

# St. James Catholic Parish

338060—32nd Street East, Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2 — 403 938 3122 — [stjamesparishokotoks.ca](http://stjamesparishokotoks.ca)  
St. James Church (Okotoks) & St. Michael's Church (Black Diamond)

*Let us go  
rejoicing to the  
house of the  
Lord*



PSALM 122



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE  
of Calgary



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 ~ CHRIST THE KING

### **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 and Tuesday: 7pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

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

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

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

Friday after 9:00am mass (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)

Or by appointment

### **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)

	<b>Mass Intentions</b>		<b>Events at the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday November 19</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Elizabeth Sanesh</b> <b>Tara Antoniszyn</b>	<b>9am - Like a Mighty River Conference</b> <b>10:30am - 1st Reconciliation Retreat (Hall)</b>
<b>Sunday November 20</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9am(BD)</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>† Fr. James Jeffcoat</b> <b>† Shane Mortimer</b> <b>† Mary Keats &amp; Chelsea Schneider</b> <b>The People of the Parish</b>	<b>11:00am - Children's Mass</b> <b>Coffee Sunday after 11am mass (Narthex)</b> <b>12:00pm - Like a Mighty River Conference (St. Raphael)</b> <div>Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass</div>
<b>Monday November 21</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>† Jerome Schmitz</b>	<b>6:45pm - Youth Challenge &amp; Conquest (Hall)</b> <b>7pm - Catherine's Choir Practice (Church)</b>
<b>Tuesday November 22</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Patricia, Brooklyn, Ryan, Stephen &amp; Nicola &amp; Family</b> <b>† David Dobinson</b>	<b>9:30am &amp; 4pm-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> <b>6pm - RC Encounter additional prayer (Church)</b> <b>7pm - Bible Study (St. Raphael)</b>
<b>Wednesday November 23</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:00am (BD)</b>	<b>† Beverly Bird</b> <b>† Norberto Talibutab</b>	<b>10am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> <b>6:30pm - 1st Reconciliation Penitential Service (Church)</b> <b>7pm - RCIA Session (St. Andre)</b>
<b>Thursday November 24</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Chantal Barry &amp; † Brian Paquette</b>	<b>7:45am &amp; 7:45pm- Meditation Sessions</b> <b>11am - Rosary Making (St. Martha)</b> <b>7-9pm - RC Encounter Group (St. Andre)</b> <b>7:30-9:30pm - HIS Choir Practice (Church)</b>
<b>Friday November 25</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:00am (BD)</b>	<b>Maria Nugent</b> <b>† Daniel Turgeon</b>	<b>1:30pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b>



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, Marie C.

#### **OUR SEMINARIANS**

Peter A., Andre B., Joshua C., Bennet C., Solomon I., Samuel O., Bemjamin 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/fai>

**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](mailto:religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com)

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Grade 2 and up (\$25)

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

**Penitential Service: Wednesday, November 23rd @ 6:30pm**

**Prayer for students preparing for First Reconciliation:**

**May our gracious God who is rich in mercy draw you closer to Himself as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

## 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 \n 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](mailto: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.

Purchase Dinner Tickets here: [stjamesparishokotoks.ca/fall-fundraising-dinner](http://stjamesparishokotoks.ca/fall-fundraising-dinner)

## ST. JAMES FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Sunday Collections

Nov. 13, 2022

Collections: \$5,629.05  
Online: \$300.00  
Preauthorized: \$3,699.23  
Total: \$9,628.28

Nov. 6, 2022

Collections: \$5,250.95  
Online: \$0.00  
Preauthorized: \$3,699.23  
Total: \$8,950.18

### Children's

### Collection 2022

Week: \$132.15

Year To Date: \$4,779.35

### Building Fund

Nov. 13, 2022 \$1,754  
Month to date: \$2,524  
Monthly Payment: \$5,831  
Mortgage Balance: \$163,790

### 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. 13 \$883  
YTD Collections: \$29,526  
2022 Goal: \$46,856

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit:  
[www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate](http://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate)

We now accept e-transfers at: [donations@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto:donations@stjamesparishrc.com)





# Events and Announcements

**2022 LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER**

*but as for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord"*  
Joshua 24:15  
Feast of Christ the King

**CONFERENCE**

- 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**

Online at [CCCRS.COM](http://CCCRS.COM)  
Or by email to: [cccsevents@gmail.com](mailto: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)

