

St. James Catholic Parish

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



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PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2021 ~ PALM SUNDAY

ABOUT US

We are a Christ-centered Catholic community modelling His vision for a faith-filled, 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 - Saturday 9:00am
Tuesday 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 10am - 11am
Tuesday 6pm - 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, **Thursday (starting April 8th)**,
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., Margaret B.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Peter C., Shirley D., AJ M., Larry S., Isla B.
Beverly B., Betty M., Peggy H., Dorothy N., Eva D.

OUR SEMINARIANS

Andre B., Joschua C., Bennet C.,
Ian M., Martin N., 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


Main Office 403-938-3122
Emergency Operator 403-869-7382

OFFICE HOURS


Monday - Friday 9:30am - 2:00pm
Closed the 3rd Friday of each month

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 27	9:00am	† Shawn Ferris
	5:00pm	Zachary Plamondon
	5pm (BD)	† Thomas Ferris
Sunday March 28	8:00am	† Linda Holland Keogh
	9:00am	Jennifer Green
	10:00am	† Lillian Fairlie
	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Monday March 29	9:00am	Ed Southgate
Tuesday March 30	9:00am	† Leo Sprinkhuysen
	7:00pm	† Joel Ostroski
Wednesday March 31	9:00am 9am (BD)	Stephanie Sturgeon & Wayne Finkbiner † Peggy Hart
Thursday April 1	7:00pm	Priests
Friday April 2	Good Friday	N/A



Donations of Lilies, Hydrangeas, Potted Mums, or fresh cut bouquets of flowers would be greatly appreciated for the Holy Sepulcher. All flowers can be dropped off at the Parish Office between March 29th and April 1st (before 1pm).
Thank you!



Okotoks Knights of Columbus & St. Vincent de Paul are conducting a Food Drive over the next 4 weeks. Bins are located in the Narthex and all donations will go to the Okotoks Food Bank.

The Parish Office will be closed for Easter - Holy Thursday, April 1 @ 1:00pm to Monday, April 5 (open Tuesday)

Schedule of Easter Masses—2021

Thursday, April 1st ~ Holy Thursday

7:00pm *St. James Church*

Friday, April 2nd ~ Good Friday

11am / 2:30pm / 5pm *St. James Church*

12pm / 3pm *St. Michael's Church*

Saturday, April 3rd ~ Easter Vigil

8:00pm *St. James Church*

Sunday, April 4th ~ Easter Sunday

8am / 10am / 12pm / 5pm *St. James Church*

9am / 11am *St. Michael's Church*

Register here for all times.

PARISHIONERS ATTENDING THE EASTER VIGIL ARE INVITED TO BRING BELLS TO RING DURING THE GLORIA!



Blessing of Easter Baskets



You are invited to bring your baskets for a blessing on Holy Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00am at St. James Church in Okotoks.

The Knights at St. Michaels' will be staging a food drive during these last weeks of Lent. There is a bin at the back of the church. You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item and place it in the bin each time you come for Mass. All food collected will be delivered to the food bank in Turner Valley.

"SO FAITH. HOPE. CHARITY ABIDE. THESE THREE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY".



Please bring your old palms to the Church and place them in the basket in the Narthex. These will be burnt for Ash Wednesday next year.

REGISTER NOW!



Did you miss your chance to have your photo taken?! Parish Pictorial Directory photos will be taken from April 15 - 17. Sign up online here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E45AEAC2DAAF49-stjames>

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

March 21, 2021

Collections: \$ 4,878.75
 Online: \$ 192.50
 Preauthorized: \$ 3,550.05

Total: \$ 8,621.30



March 14, 2021

Collections: \$4,328.50
 Online: \$279.27
 Preauthorized: \$ 3,550.05

Total: \$ 8,157.82

Children's Collection 2021



Week: \$97.70
 Year to date: \$690.70

Building Fund



March 21, 2021 \$2,355
 Month to date: \$4,043
 Monthly Payment: \$5,102

Mortgage Balance: \$315,000

Please note that the Diocese has lowered our loan payments due to COVID. Any collections over the payment amount will still be sent in, helping to lower the balance.

