

St. James Catholic Parish

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

BY YOUR
ENDURANCE
YOU WILL
GAIN



*your
souls*

LUKE 21:19



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

33rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 ~ 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS:

Saturday: 5:00 pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

Sunday: 9:00am (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am (St. James Church, Okotoks) Tuesday: 7pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

~~Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)~~ (Next regular weekday mass Nov. 18th)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday: 6pm - 6:45pm & Saturday: 10am - 10:30am or by appointment (St. James Church, Okotoks)

~~Friday after 9:00am mass (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)~~ (Next weekday available Nov. 18th)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Saturday: 6am - 9am / Monday - Friday: 5pm - 7pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

~~Friday: 9:30am - 10:30am (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)~~ (Next weekday available Nov. 18th)

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
Saturday November 12	9:00am 5:00pm	Agatha Canaon Glenn & Debbie Chanut & † Gerald Herriman	
Sunday November 13	9:00am 9am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm	† David Dobinson † Marina Newby † Brian Paquette The People of the Parish	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass</div> After 9am mass - Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
Monday November 14	9:00am	† John Bauer	7pm - Catherine's Choir Practice (Church) 6:45pm - Youth Challenge & Conquest (Hall)
Tuesday November 15	9:00am 7:00pm	Angie Steciw & Ron Syroishka & Special intention of a parishioner † Steve Cudnik & † Jerry S. Villegas	9:30am & 4pm-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6pm - RC Encounter additional prayer (Church) 7pm - Bible Study (St. Raphael)
Wednesday November 16	9:00am 0:00am (BD)	† Beverly Bird & Robbin Levandosky & Barrie Clark 9AM (BD) MASS CANCELLED	10am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 4:30pm - Children's Choir Practice (Hall) 6:30pm - 1st Reconciliation - Session #4 (Hall) 7pm - RCIA Session (St. Andre)
Thursday November 17	10:00am	Mike Loritz & Angie Steciw & Ron Syroishka	7:45am & 7:45pm- Meditation Sessions 10am mass - Grade 5 students in attendance 11am - Rosary Making (St. Andre) 7-9pm - RC Encounter Group (St. Andre) 7:30-9:30pm - HIS Choir Practice (Church)
Friday November 18	9:00am 9:00am (BD)	Vi Lake & † Annemarie Forester † Brad Kommes	1:30pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5pm - Light a Might River Conference (Hall)



May YOU know the deep love and support of our community through our thoughts and prayers. Please contact the Parish Office to have your name or the name of a loved one placed here.

OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY...

Dennis S., Margaret B., Armand L., Annalise K., Owen K., Ray K.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Arsenia R., Ron S., Brad G., Brian P., Irene K., Kandace F., Tex M., John S., Ben C., Yvonne G., Margaret P., Bill & Olive Devlin, Thomas D., David, Corey

OUR SEMINARIANS

Peter A., Andre B., Joshua C., Bennet C., Solomon I., Samuel O., Benjamin T., Santiago T., Joshua W.

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to request prayers or be included in our prayer chain, please email: Vi Lake-vilake276@gmail.com

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

ST. JAMES PARISH - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is now open for all sacraments. <https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/faith>

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

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/marriage>

Session dates:
February 3rd/4th, 2023
April 21st/22nd, 2023

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. **Cost is \$20.**

Please see the website for our registration form and required documents.

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/baptism>

Session dates:
December 7th, 2022
January 18th, 2023
March 1st, 2023
April 19th, 2023
June 7th, 2023

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Registration is ongoing for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Inquirers are instructed in the Catholic Faith and introduced to the life of the Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation is for those who would like to join the Catholic Church.

We have programs for all ages:

RCIC (age 7-11)

RCIT (age 12-17)

RCIA (age 18 and up)

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/online-sacrament-registration-form>

Contact **Leanne Plamondon**, Religious Education Coordinator, at the Parish Office for more information.