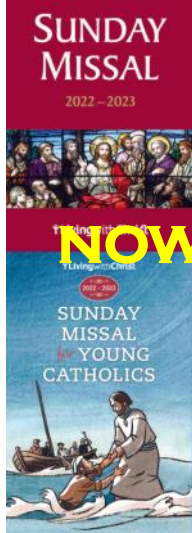
- \$70 if registered before October 31
- \$80 after October 31

Note: babysitting/childcare is not provided

**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

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



**SUNDAY  
MISSALS**

**\$5.00 EACH**

**NOW AVAILABLE!**

**YOUNG  
CATHOLICS  
MISSALS**

**\$8.00 EACH**



**Through the Sacrament of  
Baptism, we welcome to our  
Parish Family...** *Hazel Reinhard*  
*William Chisholm*  
*Lennox Chisholm*

The Second showing of the DVD: **BRIDGE OF ROSES**, sharing the history of the oldest Canadian Marian Shrine and the explanation of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, will be at St. Michael's Church in Black Diamond on **Wednesday, November 23rd at 9:40am, after mass. All are welcome!**

## 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.

## Stewardship Reflection

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."*

Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!



All are invited to join us at our Children's Mass this weekend. Sunday, November 20th @ 11:00am @ St. James Church



# 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](mailto:danawiens@me.com)



## 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](mailto:michaelfoley8@icloud.com)

Any questions about what we do for Mission Costa Rica? Contact: Carmen Marshall [emarsall@redeemer.ab.ca](mailto:emarsall@redeemer.ab.ca)



## 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](mailto:bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com)

## "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. Martha Room, Enter through Main Church Doors

## DRAW FOR A PRIZE!

All those with a photo in our Parish Directory are entered! We will be drawing 3 names to win a wonderful prize! To submit your photo, please email [office@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto:office@stjamesparishrc.com)

**Prizes are:**  
**Rock Cookware Set**  
**Slow Cooker**  
**Air Fryer**

## PARISH STAFF

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bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com  
\*\*\*Submission deadline for the bulletin is  
end of day Wednesdays\*\*\*

**Michelle Fuller**, Hospitality Desk Week-  
end Receptionists

**Tania Keller**, St. Michael's Church  
Custodian

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**St. Michael's Church  
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Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0**

## MINISTRY CONTACT

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**PASTORAL CARE (BD):** Brian Frank | 403-  
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## PARISH LIFE

**PARISH COUNCIL:** | 403-938-3122

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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



**Knights of Columbus  
(KofC) - St. James**

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



**St. James Parish Fundraising!**  
**SOBEYS / SAFEWAY GIFT CARDS  
ARE BACK!**

Purchase your gift cards  
at the Parish Office or  
after all masses from  
the Hospitality Desk at  
St. James Church



 CASH  
CHEQUE  
DEBIT  
CREDIT ACCEPTED

 THE PARISH RECEIVES 6% OF  
TOTAL AMOUNT SOLD



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Christmas in Elizabeth House** Let us bring a joyful Christmas to the residents of Elizabeth House and help them fulfil their wish list! This year Elizabeth House has 7 moms, 5 babies (under 16 months), 2 more babies to arrive this month, and 4 children (ages 14,13, 7 and 5) living elsewhere. We welcome donations for these wish lists: Each family unit has created a wish list, and you can be paired with one family unit by emailing [sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:sarah.cormier@calgarydiocese.ca) or donate items from the [Collective House Wish List](#) which we will place under the tree for our families to share. Please let us know by email which items you are able to provide, so that we can keep track of the list. / Elizabeth House is also looking for **volunteer mentors** for our young moms. For more information, go to [www.elizabethhousecalgary.ca](http://www.elizabethhousecalgary.ca)

**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.

**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](http://miscarriageliturgy.ca)

**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. 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 [www.cnewa.org/c](http://www.cnewa.org/c) and [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

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**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](mailto:office@stjamesparishrc.com)

**St. Cecilia's CWL Cookie Walk** The CWL at St. Cecilia welcomes everyone to their Christmas Cookie Walk on **Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9:30 am to Noon** at St. Cecilia's Church (321 90th Ave SE, Calgary). [More info](#)

**Women's Advent Retreat** The CWL invites you to the Women's Advent Retreat. This year's theme is "Saint Francis, Rebuild My Church" / St. Albert the Great, Calgary on **Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9:30 am to 3 pm**. To register, contact Teresa at [calgarycwlspiritual@gmail.com](mailto:calgarycwlspiritual@gmail.com) / St. Martha's Church, Lethbridge on **Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**. To register, contact Adele at 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.