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$630.75
 March 21: \$1,873.25

YTD Collections: \$9,030.75
 2021 Goal: \$32,799



To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit our website.
www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate



Building Update

As we have been using the Church building less since Covid, the water systems have been creating some awful smells in the Narthex. While we think we have found the source of the smell now, we have looked into getting the toilets replaced in the Narthex washrooms. As we often have problems with them not flushing and getting plugged, it would be helpful to replace them, as when they do the work they will investigate further to ensure the smell will not come back. The cost to do so is approximately \$7,000. We would like to raise the funds before proceeding with this project, therefore any donations towards the cause would be greatly appreciated.

To receive the Graces on 'Divine Mercy Sunday' we should:

1. Start the Novena of the 'Chaplet of Divine Mercy' on Good Friday.
2. Go to confession preferably during Lent, since Lent is the preparation for Easter and for 'Divine Mercy Sunday'.
3. Celebrate the 'Feast' on the First Sunday after Easter, which is 'Divine Mercy Sunday'.
4. Be in the 'State of Grace' (free of grave sin), in order to be able to receive Holy Communion.
5. Receive Holy Communion on 'Divine Mercy Sunday', or during that Saturday evening Vigil Mass.
6. Have absolute trust in Jesus' Mercy.
7. Venerate the Image of the 'Divine Mercy'.
8. Show mercy to others, through action, word and prayer.

* For recitation on ordinary rosary beads

How to pray
 The Chaplet of Mercy
 Our Father... Hail Mary...
 The Apostles' Creed.
 On the single bead before each decade:
 Eternal Father,
 I offer You the Body and Blood,
 Soul and Divinity
 of Your dearly beloved Son,
 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 in atonement for our sins
 and those of the whole world.
 On the ten beads of each decade:
 For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
 have mercy on us and on the
 whole world.
 Conclude with three times:
 Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
 Holy Immortal One,
 have mercy on us
 and on the whole world.

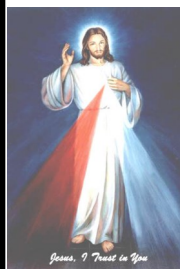
*Novena begins on Good Friday, April 2nd

This is the prayer that Jesus dictated to Sister Faustina in Vilnius on September 13 and 14, 1935 (Diary, 474-476). He spoke about this prayer on as many as 14 occasions, explaining its purpose and the promises attached to it.

In the Chaplet of Divine Mercy we offer to God the Father "the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity" of Jesus Christ the Son of God, His Divine Person and His humanity, to "beg the remission of our sins and those of the whole world". We unite with the sacrifice of Jesus, offered up on the cross for the salvation of the world. We appeal to the love which God the Father bestows on His Son, and through Him on all mankind, for in this prayer we are offering up the beloved Son of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically ask that it be recited as a Novena on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy, Jesus promised, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary 796)

For clear instructions on the Novena and the promises made by Our Lord, check out this link: <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/>



"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"

Diary 699

On April 30, 2000

Pope John Paul II raised Blessed Faustina to the Sainthood, and officially declared the first Sunday after Easter.

" Sunday of Divine Mercy"

Stewardship Reflection

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship by answering someone's prayer.

PRAY-SING Divine Mercy Chaplet
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11th
BEFORE ALL MASSES @ St. James Church

A Divine Mercy service will be held on Sunday, April 11th at St. Michael's, Black Diamond, after 9 am Mass. The service will include veneration of the Image and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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 [here](#) ~

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 CLASSES WILL BE WEDNESDAYS from 6:30pm-8pm.** Parent & student to attend each session & final retreat. Cost \$30.

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 2nd Saturdays & Sundays of each month .

Sessions:

Wed, April 14th, 2021

Wed, May 26th, 2021

Sessions will take place online until COVID restrictions are removed

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.

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:

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: religiusedu@stjamesparishrc.com



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



Attending Mass

- ◇ Pre-registration is requested for *weekend* masses. Please sign up [here](#). Contact tracing is optional.
- ◇ Capacity Limits: St. James = 225/ St. Michael's = 30
- ◇ Arrive early to answer health and travel questions. Doors open 30 minutes before mass. Your place is only GUARANTEED up until 10 minutes before mass starts.
- ◇ **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 **required**.