Phone: 403-938-3122 or email: religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Grade 2 and up (\$25)

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #4: November 16th

Retreat: Saturday, November 19th @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Penitential Service: Wednesday, November 23rd @ 7:00pm

FIRST COMMUNION

Grade 2 and up (\$25)

PARENT ONLY RETREAT: Wednesday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #1: April 19th

Commitment Mass: Saturday, April 22nd @ 5:00pm

Session #2: May 3rd

Session #3: May 17th

Session #4: May 31st

Retreat: Saturday, June 3rd @ 10:00am-1:00pm

First Communion Sacramental Mass - All masses the weekend of June 10th and 11th, 2023

CONFIRMATION

Grade 6 and up (\$30)

PARENT ONLY RETREAT: Wednesday, December 14th @ 7:00pm

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #1: January 11th, 2023

Commitment Mass: Saturday, January 14th @ 5:00pm

Session #2: January 25th

Session #3: February 8th

Session #4: March 1st

Session #5: March 15th

Session #6: March 29th

Session #7: April 26th

Retreat: Saturday, April 29th @ 10:00am-6:00pm

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

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm*
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00pm

HOSPITALITY DESK HOURS
Sat. 4-6:30pm \\
Sun. 8-12:30am & 4-6:30pm

Fundraising and Finances

*Dwelling Together
in Faith*

St. James Parish Fall Fundraising Dinner

- *Dinner
- *Silent Auction
- *Wine Raffle
- *Music

Tickets now
on sale
\$40 each



Saturday, November 26, 2022
St. James Parish Hall ~ 6:00pm

"How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one! Psalm 133(1)

Enter your team in our St. James Parish

Wine Raffle

**Create a team of 5 people.
Your team needs a name!
Each person pays \$20 and
brings in a bottle of wine
(valued at \$15 or higher). On
November 26th at our Fall
Dinner, we will do a reverse
draw to see who wins all the
bottles!**

**You do not need to be in attendance at the event to win.
Please drop off your wine and
money to the Parish Office or
to the ticket table after mass.
We will be accepting teams
right up until the evening of
the event.**

Questions: 403.938.3122



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS FOR THE FALL FUNDRAISER:

- SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASS
- SILENT AUCTION / WINE RAFFLE
- SET UP / CLEAN UP

SIGN UP ONLINE HERE: [HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/A7WX4](https://volunteersignup.org/a7wx4)
OR
EMAIL: OFFICE@STJAMESPARISHRC.COM

Auction

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM
OR SERVICE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO DONATE FOR OUR
SILENT AUCTION TAKING
PLACE ON NOVEMBER 26,
PLEASE BRING IT TO THE PARISH
OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 23.



Website to purchase Dinner Tickets: stjamesparishokotoks.ca/fall-fundraising-dinner

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collections

Nov. 6, 2022

Collections:	\$5,250.95
Online:	\$0.00
Preauthorized:	\$3,731.19
Total:	\$8,982.14

Oct. 30, 2022

Collections:	\$5,588.00
Online:	\$309.25
Preauthorized:	\$3,731.19
Total:	\$9,628.44

Children's

Collection 2022

Week: \$93.55

Year To Date: \$4,647.20

Building Fund

Nov. 6, 2022	\$770
Month to date:	\$770
Monthly Payment:	\$5,831
Mortgage Balance:	\$158,295

October Grocery Gift Cards

Sobeys:	\$3,300
Save-On:	\$200
Total:	\$3,500
Proceeds to Church:	\$210

Together in Action

Weekly Goal:	\$901
Date: Nov. 6	\$200
YTD Collections:	\$27,841
2022 Goal:	\$46,856

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

We now accept e-transfers at: donations@stjamesparishrc.com

Events and Announcements



2022 LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER

CONFERENCE

*but as for me and my house
We will serve the Lord "*

- Joshua 24:15

Feast of Christ the King

- Holy Mass
- Adoration
- Praise and Worship
- Talks
- Coffee breaks/Lunch provided



Rev. Fr. Alexander Braganza OCD
Superior of Carmel Hill
Monastery Deroche in Mission B.C.



Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD
CCCRS Spiritual Director



Fr. Rajesh D'Souza OCD

REGISTER

FRIDAY, Nov. 18
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Registration starts at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, Nov. 19

9:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Online at CCCRS.COM
Or by email to: cccsevents@gmail.com
Or call: Joyce at 587-700-5172

Individual Rate

- \$35 if registered before October 31
- \$40 after October 31

Family Rate

- (up to a family of 5: includes 2 adults and 3 children only under 18 years of age)
- \$70 if registered before October 31
 - \$80 after October 31
 - Note: babysitting/childcare is not provided

VENUE : St. James Catholic Church in Okotoks,
Address: 338060 32 St E, Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser Mission: Costa Rica



Holy Trinity Academy is doing a Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser!

All funds raised go towards Mission Costa Rica 2023; helping the community of Barrio Cristo Rey.

Get great gifts for family and friends (or even for yourself) at the same price as you would in the Purdy's store!

