Fr. Matthew Perreault (Anglican Diocese of Calgary), and Rev. Adrian Martens (Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary) as they celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Live-streamed from Ascension Catholic Parish on Jan. 20, 2021 from 7-8pm. Watch livestream here. We hope you can join us as we pray and listen about how we can help the cause of Christian Unity.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11, 2021 Resources: "The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic." ~ Pope Francis. The theme of this year's message is "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8), which encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. Please find here some resources for the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11) this year:

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Pope Francis' Message for the XXIX World Day of the Sick - English | French Some themes for our reflection on World Day of the Sick - Download

#### Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

We would also like to direct your attention to the updated Bill C-7 <u>webpage</u>, and ask that you continue to pray and raise your concern for the serious issue of MAiD. "May our Lord both inspire and bring to accomplishment our efforts to embrace and protect the suffering and vulnerable, and to honour and uphold our rights and freedoms." ~ AB & NWT Bishops <u>See webpage</u> **Statement by the group of disability advocates opposing Bill C-7**. Read here

**Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA)** is a lay association with a mission to foster personal and professional formation of healthcare professionals, in accord with the magisterium of the Catholic Church. Read an article from CCMA's website regarding the consultations on expanding MAiD here. What physicians are saving about the dangers of the euthanasia expansion. Read here

**COVID-19** To get the latest update on COVID-19 Pandemic in the Diocese, <u>click here</u>. Revised article with notes from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith re COVID-19 vaccination. <u>Read here</u>

**DONATE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS** The Diocesan Mission Council asks that you consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to our card-making program which supports overseas missions. **Parishes will collect these cards on behalf of the Catholic Pastoral Centre.** For inquiries, please call Sr. Mariflor at 403-218-5521 or Mariflor.Jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR - Feb. 20 Due to COVID-19, Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) will be a little different this year. It will be a "virtual" walk, meaning we won't have a big walk day and rally at Eau Claire as in past years. Teams and individuals will register and fundraise through the CNOY website as in the past. We encourage teams and individuals to do your own "COVID safe" walk at a location and distance you choose. You may walk any day during February 2021, but we recommend event day Saturday, February 20 so you can join in the excitement across the country on social media. We strongly recommend wearing masks and following group numbers as limited by current restrictions. We want everyone to be safe! Support the Sunday meals at Feed the Hungry this year by walking with the Coldest Night of the Year. Register here <a href="https://cnoy.org/location/calgarydowntown">https://cnoy.org/location/calgarydowntown</a> to set up your CNOY 2021 team or to join a team.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Mass Readings** | Listening, Discerning and Watching, Coming, Seeing, Finding. These words ending in - ing (technically "gerunds") in the first and gospel readings indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behaviours as we start this winter time between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Like Samuel, we want to be always listening for God's voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. Like the Baptist, we want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us. (Source: Diocese of Springfield)

FCJ RETREAT CENTRE ONLINE EVENTS Check out opportunities to join online programs run by the FCJ Centre (retreats, spiritual exercises, daily examen, prayers etc.). Visit their events calendar

FR. CASEY COLE - BREAKING IN THE HABIT Fr. Casey Cole is a 31-year-old Franciscan Friar in Athens, Georgia, whose ministry is unlike most others in religious life. For the past five years Fr. Casey has been producing Youtube videos where he talks about the beauty of being a Catholic. If you haven't heard of Fr. Casey before, check him out <a href="here">here</a> - and <a href="here">watch his favourite videos in 2020 here</a>

St. Joseph: A Father Rich in Mercy - A Talk by John C. Cavadini As shared by Fr. Matthew Schneider in his blog, John Cavadini delivers a great talk on the mystery of St. Joseph in the memory of the Church. John is the Director for Institute for Church Life and Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Watch here

**Don't BE AFRAID OF THE DARK** Jeff Cavins explains how we can bring light into our lives to combat the darkness of the world. "We look at everything that is going on in the world with the understanding that ultimately, darkness will be defeated here and forevermore by Jesus Christ. We have won, but the battle rages." Listen to the podcast here

How to recognize the signs of God in your life. The Imitation of Christ specifies that "there is no creature, however small, however humble, that does not reveal the goodness of God." Indeed, the signs of this love are everywhere! You just have to know how to recognize them. Read

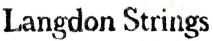


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Bring your empties to the Okotoks Bottle Depot and let them know they are for St. James Parish. Money collected goes to celebrate the Altar Servers. Thank You!





#### **Meditation Ministry**

The practice of Christian Meditation is a simple and highly meaningful practice of being one with Jesus in the silence of our hearts and minds through focusing only on the special word "Maranatha" which means "Come Lord". The three elements of Christian Mediation are to be simple, silent, and still. All of the information on WCCM can be found at <a href="https://www.wccm.org">www.wccm.org</a> OR the Canadian website <a href="https://www.wccm-canana.ca">www.wccm.org</a> OR

Taking place at St. James Church, Okotoks on Mondays at 7:00pm. An online option on Wednesdays at 8pm is also available. Please contact Andrea @ 403-999-3398 or andreat711@gmail.com to find out more and to register.

You are invited to our Zoom Mediation meeting. When: Dec 9, 2020 08:00 PM Edmonton Register in advance for this meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzmlcOisqD8uHN010zJZXYETIXf-G9UkP\_x4">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzmlcOisqD8uHN010zJZXYETIXf-G9UkP\_x4</a>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# **Ministry Opportunities**

**Audio/Visual** - help with sound during mass, as well as running the PowerPoints before and during mass.

Hospitality Desk & Welcoming Committee- being present at our hospitality desk in the Narthex to answer questions, complete registrations, pass on items people are picking up, and being a welcoming presence for all parishioners. Calling new Parishioners to welcome them to our community.

**Parish Pictorial Directory** - we are in need of individuals to help with this project. You will be registering Parishioners for their photos, contacting Parishioners to remind them of their appointments, and/or greeting Parishioners when they arrive for their photo.