

St. James Catholic Parish

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

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If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Luke 17:6



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

27th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 ~ 27TH 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)

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)

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
Saturday Oct. 1	9:00am 5:00pm	† Herman Syroishka Joanne Trembley	10:30am - Altar Server Training (Church)
Sunday Oct. 2	9:00am 9am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm	Thanksgiving from Tatiana Beverly Bird † Curley Baker The People of the Parish	Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass After am mass - Coffee Sunday (Narthex) 5pm - Youth Leader Training
Monday Oct. 3	9:00am	† Maureen Griffiths	7-8:30pm - Catherine's Choir Practice
Tuesday Oct. 4	9:00am 0:00pm	† William Beckley & † Kathleen Smith 7PM MASS CANCELLED	9:30am & 4pm-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Wednesday Oct. 5	9:00am 0:00am (BD)	Beverly Bird & Paul Leak 9AM (BD) MASS CANCELLED	10am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:30pm - 1st Reconciliation Session #1 (Hall) 7pm-Knights of Columbus Meeting (St. Raphael)
Thursday Oct. 6	9:30am	† Kam MacGregor & † Virgie Antiporta	7:45am & 7:45pm- Meditation Sessions 10:30am - Rosary Making (St. Andre Room) 7:30-9:30pm - HIS Choir Practice
Friday Oct. 7	9:00am 9:00am (BD)	Pearl Levandosky † Maria & Alex	1:30pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



May YOU know the deep love and support of our community through our thoughts and prayers.

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.

Please contact the Parish Office to have your name or the name of a loved one placed here
(bulletin@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-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

Main Office 403 - 938 - 3122
Emergency Operator 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

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:

October 14th/15th, 2022
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:

October 26th, 2022
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)

PARENT ONLY RETREAT:

Wednesday, September 28th @ 7:00pm

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

Session #1: October 5th

Commitment Mass: Saturday, October 8th @ 5:00pm

Session #2: October 19th

Session #3: October 26th

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

Events and Announcements



Pie Sale
St. James CWL
 Pies available on October 1st and 2nd after all masses.
 \$10 each, with proceeds going towards local charities.
 For more information email: stjamesokotokscwl@gmail.com

SHREDDING FUNDRAISER
 Thank you for all of your generous donations
 We had a very successful event, raising \$3,400.
 The funds raised will go towards fixing the holes on the outside of the church, left by the woodpeckers. Please keep posted for a similar event again next year!

Fall Fundraising Dinner
SAVE THE DATE
 Saturday, November 26, 2022
 St. James Parish Hall

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

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



Help us reach our target of \$20,000 in monthly gift card sales!

When we reach our goal each month, you have helped to bring in \$1,200 to be used towards the church operations.

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

Sept. 25, 2022

Collections: \$5,082.54
 Online: \$481.25
 Preauthorized: \$3,731.19
 Total: \$9,294.98

Sept. 18, 2022

Collections: \$6,489.70
 Online: \$192.50
 Preauthorized: \$3,731.19
 Total: \$10,413.39

Children's Collection 2022

Week: \$124.65

Year To Date: \$3,915.65

Building Fund

Sept 25, 2002 \$785
 Month to date: \$6,642
 Monthly Payment: \$5,831
 Mortgage Balance: \$169,262

Summer Grocery Gift Cards

Sobeys: \$7,550
 Save-On: \$250
 Total: \$7,800
 Proceeds to Church: \$468

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$901
 Date: Sept. 25 \$5
 YTD Collections: \$24,981
 2022 Goal: \$46,856


We had a very successful shredding fundraiser! The church raised \$3,400. Thank you all for your support!

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

**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.



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>.

HIGH RIVER PRO-LIFE APPLE FUNDRAISER 2022

Fresh picked Creston B.C. apples
– Gala, Mac and Spartans
20 lb boxes for \$35.00.
Please pre-order by calling
403-652-7975

Apples will be picked approximately mid-October and delivered within the week. Don't miss out on these delicious tasting apples and at the same time supporting a most important cause – LIFE!

Announcing the 105th Anniversary 2022 **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**



The world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." Yes, we must listen to Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN THE 2022 PUBLIC SQUARE
ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: **THE HOLY ROSARY**
Where: **ST. MICHAEL'S BLANK DIAMOND**
When: **12⁰⁰ NOON SAT. OCT 15**

For more information, contact:

NAME **Don McHugh**

PHONE NUMBER **403-813-2739**

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Coordinated nationally by Canadian Society for the
Defence of Christian Civilization
and its *Canada Needs Our Lady* campaign
For questions or comments, e-mail us at
Info@CanadaNeedsOurLady.org
Visit our website at www.CanadaNeedsOurLady.org
844-729-6279

Children's Choir

If your child would like to sing in the children's choir (2nd Sunday of each month at the 11am mass), please contact Jennifer Rorke at jrorke@redeemer.ab.ca

Stewardship Reflection

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7
Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Events and Announcements

Hello St. James and St Michael's Parish, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Sir Knight Kent Amores. I am the Faithful Navigator of the St. Francis de Sales Fourth Degree assembly that supports your Knights of Columbus council. The role of the Faithful Navigator is to lead the members of the Fourth Degree Knights.

The Fourth Degree stands as an example of Christ's presence in the world for the preservation of the Church, the order, and the nations that Knights serve. We act on what is right and honorable by supporting and defending truth in the public arena and protecting faith in civic life.

Fourth Degree Knights: We are members of the Knights of Columbus. We are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle, patriotism. As the Fourth Degree we are present in our dress regalia at civic and Church events, we are the honor guard and color corps, we stand in respect at funerals of members and during adoration of the Eucharist.