How can you make your chocolate order? Scan the QR Code below or visit

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/203787-96989>

From there enter your email and you will be directed towards the Mission Costa Rica 2023 Fundraising Campaign where you can order your chocolates!

Fundraiser ends Sunday November 27th 2022 so get your order in by then! December 12 is member pick up at Holy Trinity Academy High School.

If you have any questions about the fundraiser or how to order, Contact: Michael Foley- Student Fundraiser Coordinator at michaelfoley8@icloud.com

Any questions about what we do for Mission Costa Rica? Contact: Carmen Marshall cmarshall@redeemer.ab.ca



DRAW FOR A PRIZE!

For every family who has their photo included in the directory we will be drawing 3 families to win a wonderful prizes!

Prizes include:

- Rock Cook Wear Set
- Slow Cooker
- Air Fryer

To submit photo's please email to office@stjamesparishrc.com

MEMORIAL WALL

Our memorial wall, for those who have passed away, will be displayed by the windows to the chapel.

There is a basket in the Narthex for you to please write down your loved ones names who have passed away on the card stock provided. Your hand written names will be displayed on the wall in the church.

You can include one or more names on a card. They will be displayed until the end of November.



TRIUMPH: FREEDOM THROUGH HEALING
Nov. 10-18, 2022 at the FCJ Retreat Centre,

The triumph: Freedom Through Healing program, facilitated by Jerry and Donna Kristian, is a nine-day Christ-centered journey of inner healing and discovery equipping and empowering people with the tools needed to make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives – a path to true freedom through healing in Christ. Cost is \$1,000 and includes program registration, meals, facility, single occupancy bedroom and all retreat materials and resources.

For more information or to register call Harriet at 403-813 6759 or visit <http://www.triumphretreat.com>.

Stewardship Reflection

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

Youth / Ministries



Join Us!

St. James Catholic Youth Ministry in Okotoks is running the Conquest program for boys and the Challenge program for girls from grades 5-8. We will be meeting Monday nights from 6:45-8:30 starting November 7

Build Faith, Formation and Friends with sports, games, mission and snacks.

MORE INFO:
danawiens@me.com



Christ the Redeemer
Catholic Board Highlights
[October 2022 Board Highlights](#)

OKOTOKS CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL GROUP

MEETUPS
THE LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
LESSONS • ACTIVITIES • FIELD TRIPS
CALL OR TEXT 780-265-2300 FOR INFO
Authentically Catholic. All are welcome.

Ministry Opportunity

When: at the end of each Sunday 9am / 11am
& Saturday 5pm mass for up to 30 mins.

We are looking for people to serve once weekly at any of the masses listed. Multiple people needed!
Full training and support is included.

What's involved: Monitoring the hospitality desk and providing assistance to parishioners as needed. Selling gift cards (cash, credit and debit responsibility) Answering parishioner questions Directing people to various locations

This position takes place at the end of mass, in the Narthex, as people have coffee and exit the church.

St. James Parish

For more information or to sign up please contact the office at 403-938-3122 or bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com

CHILDREN'S MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 11AM

We invite all children and their families to attend.

Join Us

We will have a joyous child-focused mass along with a children's choir. All children are welcome join the choir. Practice will be on Nov. 16 at 4:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Jennifer Rorke at jrorke@redeemer.ab.ca

Don't forget to collect the children's bulletin, colour it and bring back your collection at the end of the year to win a fun prize!

"Rivers of Living Water"

St. James, Charismatic Prayer Ministry
MEETS 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
Next meeting: January 12, 2023
7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Drop in & join us for music/singing praise & worship, scripture, intercessory prayer time followed by fellowship with coffee and light refreshments.

St. Raphael Room, Hall Doors NW Entrance

PARISH STAFF

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***Submission deadline for the bulletin is
end of day Wednesdays***

Michelle Fuller, Hospitality Desk Week-
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Tania Keller, St. Michael's Church
Custodian

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Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0**

MINISTRY CONTACT

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PARISH LIFE

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YOUTH MINISTRY:
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OKOTOKS:
Patrick Brown-Harrison

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CWL / KofC



Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) - St. James

We invite all Women of St. James and St. Michael's
Parishes to JOIN us
Every 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the
St. Raphael Room.

Next meeting: December 14th

The League's Core Purpose is Uniting Catholic
Women to GROW IN FAITH, and to PROMOTE
SOCIAL JUSTICE through SERVICE to the church,
Canada and the world.

