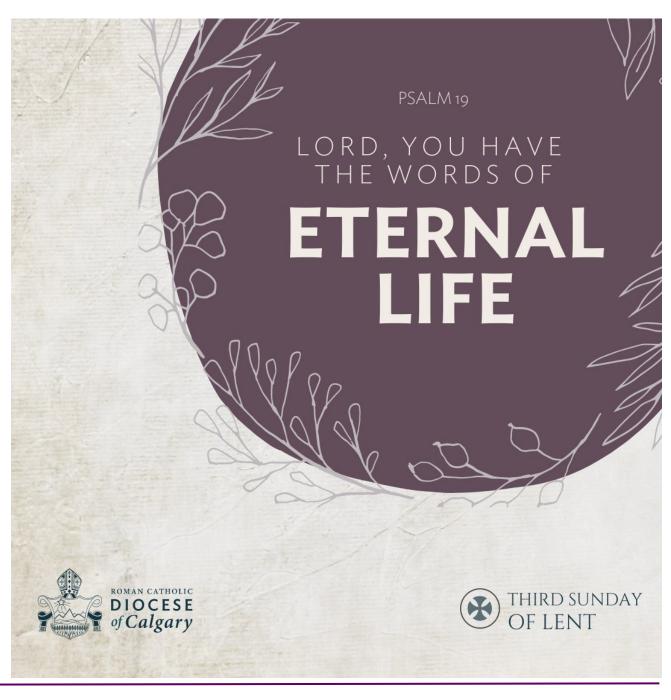
St. James Church (Okotoks) & St. Michael's Church (Black Diamond) St. James Catholic Parisl



SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH, $2021 \sim 3$ RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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Fr. Troy Nguyen, Associate Pastor | fathertroyn@gmail.com

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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 - 12pm 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 & 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., Velma K., Margaret B.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

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

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 March 6	9:00am 5:00pm 5pm (BD)	Stephen Seheult Rick, Luann & Melissa Ostroski Melissa Ostroski
Sunday March 7	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	† Francie Mannion † George & Violet Martin † Steve Sanesh People of the Parish
Monday March 8	9:00am	† Philippine Muller
Tuesday March 9	9:00am 7:00pm	† Dale Guyett Sheila Marshall
Wednesday March 10	9:00am 9am (BD)	Evie MacPhee † Fred Meyers
Thursday March 11	9:00am	Scott Morrison
Friday March 12	9:00am 9am (BD)	Fr. Dennis Vavrek Mary Vos



Check our <u>website</u> to find out how you can submit your own photo!

Deadline is March 13th - Cost is \$15

Schedule of Easter Masses—2021

<u>Thursday, April 1st ~ Holy Thursday</u> 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 12th ~ Easter Sunday

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

9am / 11am St. Michael's Church

24 hours for the Lord

24 hour Adoration at

St. James Church

Friday, March 12 @ 10am
Saturday, March 13 @ 11am

Please sign up for an hour (sign-up genius or at the Church)

Reconciliation available Friday

evening, @ 7pm

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"



MINISTRY TRAINING

Training is for all **existing and new** Ministers. Please respond to your Ministry Lead or let the Parish Office know if you can attend.

Readers - Sat., Mar. 6th @ 11:00am Altar Servers - Sat, Mar. 13th @ 1:00pm Ushers/Hospitality - Wed., Mar. 17th @ 7pm Eucharistic Ministers - Mon., Mar. 22nd @ 7pm Sacristans - Wed., Mar. 24th @ 7:00pm



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



Lenten Stations of the Cross - Fridays
6:00pm in Black Diamond and 6:30pm in Okotoks
Due to current health regulations, we are not able to have soup afterwards.

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

February 28, 2021

Collections: \$ 4,519.50

Online:

Preauthorized: \$3,532.16

\$8,051.66 Total:

February 21, 2021

Collections: \$ 5,705.50

Online: \$139.56

Preauthorized: \$ 3,532.16

\$ 9,377.22 **Total:**

Children's **Collection 2021**



Week:

Year to date:

Building Fund



February 28, 2021 \$2,659 Month to date: \$7,428 **Monthly Payment:** \$5,102

Mortgage Balance: \$320,532

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

February 28: \$905.00

YTD Collections: \$5,662.50

2021 Goal: \$32,799



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

Stewardship Reflection

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in

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.