**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

**Steve Bell Concert at St. Michael's** St. Michael's Catholic Community invites you to attend a concert with Steve Bell on **Friday, December 2, at 7:30 pm**. This will be an evening of story and song, featuring music from Steve's latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as Steve Bell classics and favourites. Steve Bell is a songwriter, storyteller, and troubadour for our time. Tickets (\$25) are available online at [stevebell.com](http://stevebell.com), as well as through St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW, 403-249-0423).

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

## OTHER RESOURCES & EVENTS

**Bulletin Shorts, free to use - Two groups are at the foot of the cross:** those who recognize Jesus as King, and those who oppose and taunt him. We find both believers and opponents hanging next to and standing below the cross. This scene is a summary of Luke's entire Gospel: Jesus offers salvation and reaches out to those who ask, and who recognize their need for redemption. Thus, even though Jesus' kingship exists on a cosmic level, it is an established fact: in this life only our assent in faith reveals that kingship. When have you "stood at the foot of the cross" and doubted, questioned? What does the title "Christ the King" mean to you? Where in the world, our larger world, do we see signs of Christ's kingdom being built? (Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

**Resources for children - Kid's challenge this week:** Jesus is a very different kind of king. He is the king of love. He gives us all a chance of new life with him in heaven. Colour in this [illustration of a crown](#) and write words around it that describe the type of king that Jesus is to you (i.e., loving, serving etc.). Think about what kind of leader you would like to be in your own communities or in the world. (CAFOD) [Colouring page this Sunday](#) / [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) / [Sunday Connection - Christ the King](#) (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](#)

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**Pray, fast, and act for Ukraine** The war in Ukraine rages on with no end in sight. As winter approaches, hundreds of thousands of people will have no heat in their homes, with energy being used as a weapon of punishment. Let us continue to pray, fast, and act. Read the [Pastoral Letter from the Ukraine Bishops of Canada](#).

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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. 27 & Dec. 11 at 2 pm** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre - 120 17 Ave SW, Calgary.

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## **November 2022 Calendar Highlights**

**Nov 22** | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#) at St. Martha, Lethbridge **Nov. 24** | [Memorial Liturgy for those grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth](#) **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** | [Calgary Region Women's Advent Retreat](#) **Nov 26 & 27** | [Advent according to Mary](#) **Nov 26** | [St. James' Parish Hall Fundraising](#) **Nov 26** | [Parenting Course: First Decisions](#) **Nov 27** | [The Seekers Group for unmarried women at CPC](#) **Nov 28** | [Billings Ovulation Method Online Introduction](#) **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](#) **Nov 30** | [Advent by candlelight at Ascension Catholic Parish](#) **Dec 2&3** | [Festival of Creches at St. Anthony, Calgary](#) **Dec 2-4** | [Advent Hope: Life Worth Living at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec 3** | [St. Luke's CWL Christmas Market](#) **Dec 4** | [25th Annual Calgary Ukrainian Carol Festival, Calgary](#) **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 10** | [Advent Market with Blessed Daughter Ministry](#) **Dec 11** | [The joy of Greccio at Mount St. Francis](#) **Dec 15** | [Every Star Shall Sing a Carol at FCJ](#) **Dec 17** | [A night of Beauty with Bridge Brass Quintet](#)



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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 [catholicyc.ca/synod](http://catholicyc.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](mailto: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](http://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 [catholicyc.ca/blog](http://catholicyc.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](http://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 [catholicyc.ca/blog](http://catholicyc.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 [catholicyc.ca/marriageprep](http://catholicyc.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](http://cccb.ca)

**National Synodal Report** We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports, which is the culmination of a sincere listening exercise that occurred in every diocese across the country. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit [catholicyc.ca/synod](http://catholicyc.ca/synod)

**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples | Dec. 12** "This year, we have been blessed to have had a delegation of Indigenous people visit Pope Francis in Rome in order to receive his apology on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, and again to welcome the Holy Father to this land to hear his words of sorrow as he embarked on his, self described, "Pilgrimage of Penance". Let us take this opportunity to build on the reflections offered by Pope Francis." The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples will be celebrated on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Download/print [this reflection](#) from the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council

**Faith Formation Courses** 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](#).

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**Weekly reflections can be found here:** [Vatican News](#) | [The Sunday Website](#) | [Sunday Connection](#)

**Daily and Sunday Mass Prayers & Readings:** [CCCB Daily Readings](#) (pick the desired date)

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 Group C - Tuesday after school.

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