For more information [click](#) on the CWL link
in the St. James Bulletin



Join us!

for a Pancake
Breakfast at
St. James:
This Sunday,
November 13th
after the 9am Mass

Hosted by the Knights of
Columbus



Knights of Columbus (KofC) - St. James

Meetings take place the 1st Wednesday of each month.
Next Meeting: December 7th @ 7:00pm



2022 Advent @ Mount St. Francis

TAKE A MOMENT IN THE SEASON

More and more the Season of Advent is swept up into the hype of a busy Christmas. The gift of the season is one of preparation, of reflection, of taking time to pause so as to enter into the celebrations and demands with a heart orientated toward the Light. At **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**, we provide space for you to come and be: for **prayer**, for **peace** and for **healing** during this sacred season. We invite you to register for any of these Advent Retreats by contacting Deb at 403-932-2012 mtfrancis@shaw.ca Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Weekend Retreat – “Advent Hope: Life Worth Living”

December 2 - 4 \$215
with Friar Joshua and Friar Michael

Our world continues to be bombarded with messages faster and louder. How many speak of hope? How many speak of the gift of life?

Advent gives us a chance to recalibrate and align our living in hope and life-giving ways.

Register with Linda and Russ Nicol 403-932-1804
lindamnicol50@gmail.com

At A Glance

December 2 - 4
Advent Retreat
“Advent Hope:
Life Worth Living”

December 6
Advent Twilight Retreat
“An Evening with St. Nicholas”

December 7
Advent Day Away
“Pregnant with the Divine”

December 9 - 11
Winter Stillness Retreat

December 11
Greccio: A St. Francis
Christmas Pageant

Twilight Retreat – “An Evening with St. Nicholas”

Tuesday, December 6 \$30 each \$15 youth ages 12-17
Registration at 6:00 pm Supper at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a hearty homecooked meal followed by a guided reflection, time for quiet and moments of shared prayer. Consider attending as a family (ages 12+)
Consider gifting this Twilight Retreat to a friend or family member.



Day Away – “Pregnant with the Divine”

Wednesday, December 7 \$30
Registration 8:40 am

The day begins with homemade muffins, includes a reflection, time for quiet, Eucharist, a home-cooked noon meal, prayer prompts and closing ritual.
Consider gifting this Day Retreat to a friend or family member.

Winter Stillness Retreat

Friday, December 9 – Sunday, December 11 \$215

A quiet weekend, the perfect gift in a busy season. Come and rest. Delicious meals to nourish your body, liturgical prayer to nourish your heart, quiet and nature to nourish your soul.



The Joy of Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 11

St. Francis of Assisi began the popular tradition of re-enacting the Christmas story in Greccio, Italy. Mount St. Francis has held the Greccio Christmas pageant since 2006. We are excited to welcome you back for this in person outdoor pageant.

2:15 pm - 5:00 pm - Snacks and Hot Chocolate
Pageant at 4:15 pm
Accepting non-perishable food
and cash donations for the Cochrane Food Bank.

DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of the Poor | Nov 13 “Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor” (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. [The World Day of the Poor](#) comes this year as a real challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us.

Winter gifts for Feed the Hungry’s guests We invite you to donate **new** mittens or gloves, socks, toques, or \$10 gift cards (from fast food places) to share with Feed the Hungry’s guests closer to Christmas. Kindly deliver items or gift cards to the Catholic Pastoral Centre Reception (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary **before Dec. 1** (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm). If you have any questions, please call 403-218-5500.

The Seekers Group for Unmarried Women **The Seekers Group for unmarried women.** Women seeking to know how to discern the will of God in their lives are invited to learn how to listen and discover God’s call in their life. When: **Sundays at 2 pm (Nov. 13, 27, and Dec. 11)** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary).

The War in Ukraine Ukraine and its people are still in crisis. Let us renew our efforts to pray, fast, and act. Together we can make a difference in the millions of lives of the children, men and women who are counting on us. Read the [Pastoral Letter from The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada](#) and kindly donate through your local parish or online at cnewa.org/ca and devp.org

Memorial Liturgy for those mourning the loss of a child through miscarriage or still-birth When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. When: **Thursday, Nov. 24 at 7 pm**, St. Mary’s Cathedral. To register, visit miscarriageliturgy.ca

Red Wednesday [Red Wednesday](#) is on **Nov. 16** this year. This is a day to remember persecuted Christians all over the world through our prayer and gestures of solidarity and remembrance. What will you do this year to mark this day for persecuted Christians? For more info, visit catholicyc.ca/blog/redwednesday

Like A Mighty River Conference The Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) invites you to the annual *Like A Mighty River Conference on the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, with the theme: "but as for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15). Register at cccrs.com or call 587-894-5314.