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to be good Stewards by pruning our vices and growing in virtue.

Dear Parishioners,

There has been a noticeable increase in the Diocese of reports of fraudulent activities that have taken place over the course of last year in our Diocese wherein clergy and parishioners have fallen prey to malicious schemes. One possible explanation for such occurrences could be our increased reliance on computers and devices for daily ministerial work during the time of the pandemic.

We have to remember that anybody can be susceptible and can become a victim to such schemes. It only takes a particular circumstance on any given day, one's subjective disposition, and the perceived credibility/ authority of these emails, websites, screen pop-ups, social media messages and posts, text messages, or phone calls for anyone to fall into a trap. Several individuals have shared that they felt like they had been cornered once they made the mistake of responding and could hardly get out of it. Most recently, even somebody who works in a bank has fallen prey to this because the person at the moment believed, without reflection, that the email came from the pastor of the parish.

One of the key ways to prevent ourselves from falling into these traps is to remember that we do not have to act or respond immediately. When these unusual phone calls or emails come up, give yourself permission to not immediately act or respond. Time and distance will help us to recog-

nize that something may be off or may be too good to be true. If you are unsure, do not press anything and move away from the computer or device to ask for a second opinion. Consult a trusted friend, the police, or any other authorities such as banking or financial institutions.

Never share any personal, financial, or any government-issued identification information and passwords, as established and trusted institutions do not require such information over the phone or email. One should consult and verify the information outside of that phone call, email, or that screen pop-up.

Parishes must also double check information when electronically transferring funds. Even the Diocese had fallen prey to such a scheme last year but thankfully the bank was able to recover the funds. This was a targeted scheme, and we were able to identify where we had been compromised.

We should also remember to check our credit card transactions to verify the legitimacy of these charges. Any anomaly should be brought to the attention of the bank or the credit card issuing institution even if they appear to have been resolved in the transaction history.

We should be smarter than these malicious individuals by reminding ourselves to not act immediately or impulsively and to verify with people we trust - anyone who tries to rush us should learn to wait.

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

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 2nd Saturdays & Sundays of each month.

Sessions:

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:

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.





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 = 225/ 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.

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.

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. Inperson and virtually.

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): Greg Boland | 403-938-0562
- St. VINCENT DE PAUL (BLACK DIAMOND): John Walsh | 403-933-4955
- PRAYER CHAIN: Vi Lake | vilake@telus.net
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Or: Mary Fraser | 403-457-8674

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Parish Life

- PARISH COUNCIL: | 403-938-3122
- FINANCE COUNCIL: Andrew Keller |
- Youth Ministry: youth@stjamesparishrc.com | 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

Hey Kids: Check out www.thekidsbulletin.com

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LENTEN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL VIDEO #3 Watch Reflection #3 from the Bishop: *The Call to Holiness* - Youtube | Website / Watch the full series here / Read the Bishop's Lenten Message here Upcoming reflection themes: March 7, Third Sunday of Lent: Prayer / March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent: Listening to the Word of God / March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent: Proclaiming the Word of God / March 28, Palm Sunday: Reconciliation and Healing / April 4, Easter Sunday: The Holy Eucharist **Sunday Livestream Mass with The Bishop** Bishop McGrattan is offering Sunday Masses at the following parishes in March. Masses will be livestreamed via Parish Livestream link(s).

Saturday, March 6 at 5 pm - Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent | Holy Name, Calgary. Watch on Facebook

Sunday, March 7 at 11 am - Third Sunday of Lent | St. Francis de Sales, High River. Watch on Youtube.

Sunday, March 14 at 11 am - Fourth Sunday of Lent | St. Pius X, Calgary. Watch on Youtube.

Saturday, March 20 at 5 pm - Fifth Sunday of Lent | All Saints Parish, Lethbridge. Watch on their website or TikiLive

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 am - Fifth Sunday of Lent | Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat. Watch on Youtube

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, March 19 at 5 pm | St. Mary's Cathedral. Livestream info to be confirmed.

