

St. James Catholic Parish

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



I am giving you
these commands
so that you may

*love one
another*

JOHN 15:17



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary



SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2021 ~ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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, 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., Dorothy N., Eva D., Michael F., Arsenia R.

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		Events at the Parish
Saturday May 8	9:00am 5:00pm 5pm (BD)	Jennifer W. Troy Quinlan † Teresita Libor	9:30am-11am - Reconciliation 5pm Masses - 2nd Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works
Sunday May 9	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	† Peggy Hart Kathleen Rath Connor Quinlan People of the Parish	All Masses - 2nd Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass - Located Center aisle.</div>
Monday May 10	9:00am	† Stu & Helen Robertson	
Tuesday May 11	9:00am 7:00pm	Carol & Jim Hooley † Nicholas Kilcommons	6pm-6:45pm - Reconciliation
Wednesday May 12	9:00am 9am (BD)	† John Bauer Residents & Staff - Sandstone Lodge	7:00pm - CWL Meeting
Thursday May 13	9:00am 9am (BD)	Megan, Keegan & Salem Kylie Schmidt	7:30pm - HIS Choir Practice
Friday May 14	9:00am 9am (BD)	Herman Syroishka Vincent Behm	10am-11am - Meditation Ministry

NEW ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS - as we are limited to just 15 people for masses, we will offer mass from the parking lot for the following three weekends. Please join us at our regular mass times, park on the East side of the Church and tune into 107.9FM on your radio. Communion will be brought to you in your vehicle during mass. [VIEW FULL DETAILS HERE](#)

BLACK DIAMOND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLANT FUNDRAISER

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLANT FUNDRAISER THIS SPRING! HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING. WE HAVE SET UP AN ONLINE SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE ORDERING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH JOE POLLOCK. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED, PLANTS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND THIS SEASON, AND THIS PLATFORM IS OPEN TO OTHER GROUPS AS WELL, SO FOR BEST SELECTION ORDER EARLY! ORDERS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MAY 28TH. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE - OUR GROUP CODE WILL BE CLOSED AT THAT POINT AND YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LINK TO OUR GROUP. PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS THE GROUP CODE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- CLICK OR COPY THE LINK TO FIND YOUR WAY TO THE GREENHOUSE EFFECTS WEBSITE: WWW.GREENHOUSEEFFECTS.CA
- CLICK "SHOP" AND FIND THE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.
- CLICK "SHOP NOW" AND ENTER GUEST PASSWORD: *GE1000* THIS WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO THE ONLINE STORE FOR ORDERING.
- ONCE YOU HAVE MADE YOUR SELECTIONS, CONTINUE TO YOUR CART.
- THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL ENTER YOUR GROUP CODE: **MICHAEL21**
- * THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE PURPOSE OF THE CODE IS TO LINK YOUR PURCHASE TO OUR GROUP. THE CODE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DISCOUNT. PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMPLETE THIS STEP! THANK YOU!
- FROM HERE YOU CAN PROCEED TO PAYMENT. YOU WILL GO THROUGH THE USUAL STEPS FOR AN ONLINE PURCHASE, AND BE ASKED FOR YOUR GROUP CODE ONCE MORE.
- ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT YOU ARE ALL READY TO GO! YOUR ORDER WILL BE PROCESSED AND DELIVERED TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY MAY 30TH WHERE YOU CAN PICK IT UP AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS. HAPPY SHOPPING!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To all Mothers, Grandmothers, and Spiritual Mothers - Have a Blessed Day!

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

May 2, 2021
Collections: \$ 5,691.50
Online: \$ 481.25
Preauthorized: \$ 3,801.59

Total: \$ 9,974.34

April 25, 2021
Collections: \$3,537.00
Online: \$72.19
Preauthorized: \$ 3,763.52

Total: \$ 7,372.71



Children's Collection 2021



Week: \$76.50
Year to date: \$1,282.60

Building Fund



April 30, 2021 \$1,944
Month to date: \$6,197
Monthly Payment: \$5,102

Mortgage Balance: \$305,344

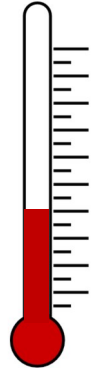
Please note that the Diocese has lowered our loan payments due to COVID. Any collections over the payment amount will still be sent in, helping to lower the balance.

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$630.75
May 2: \$1,665.00

YTD Collections: \$13,679.00

2021 Goal: \$32,799



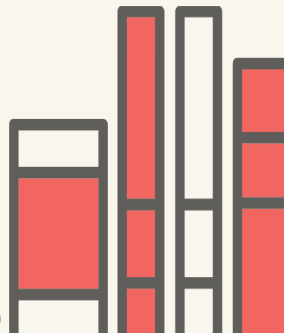
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www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate

ST. JAMES CWL SCHOLARSHIP

The St. James CWL Scholarship is available for female students from HTA who are finishing their final year. The application form is available from Vi Lake. To have a package sent to you just send an email with the subject line "Scholarship package". Please be sure to follow the instructions on page one.

