

ST. JAMES PARISH

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

St. James Church

338060 – 32nd St. East

(Street Address only)

Okotoks



SCHEDULE FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH (for the week of (June 20 - June 26):

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 6pm - 7pm

Saturday 4pm - 5pm

Sunday 4pm-5pm

Mass:

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday

7:30am / 11am / 5:30pm

Tuesday ~~9:30am~~ / 7:00pm

Wednesday 7:30am

Thursday 9:30am / ~~7:00pm~~

Friday 7:30am

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

6am - 9am / 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday / Friday

6am - 7:30am / 5pm - 7pm

PASTORAL STAFF

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**Apts to be arranged through the parish office*

LEANNE PLAMONDON

Bulletin:

Submissions for the bulletin go to:

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** DEADLINE IS THURSDAY 10:00am **

Religious Education:

religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com

Parish Screening :

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed on Fridays

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (OKOTOKS):

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John Walsh | 403-933-4955

St. Michael's Church

402 Government Road

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Black Diamond



SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm - 5pm

Friday after mass.

Mass:

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Wednesday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays after mass

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIESTS

Hello, Father Luciano here. How are you doing? It's supposed to be Summer time now but some things don't go as they should. In the Gospel Jesus said, "Do not be afraid". We are not afraid even if we have to go through another Winter without enjoying Summer. I hope not!

"Do not be afraid." These are the words Jesus said to his Apostles before they started on their mission, to go around the world and proclaim the good news of God. On other occasions, Jesus would say the same words to his Apostles when they were confronted with their weaknesses.

October 22, 1978 during the homily for the inauguration of his pontificate Saint John Paul II said: "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

How profound and meaningful are these words to me. They are asking me to be brave and generous with my life and to act beyond my fears. Many times, during my priesthood I posed myself the question, "Am I able to do that?"

"Do not be afraid." It is wonderful that the first thing Jesus does, after calling his Apostles to follow him, is to try to take away their fear. Jesus knows that fear is the enemy of a generous and heroic service.

When I reflect on what keeps me from a greater and deeper commitment to service to others, most of the time the reason is because of fear. Fear is complicated. Those fears of mine are logic, are smart. They know me and they know what I have to say to myself in taking me away from heroic life. My fears are persuasive, they have taught me how to find a perfect "excuse". According to my fears, self-preservation is a good instinct.

Jesus continues to repeat to all of us, "Do not be afraid."

I know Lord that in your eyes we are valuable and we should not be afraid, because you are close to us. Yes, you right Jesus! But, you know, here on earth, on your beautiful earth we have many problems, all kinds of problems. Some of them are dramatic and it is easy to get discouraged. Lord, we are afraid!

As you know Lord, I am a priest and in the last few months many people have come to me saying, "Father, I am afraid about what is going on in the world, with this pandemic." Dear Lord, don't be surprised, but every time I was speechless. I couldn't tell them any word of hope, something compassionate or an encouraging word. Because, I too, was in fear.

You know me Lord, you know I don't complain much – but believe me, in the last eight months, our world has suddenly turned upside down. We have many fears, about our families, our jobs, our finances, our future. We are concerned about health, what if I get this COVID 19? What if someone I love gets it?

Apparently, this Coronavirus now is a little less aggressive, even though in our country and around the world many people continue to suffer and to die.

My Lord, we feel like your Apostles, when they were in the middle of a big wind storm in the Sea of Galilee. Seeing you walking on the water they were terrified and you said to them, "It's me. Don be afraid." When Peter asked you to walk on the water with you, his faith didn't help him and he began to sink. "This happens because of your little faith", you said to Peter.

Lord, you ask to all of us to have faith. I believe most of us have a very strong faith, many of us are living a very spiritual heroic life. Despite, that they got this disease COVID 19, they don't despair and have faith in you. They really are an awesome example for all of us.

Dear Lord, you continue to say, "Do not be afraid". You invite us to meet you in the midst of these trials, in the midst of these unexpected crosses. That's what we are doing, we are trusting in you but please, don't be surprised if sometimes our faith is not strong enough and we begin to sink, like Peter.

May God Bless you and your family.

Peace Father Luciano

Please note there is no mass Tuesday Morning (9:30am) and Thursday Evening (7pm) this week as Fr. Luciano will be away on vacation.

Reintroduction of the Public Mass

Masses have resumed at St. James and St. Michael's.

Daily Mass

Please note that online registration for daily Mass is no longer required.

Weekends

Pre-registration is requested for WEEKEND masses. Please sign up [here](#).

Please note that online registration for weekend masses closes 1 hour before the scheduled mass time.

Many volunteers are required in order for us to have mass, please sign up [here](#).

**You can also contact the Parish Office to sign up as a volunteer or to register for mass. The majority of spots will be available online.
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Financial Corner

June 13 - 19 Budget

Offering Envelopes	\$4,798	
Online Donations	\$376	
Preauthorized	\$3,200	
Total Operating	\$8,374	\$9,375
Building Fund June	\$2,735	\$7,289
Together in Action	\$1,763	\$2,555
TIA - Year to Date	\$20,055	\$44,289
Gift Card Sales - May		
May 1 - 31	\$1,750	
Year to Date Sold	\$32,450	
Proceeds to Parish	\$1,785	



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

www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate

THANK YOU to all of 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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
To all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Spiritual Fathers.

Pray the Rosary
Everyday at 1pm on Zoom.
Contact Angie for more information.
asteciw@telus.net

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 20	5:00pm	† George & Violet Martin
	5:30pm	† Patrick McManus
Sunday June 21	7:30am	† Betty Sobry
	9:00am	† Larry Blakley
	11:00am	† Genevieve Vos
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday June 22		
Tuesday June 23	9:30am	NO MASS
	7:00pm	Fr. John Schuster
Wednesday June 24	7:30am	† John Hittel
	9:00am	† Dr. Bertha Wilson
Thursday June 25	9:30am	Faith Klein
	7:00pm	NO MASS
Friday June 26	7:30am	† Nikola Vignjeuc
	9:00am	Dina Tremblay

Coming to mass during COVID 19

- ◇ Increased capacity = increase in volunteers needed! Sign up here: [VOLUNTEER](#)
- ◇ Pre-registration requested for weekend masses to ensure limit is not passed. Contact tracing is optional.
- ◇ Capacity Limits:
 - ◇ St. James = 200 / St. Michael's = 45
- ◇ **PATIENCE IS KEY!** With increased numbers, it will take time to get everyone in the door. Arrive early to answer health and travel questions. Doors open 30 minutes early.
- ◇ Wear your mask to enter the church and go for Communion. It can be removed while sitting in your pew.
- ◇ Sign in with a point of entry team member.
- ◇ If you have not registered and there is space, you will be able to attend.
- ◇ 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.**
- ◇ No spaces outside of the Nave (main body of the Church) are to be occupied.
- ◇ Children need to stay with parents

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This year, the Okotoks Foodbank celebrates 35 years of service to our community.

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