Friday, March 19 at 7pm | St. Joseph's, Calgary. Watch on Youtube of Facebook

REDUCED TUITION RATES FROM DMU Divine Mercy University (DMU) is the first and only graduate school that integrates the science of psychology and proven therapeutic methods with the Catholic-Christian understanding of the person, marriage and the family. DMU provides educational instruction to all Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary applicants at a reduced tuition: Parish members (non-employee or religious) in good standing with their respective parish will receive a tuition reduction of 25% for any of the DMU online programs.

To learn more about Divine Mercy University, contact <u>divinemercy.edu</u> | 703-416-1441

CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES The Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization offers comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs \$85. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the twenty two specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. The next start date is April 5, 2021. Students may register completely online at newman.edu/ccs Visit our website for further details and FAQs. **Other online formation opportunities** These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website here.

WOMEN'S LENTEN LITURGY Beloved Daughter's Ministry invites women in the Diocese to attend a Lenten Liturgy "The Women on the Road to Calvary." on **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. This Lenten event will start with a Mass with Fr. John Nemanic at 9 am, and followed by Adoration and reflection from Fr. Cristino Bouvette. Please note that all COVID protocols upheld by the city and Diocese will be in place for the duration of the event. To register, <u>click here</u>.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Mass Readings | Cleansing Temples. After turning water to wine at Cana, Jesus goes to Jerusalem today and cleans out the Temple. This can be a helpful metaphor for our Lenten retreat. We say that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. How, then, are we to act? The Book of Exodus is clear. It speaks of right conduct in all areas of common life. What needs cleaning in my thinking and speech? What needs cleaning in my actions? How will I embrace and support others who are also cleaning up? Source: Diocese of Springfield POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2021 Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God. Full text from the Pope's intention: When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul. To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy. The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need. The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us. Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes. And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers. Watch Video here

REMINDER: MARCH 11 IS THE START OF THE NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH Bishop McGrattan encourages parishes, families, and the faithful to pray the Novena to Saint Joseph which begins on Thursday March 11, 2021. To find the Novena, please visit: catholicyyc.ca/stjoseph.html

ALPHA ONLINE WEBINAR WITH FR. JAMES MALLON & NICKY GUMBEL Did you know that 5600 parishes worldwide are running Alpha now? Join Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbel to hear their vision for evangelization at this significant moment for the church and the part Alpha Online can play in helping parishes respond. There will be a time of prayer and the opportunity for Q&A during this live webinar. Register here

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSIONS If you are interested or feel that you are being called to a vocation as a Permanent Deacon, and you meet the qualifications listed in the Brochure (link below), please join in on one of the following information sessions (Zoom).

When: Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm, or Saturday, April 24 at 10 am. For more information, click here

RETREAT FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS Loss of employment can be trying to our souls and our emotional balance, not just our financial health. At this time in history, a significant number of people are without work. FCJ Centre invites you to this special retreat "Gift of Hope" on **Friday, March 26 to Sunday, at 1 pm.** Cost: Free! This retreat is not about job-finding but a heart helping retreat. The focus will be on getting in touch with feelings, discovering gifts, and supporting one another in a time of personal transition. It is designed to help find patience, hope, humour and self-esteem in God's creative love. This program is sponsored by The Society of Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), FCJ Christian Life Centre, and generous contributions from our donors. For more information, click here

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT RESOURCES Prayer of the Faithful for the *Third Sunday of Lent:* For members of our community; may they act in solidarity with their sisters and brothers around the world in protecting God's Creation, our common home. Let us pray to the Lord. For the rest of the Lenten Prayers of the Faithful in Lent <u>click here</u> / D&P Solidarity Calendar can be <u>downloaded here</u> / All campaign resources can be found here



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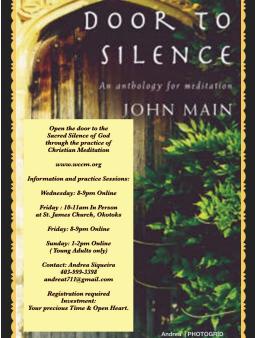
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BOTTLES FOR ALTAR SERVERS

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!









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.