More information: Vi Lake
 vilake@telus.net or 403.938.2369



Stewardship Reflection

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your stewardship seem mechanical, out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

One of our youth (Amanda Johnson) is an advocate for Kids Cancer Care and she is fundraising through donations or through the purchase of food through

https://tr-urfundraising.com/click.track?CID=438975&AFID=497881&SID=amanda_johnson
 We invite you to support her if you are able and Amanda is also willing to deliver the products you order as well!

If you have any questions feel free to contact her at supersandee@hotmail.com

Welcome!

ST. JAMES PARISH WELCOME COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

The Parish Welcoming Committee plays a central role in helping our parish become a more vibrant and welcoming community. The welcoming committee is the face and heart of the parish to new members, visitors and even other members of the parish. They help to build up the Body of Christ by helping to make Parishioners feel that they are an important part of Christ's living body, the Church. They are an example of Christian community building at its best. If this sounds like you, please contact Leanne at the Parish Office to find out details or become a part of the team!

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.

Retreat: Postponed (date TBD)

Rehearsal: Postponed (date TBD)

Celebration of Confirmation with Fr. Vincent Ha and Fr. Troy Nguyen: Postponed (date TBD)

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 #3: Monday, May 10th (online)

Session #4: Monday, May 17th (online)

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, 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:

Session dates for the Fall and 2022 - TBD

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: religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
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PRAYING THE ROSARY
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BLACK DIAMOND
BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS AND SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

Weekend Masses ~ May 8 & 9, 2021

Regulations announced Tuesday evening has limited us to 15 people inside for mass, therefore we have come up with a solution that will hopefully help more Parishioners have access to the Sacraments. If this goes well this weekend, we will continue in this way until regulations are lifted and we can have everyone inside again.

Please follow these steps to join us at mass over the weekend.

* Mass times remain the same as our regular schedule:

* Okotoks (5pm Saturday, 8am - 10am - 5pm Sunday)

* Black Diamond (5pm Saturday, 9am Sunday)

* When you arrive at the church, we ask that you park your vehicle (East side of the church - Okotoks); (West side of the church - Black Diamond), facing the church.

* **Keep an empty space in between each vehicle.** Ushers will be outside to help direct traffic.

This space is required to follow regulations and allow for ministers to distribute Communion.

* Tune your radio to **107.9FM** to listen to mass

* During the preparation of the gifts, Ushers will walk around the lot with baskets for your offering.

* When it is time for Communion, Ministers will walk to each vehicle to distribute Communion. Please remain in your vehicle.

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.

Next Meeting:
May 12th



St. James Knights of Columbus (KofC)

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



Ministry Contact

Liturgy

- **EMHC:** Tara Epp | tepp@redeemer.ab.ca
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- **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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- **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 |
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- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BLACK DIAMOND:** Joe Bews | 403-558-2291
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- **MEDITATION MINISTRY:** Andrea Siqueira | andreat711@gmail.com

Sacraments

Leanne Plamondon | 403-938-3122 ext. 105
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Hey Kids! Check out www.thekidsbulletin.com



UNITED IN PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC We invite you to pray for the countries devastated by the pandemic. Pray especially for those with the Coronavirus, those who care for them, and those who are suffering from anxiety during this stressful time.

HOLY FATHER'S MAY 2021 PRAYER MARATHON Pope Francis has invited Catholics and [30 Marian Shrines](#) around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of praying the Holy Rosary for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities. Each day of the month is also characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the flight of pandemic. [Vatican news](#)

[channels](#) will broadcast the Rosary each day at 10 AM MST. [Announcement](#) / [List of 30 Marian Shrines](#) / [Liturgical Guide](#)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 10-14) Catholic Education Week (May 10-14) celebrates the witness and mission of our Catholic schools in the province of Alberta. May all of these efforts unite us in prayer and strengthen us in our ongoing commitment to Catholic education.

Celebrate Catholic Education in Alberta with Provincial Prayer with the Bishops of Alberta (May 11-14). Hosted by Catholic school districts and shared virtually at **11 am each day**. The focus will be a devotion to St Joseph. **Monday, May 10** - Liturgy with Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchy of Edmonton | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 851 9184 0999 - Passcode: 103446 / **Tuesday, May 11** - Seven Sorrows & Seven Joys of St. Joseph with Archbishop Pettipas, Archdiocese Grouard-McLennan | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 869 9150 4909 - Passcode: G PCSD / **Wednesday, May 12** - Holy Mass with Archbishop Richard Smith, Archdiocese of Edmonton | [Facebook Live link](#) / **Thursday, May 13** - Liturgy, World Catholic Education Day with Bishop Paul Terrio, Diocese of St. Paul | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 982 1302 9174 - Passcode: ss8L2Z / **Friday, May 14** - Liturgy, Consecration to St. Joseph with Bishop William McGrattan, Diocese of Calgary | [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: Passcode: 1drDm3 [GrACE Newsletter for Catholic Education Sunday \(PDF\)](#) / [Faith Formation Monthly from CCSD \(PDF\)](#) / Five Marks of Catholic Education - ([English](#)) ([French](#))

NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY Each year the Church in Canada designates one week to proclaim the gift of family and life. The Week of Life and the Family will be commemorated this year from **May 9 to May 16**, with the theme, *"Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life."* The family's commitment to Christ is necessary as "evangelization depends largely on the domestic church," St. John Paul II reminded us. Recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses before such a lofty task, during this special Week of Life and the Family, we ask that the Holy Spirit be rekindled in our hearts and in our families so that we may proclaim joyfully the good news of salvation with a spirit of power and love. [Suggested Events & Activities](#) / [Prayer Card](#)

AN OPEN LETTER FROM DEVELOPMENT & PEACE In an open letter, Development and Peace clarifies and reaffirms its mission, its fundamentally Catholic principles and its commitment to helping the world's most marginalized communities secure social justice. To read the open letter, visit: <https://www.devp.org/en> or direct link at <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/open-letter-development-and-peace>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Mass Readings | Love, Love, Love. "Love" or "loved" is spoken seventeen times in the Bible readings today. Not a mushy Hallmark movie kind of love. But the love God has for us. The love we have for God and Christ. The love, therefore, we must have for everyone else. Strong, bold, lasting. How do I know I am loved? Let me count the persons and ways? / How will I love those who are near? / How will I love everyone else? *Source: Diocese of Springfield*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES New postings for the following positions: Administrative Assistant (St. Peter's Milk River), Communication Engagement Assistant (Sacred Heart, Strathmore), Marriage Preparation Presenter Couple (CFS, Calgary) and Research and Resources Assistant (CCCB). For more information and application details, please visit catholicyc.ca/careers

THE FAMILY IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD OF GOD "How do we imagine God's love? Is there a concrete reality in the world that helps us see this love with our own eyes? Certainly there is! It is the family. The image of God is reflected in man and in woman, in conjugal love: a living 'icon' through which God is made manifest." This is the theme of the [second](#) of the 10 video featuring Pope Francis together with families from different parts of the world. The focus on chapter 1 of *Amoris Laetitia* is accompanied by a [guide](#) for further reflection in the family or in the community.

HOW TO HOPE IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES WITH IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA - MAY 13 Clear Water Academy invites you to a Zoom event with Immaculée Ilibagiza, *New York Times* best selling author, will be sharing her story as a survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994 and how she found there, in its midst, unconditional love, hope, and forgiveness. When: **Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm**. Cost: \$10/person. All proceeds will be donated to Immaculée's mission. [More info](#)

RMEC VIRTUAL PUB NIGHT TO CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION - MAY 13 The Religious and Moral Education Council (RMEC) will host a virtual pub night to celebrate World Catholic Education day on **Thursday, May 13 at 7 pm on Zoom**. The event is free and open to anyone who believes that Catholic Education is worthy of celebrating. Guest speakers for the evening include comedian Lars Callieou, Elvis Eginla (Edmonton lawyer and father of Calgary Flames hero Jerome Iginla!), Pete Lavorato (CFL legend for the Edmonton EE), Bartender Jacob, and musical interludes from Archbishop MacDonald and Bishop Carroll High Schools bands. In order to sign up, go to www.tinyurl.com/WCEpubnight

SUMMER 2021 ONLINE SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOPS St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY invites you to experience the depths of the Church's riches, taught by experienced teachers and musicians, faithful to the Church's magisterium and tradition. With affordable tuition rates and convenient online course structures, St. Joseph's Seminary and College offers a rich learning experience for parish and school musicians who want to immerse themselves in the beauty and holiness of the Church's sacred music and liturgy. When: June - July, 2021. For more information, [click here](#)

POPE FRANCIS ASKS FOR PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN MYANMAR Pope Francis on Sunday invited believers to say a special prayer for strife-ridden Myanmar every day during this Marian month of May during the recitation of the daily rosary. His appeal comes as Myanmar's security forces reportedly opened fire on some of the biggest protests against military rule in days, killing at least five people. The nation has been plunged into crisis since a military coup on 1 February, since when security forces have allegedly killed at least 759 protesters and detained thousands. [Read more](#)

FINDING MY REAL MISSION Anne Curran, parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Calgary, was 17 when she was convinced that her calling was to be a missionary. But her applications to serve as one were rejected repeatedly. It wasn't until she attended a silent retreat 20 years later that she found what her real mission was. [Read more](#)

REMEMBER DEATH: MEDIA NUNS PLAN 'MEMENTO MORI' RESOURCE Four years ago, Sister Theresa Alethia Noble of the Daughters of St. Paul started keeping a false skull on her desk, too. Like her congregation's founder, she let it remind her of the inevitable and lead her into meditation on the life to come. [Read more](#)

LAC STE. ANNE PILGRIMAGE GOES VIRTUAL AGAIN THIS YEAR The annual pilgrimage attracts more than 30,000 people over five days each July. Last year, the in-person pilgrimage was cancelled for the first time in its 130-year history. This year's pilgrimage will again be strictly spiritual and not physical. [Read more](#)

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