Deadline is Fridays at 9:00am.

When you register for a mass, your seat is only GUARANTEED 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.

We welcome all Parishioners to join us for mass. For those unable to wear a mask for medical reasons, we invite you to sit in a designated area upstairs. A Eucharistic Minister will come to you to distribute Holy Communion.

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.

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

St. James Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meetings take place the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



St. James Knights of Columbus (KofC)

Meetings take place the 1st Wednesday of each month. In-person and virtually.



Ministry Contact

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Hey Kids! Check out www.thekidsbulletin.com



LENTEN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL VIDEO #6 Watch Reflection #6 from the Bishop: *Proclaiming to the Word of God* - [Youtube](#) | [Website](#) (under the main banner) Watch the full series [here](#) Upcoming reflection videos will be posted on our website and social media: April 4, Easter Sunday: The Holy Eucharist

BISHOP'S LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE Livestream schedule of the Triduum & Easter at parishes in the Diocese of Calgary will be available on our website soon: catholicyc.ca

OTHER RESOURCES Resources for parishioners during Holy Week & Triduum (family rituals, children activities, livestream preparation etc.)- [click here](#)

A RESPONSE TO BILL C-7 EXPANSION The Senate accepted a revised version of [Bill C7](#). The bill received royal assent on March 17. Under the new law, Canadians who are not near the natural end of their lives can seek assisted suicide. Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith responds to the passage of Bill C-7 which expands euthanasia and assisted suicide to those without foreseeable death. "This is not good law and we need to continue to advocate against it." For more resources on Bill C-7 and Euthanasia, please visit: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/euthanasia.html>

FEED THE HUNGRY We have raised over \$142,000 in pledges, with \$25,000 to go! Thanks to the generous support of the Bishop's Dinner sponsors, we are well on our way to serving over 15 thousands guests this year through Feed the Hungry program. The annual [Bishop's Dinner](#) is a little different this year. With so many of our community members facing food insecurity, we have redirected our efforts to provide care packages to those in need. *Feed the Hungry* has been providing "curbside-pickup" care packages to around 300 guests every Sunday since the beginning of the pandemic, being unable to host the weekly sit-down dinner. Donations to Feed the Hungry through the [Birdies for Kids](#) website are matched up to 50%! Donate now using this link <https://shawcharityclassic.com/donatenow/> Other ways to help Feed the Hungry: **1. Sponsor a Sunday.** Each dinner costs about \$6000, and we're seeking donors to help us meet our goal of getting every Sunday covered. [Reserve your Sunday\(s\) here](#) **2. Provide items** to cover 300 food bundles, including store-bought and individually wrapped sandwiches, fruit, snacks or bottles of water. Contact us at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

COVID-19 VACCINES Q&A The Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) is providing answers to general questions such as: what vaccines are available and how do they work; the variant concerns; are COVID vaccines safe; who should not receive the vaccines; and the ethical considerations of these vaccines. [Read more](#)

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Development and Peace (*The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, or D&P*) is the official international development organization of the [Catholic Church in Canada](#) and the [Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis](#). Development and Peace is a membership led organization supported by parish collections, individual donations and government grants, principally from Global Affairs Canada. For over 50 years, Development and Peace has supported 15,200 local initiatives in fields such as agriculture, education, community action as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries. Inspired by Gospel values and in particular the preferential option for the poor, Development & Peace is to support the actions of people in the Global South so that they can take control of their destiny and educate Canadians on issues related to North-South imbalance. Representing the Western Region in the Development and Peace National Council is Bishop William McGrattan. Read more about the National Council for Development and Peace [here](#). We are excited to announce that you can now give directly to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada from the Diocese of Calgary's Giving page at catholicyc.ca/donatednp We ask that you consider joining Development & Peace in their work for the poor and vulnerable. To learn more about Development & Peace, visit devp.org To join the local council in the Diocese of Calgary, contact devppy@gmail.com To donate to Development & Peace, visit catholicyc.ca/donatednp