Breakfast with the Bishop Franciscan & Friends Mission invites you to the 13th annual "Breakfast with the Bishop's on **Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8:30 am**, at St. Peter's Church (541 Silvergrove Dr. NW). To register, contact 403-243-1049.

St. James Parish Fall Fundraising Dinner St. James in Okotoks invites you to their parish fundraising dinner "Dwelling Together in Faith". Featuring: dinner, silent auction, wine raffle and live music. When: Saturday, Nov. 26 at 6pm. To book tickets, call 403-938-3122 or email office@stjamesparishrc.com

Women's Advent Retreat The CWL invites you to the Women's Advent Retreat at St. Martha's Church, Lethbridge on **Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**. This year's theme is "Saint Francis, Rebuild My Church" with guest speakers Fr. Andrew Pyon and Fr. William Monis. To register, contact 403-894-9282.

St. Paul's Christmas Market St. Paul's CWL invites you to the Christmas Market on **Nov. 26 from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. Paul's Church in Airdrie. There will be a lot of delicious baking, vendor tables, raffles, and cafe style seating. For more information, contact 403-554-4947.

Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB Grow in faith with Jesus, and join the Live-In weekend retreat in [Red Deer on Nov. 11-13](#) (Call 403-510-1208) or [Nov. 25-27 in Coaldale](#) (call 403-382-1235).

Join a Guided Pilgrimage to Rome with St. Mary's University on May 13-28, 2023 - Led by Dr. Peter Baltutis | This travel study course explores the development of Christian spirituality from its origins to the present day through the lens of Rome. Deadline for applications: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - for more information, contact peter.baltutis@stmu.ca

Employment opportunities Executive Director - Pastoral Centre, Assistant Coord. - Feed the Hungry, Cook (PT) - St. Mary's Cathedral Visit catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

Parenting for Purity: A Virtual Event with Jason Evert How do you talk to your kids about chastity, especially when your parents never had "the talk" with you? During this virtual event on **Thursday, Nov. 17 at 8 pm**, Jason will offer a wealth of communication techniques and effective strategies to transmit the message of purity to your kids at any age. [Register here](#) or contact Emily at 403-217-8448

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Other Resources & Events

Bulletin Shorts, free to use Luke's Gospel began in the Temple with Zechariah's vision; the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple; the 12-year old Jesus was "lost" and found in the Temple; and now we find Jesus back in the Temple giving the disciples and the crowds his final teachings. Jesus' words have an edge, creating healthy unease. During these last days of the Church year, as the dark of winter increases, Jesus' words hold deep reminders of how to remain faithful until the end of time.

Who are the false teachers in our own day? How do you tell falseness from truth?
In light of the world's calamities, how do you refrain from being overwhelmed with fear?
As a parish community, how can we best prepare for "the last day"? (Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Resources for children Kid's challenge this week: When we think about the end of the world, or some of the things that were going to happen before the end of the world, it's difficult to not feel scared about it. One of the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is learning to trust his assurance that he would be with us, even in the most difficult of times. (*The Kids Bulletin & Loyola Press*) [Colouring page this Sunday Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) [Sunday Connection - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family) Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

Weekly Bulletin info for People and Planet First campaign Find weekly bulletin information to promote Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's **People and Planet First** campaign. Feel free to adapt these messages to your needs. [Download bulletin messages](#)

World Day of Youth (Nov. 20) Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. "Young people must say to the world: *It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart.*" (Pope Francis)

St. Mary's in Calgary joins Universities Canada Universities Canada, self-branded as "the voice of Canada's universities at home and abroad," welcomed Calgary-based St. Mary's University as the 97th member to its ranks Oct. 25. [Read more](#)

Memorial Liturgy for those mourning the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth | When families lose a baby in the womb, the cries of birth go unheard; the grasp of tiny fingers slips away. This profound loss needs articulation. Join Bishop McGrattan in a prayer gathering to commend our children communally into the embrace of our merciful God and to support those who are grieving the loss of a child. When: **Thursday, Nov. 24 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.** To attend, please register at www.miscarriageliturgy.ca

Winter gifts for Feed the Hungry guests We invite you to donate **new** mittens/gloves, socks, toques, or \$10 gift cards (from fast food places) to share with Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. Kindly deliver items or gift cards to the Catholic Pastoral Centre Reception (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary **before Dec. 1.** Reception is open during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm). For any questions, please email: feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca | Download graphics: [square](#) | [wide](#) | Download poster: [PDF](#)/[PNG](#)

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The Seekers Group: Discernment for unmarried women Women seeking to know how to discern the Will of God in their lives are invited to learn how to listen and discover God's call in their life. We will be engaging in Lectio Divina prayer and exploring how to discern using the Ignatian method of discernment. Meetings: **Sundays, Nov. 13, 27 & Dec. 11 at 2 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre - 120 17 Ave SW, Calgary.