PALM SUNDAY -[Mass Readings](#) | Entering and Dying. This Holy Week begins with a festive entry into Jerusalem with cloaks spread around, with leafy branches waving, and with "Hosannas" crying out. But this all ends with suffering and death. How will I spend this day and this week emptying myself as Jesus did? How can I, like Jesus, be more humble? How will I be obedient? *Source: Diocese of Springfield*

REMINDER: TENEBRAE, AN EVENING OF LENTEN LESSONS & HYMNS St John Choir Schola (SJCS) invites you to join their first *Tenebrae: An Evening of Lenten Lessons & Hymns* on March 31 at 7:30 pm. Live-streamed from Our Lady of the Assumption Church on **Wednesday March 31, 2021 at 7:30pm**, this candlelit SJCS Tenebrae service weaves the salvation narrative through crucial moments in the Old Testament to the betrayal and Passion of Christ. Livestream will be available at www.sjcschola.ca

FOCUS ON ADVOCACY: D&P WEBINAR Advocacy for global justice is something that the members of Development and Peace see as integral to their faith commitment. As humanity faces an unprecedented ecological crisis in the decade ahead, advocacy that cares for our common home is vital. Join deputy director of public engagement at Development and Peace Luke Stocking and senior policy analyst at Citizens for Public Justice Karri Munn-Venn for a conversation with our movement on the 4 policy pillars of For the Love of Creation. Long time Development and Peace member Kim Piché, involved in climate justice and the zero waste movement, will also participate. You will leave ready to put your faith in action by urging the federal government to place these 4 pillars at the heart of their own policy decisions in the years ahead. When: **Saturday, March 27 from 11:30am to 12:30 Alberta time.** [Register here](#)

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE Last year, more than 77,000 men and women from 160 countries registered for the inaugural TOBVC, making it the largest Catholic Conference in 2020! Hosted by [Theology of the Body Institute](#), the TOB Virtual Conference **April 30-May 2** will feature dozens of prominent speakers and artists — showing how Theology of the Body applies to everyday life, how it will transform your prayer life, how it can bring healing of the deepest wounds in yourself and with others, and how it will bring your Catholic faith alive in new and brilliant ways. For more information or to register, [click here](#)

BEING HUMAN PODCAST In the *Being Human* podcast, Dr. Greg Bottaro, Founder and Director of the CatholicPsych Institute, shares with you his vision for Catholic therapy and a revolutionary approach that is focused, finally, on what it means to be human. Add this to your list of favourite podcasts - get a new episode every Tuesday at <https://www.catholicpsych.com/podcast> - current episode: *St. Joseph's Masculine Genius*.

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 And so honour the PERFECT PEACE found only in living the TRUTH that is your Son, JESUS CHRIST. Amen



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




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DOOR TO SILENCE
 An anthology for meditation
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Information & practice sessions:
 Wednesday: 7-8pm
 Online Young Adults & older.

Friday: 10-11am
 In-Person All Ages
 St. James Church, Okotoks

Friday: 8:30-9:30pm
 Online for Young Adults & older.

Contact: Andrea Siqueira
 403-999-3398
 andreat71@gmail.com

Registration required by emailing / texting
 Andrea Siqueira

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Outdoor Way of the Cross
Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre
 Many people have come in pilgrimage over the years to pray the Way of the Cross during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. We have produced a **virtual Way of the Cross** to use at any time during Lent and Holy Week. Please see the link below.

Individuals and small groups who wish to come to the Mount are advised that, following guidelines from Alberta Health to restrict all indoor social gatherings, **the building will not be open and therefore public washrooms will not be available.** If you do come to pray outside, please dress appropriately, especially wearing proper footwear. The trails are icy and snow covered in places.

We wish you a prayerful and safe Holy Week.


<https://youtu.be/xNzoJPYS50c>

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.

Online Children's Liturgy

We have a new Online Children's Liturgy! To find it, search: Saint James and Saint Michael's Children's Liturgy on Youtube OR scan the code below:



Any questions about the Children's Liturgy can be directed to: onlinechildrensliturgy@gmail.com