St. Mary's Cathedral CWL Annual Quilt Raffle The CWL Quilt Committee has two beautiful quilts for its Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for 3 tickets. Draw date: **Dec. 11 at 1:15 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. Proceeds will go toward Elizabeth House, St. Mary's Cathedral "Roof Fund", and St. Mary's Cathedral CWL projects.

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How St. Albert was known as "the Great" even during his life (Feast day: Nov. 15) | St. Albert the Great made a profound impact on the Church, laying a strong intellectual foundation that many saints would build upon. [Read more](#)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary: Model for those in authority (Feast day: Nov. 17) | St. Elizabeth of Hungary is a medieval noblewoman who responded to personal tragedy by embracing St. Francis' ideals of poverty and service. A patron of secular Franciscans, she is especially beloved to Germans, as well as the faithful of her native Hungary. [Read more](#)

November 2022 Calendar Highlights

Nov 15 | [St. Mary's Cathedral Quilt Raffle](#) **Nov 16** | [Dinner with Mike MacDonald \(Mission Mexico\)](#) **Nov 16** | [Red Wednesday](#) **Nov 18** | [Vespers & Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#) **Nov 18-19** | [Like a Mighty River Conference](#) at St. James' Church, Okotoks **Nov 22** | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#) at St. Martha, Lethbridge **Nov 25** | [Marriage Preparation](#) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary **Nov 25-27** | [Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB](#) **Nov 26** | [Breakfast with Bishop at St. Peter's](#) **Nov 26** | [St. Paul's Christmas Market, Airdrie](#) **Nov. 26** | [St. Cecilia's CWL Cookie Walk, Calgary](#) **Nov 26** | [Lethbridge Region Women's Advent](#) **Nov 26 & 27** | [Advent according to Mary](#) **Nov 26** | [St. Cecilia's Cookie Walk](#) **Nov 26** | [St. James' Parish Hall Fundraising](#) **Nov 27** | [The Seekers Group for unmarried women at CPC](#) **Nov 28** | [Advent Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life at FCJ](#) **Nov. 28** | [Advent Twilight Retreat "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus!"](#) at Martha Centre, Lethbridge **Dec. 2-4** | [Advent Hope: Life Worth Living at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec. 6** | [An Evening with St. Nicholas at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec. 7** | [Advent - A family Advent fireside gathering at FCJ](#) **Dec. 9-11** | [Advent - Winter Stillness Retreat at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec. 11** | [The joy of Greccio at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec. 15** | [Every Star Shall Sing a Carol at FCJ](#) To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholicyyc.ca/news and click "Add Event"

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National Synodal Report We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports.. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholicyyc.ca/synod

World Youth Day 2023 For information re: SFXC group that will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for [World Youth Day in 2023](#), contact SFXC at sfxc@calgarydiocese.ca

Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations Join Fr. Timothy Boyle in a monthly reflection on ministry, pastoral care, and the art of accompaniment, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. When: Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 am at St. Martha's Church in Lethbridge, or join via livestream: stmarthasparish.ca

Feed the Hungry resumed sit-down dinners The first Feed the Hungry sit-down meal in more than two years was a smashing success on Thanksgiving weekend as guests and volunteers were eager to participate again in the beloved program in the heart of Calgary. Read story at catholicyyc.ca/blog Need a short-term and meaningful opportunity for your school / organization / workplace to do good work for the community? Consider volunteering for Feed the Hungry (or sponsor a dinner). Visit feedthehungrycalgary.com

Pastoral Letter for Young People (CCCB) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a Pastoral Letter to Young People in honour of the anniversary of the death of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first beatified millennial. Read now at catholicyyc.ca/blog.

Marriage Preparation Courses **Next course:** Weekend of Nov. 25 at Ascension Parish, Calgary. For more dates, visit our Diocesan website where couples can choose the course date with access to registration and payment catholicyyc.ca/marriageprep

Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly last week, agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at cccb.ca

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