In the last few years, we have all experienced loss. The Knights have experienced the loss of members from our order. I am taking this moment to introduce myself and invite Catholic gentlemen of the parish, who are 18 years and older, to unite with the Fourth degree Knights and live: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The world needs Knights who will stand up for God and country. As a Knight, have you thought about becoming a Fourth Degree? If you are not a Knight, have you thought of joining the Knights of Columbus? Join with us and live the example of Christ's presence in the world for the preservation of the Church, the Order, and our country.

If you would like more information about the fourth degree I can be reached at: fn2650@kofc.ab.ca
If you would like to join the knights and then become a fourth degree use this link and submit your information: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

God Bless, Vivat Jesus.

Sir Knight Kent Amores
Faithful Navigator
St. Francis de Sales Assembly #2650

Fourth Degree Master Southern Alberta
Sir Knight Steve Dookie
mastersouth@kofc.ab.ca



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS

Children's Liturgy takes place during each Sunday 9am and 11am mass. We are looking for teacher (and similar minded people) to help run the program. You will be given an easy to follow program consisting of readings, crafts, and music. It is a program you can make your own.

Training and ongoing support provided.

Please contact
Jocelin at
bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com or
by phone
403-938-3122 for
more information

Life Chain

Proverbs 31:8 gives us courage in our convictions to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Take part in Christ's great commission! Join us at Municipal Centre (5 Elizabeth Street) on October 2nd at 2pm to participate in Life Chain, and annual pro-life event demanding an end to the killing of the preborn in Canada. Be a voice for the voiceless! Visit Campaign Life Coalition's website - www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain - for more information.

MEDITATION MINISTRY

Thursday from 7:45 -8:45 am in-person
& 7:45-8:45 pm hybrid (in-person & online)

AM session will take place in the St. Andre room
PM session will take place in the St. Martha room
Below is the online meeting zoom link.

When: Sep 15, 2022 07:30 PM (MST)

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYu-deuqpjlsHtZ49_25OJMdCLHG7MocP7KI

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Growing In Faith

Unity in Diversity

As the early Church grew, it became more and more diverse, following in the Apostles' footsteps, the five founding centres of the early Church established even more Churches to spread the faith. Each of these new Churches shared the practices that were passed down from their founding centre. In this way, the Universal Church is a communion of all these Churches. They share the same truths that Jesus gave to the Apostles, who passed on these truths to the early Church. But they celebrate these truths through rituals that reflect their distinct cultures.

Faith Facts

With the exception of Rome, all of the founding centres were in the eastern part of the Roman Empire. Today, Eastern and Western (or Latin) refer to the origins, theologies, and liturgies of these Churches, rather than their geographic locations.



Please take a moment to reflect...

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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
Second Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the St. Raphael Room. Next meeting: October 12th

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](#)



St. James Knights of Columbus (KofC)

Meetings take place the 1st
Wednesday of each month.

Next Meeting:
**October 5th
@ 7:00pm**

Bible Study

"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"

Sponsored by St. James CWL - Facilitated by Dorothy Burns

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

November 1-29, 2022 and February 7- March 7, 2023

Deadline to register Oct. 21, 2022 Cost \$40

Register and e-transfer to
stjamesokotokscwl@gmail.com or drop off registration fee at the
Parish Office with full contact information.



Holy Childhood Association

2219 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G5



September 14, 2022
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

809 – 924 – 14 Ave SW
Calgary, Alberta T2R 0N7
Telephone: (403) 244-7715

Greetings in Christ:

BC = Before Covid

In my 2018 letter (that was BC), I noted that \$65, 718.25 had been received by Holy Childhood the previous year from the parishes and schools in the Diocese of Calgary.

This past year the sum, Because of Covid, was about one-tenth that – tithing in the wrong direction!

But the needs of children throughout the world have not dropped by 90%. Indeed, they have increased.

The Cross of Jesus is an invitation to help children in need who are struggling under their crosses.

The Holy Childhood is the Pope's own missionary work for children. That is to say, it is a Pontifical Society. This year children and teenagers are being invited to answer the question, "What does Missionary Childhood and Adolescence mean for me in terms of being a Society of the Pope?", with a drawing accompanied by a brief caption of one's work and the meaning of Pontifical. The hundreds, maybe the thousands, of such entries are to be sent, not to me, but to the National office, 2219 Kennedy Road, Toronto, ON. M1T 3G5.

This year, children in Canada have the opportunity to help children in:

- India
- Nigeria
- Tanzania
- Thailand

If you would like ALMS BOXES (perhaps for use at Hallowe'en), prayer cards, or educational matter, please telephone TOLL FREE the National office in Toronto (1-800-897-8865).

*Many, many thanks for the
very fine support from
Oskots and Black Diamond.
B.H.*

Gratefully in Christ Jesus,

Brian F. Hubka

Reverend Brian F. Hubka,
on behalf of the Holy Childhood

Canadian Bishops thank Pope Francis for recent visit

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is releasing its President's annual report to the members, highlighting major pastoral initiatives undertaken by the CCCC since the last plenary meeting, such as the Indigenous Delegation to the Vatican in March 2022, the Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis to Canada in July 2022, as well as in the areas of family and life, and Church's ongoing journey toward the Synod on synodality. [2022 Report from the CCCC President](#) [Letter to Pope Francis](#)

Discerning God's call for unmarried women |

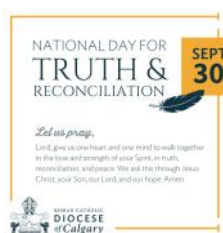
The Office of Vocations invites women seeking to know how to discern the will of God in their lives, to learn how to listen and discover God's call in their life. We will be engaging in Lectio Divina prayer and exploring how to discern using the Ignatian method of discernment. When: Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2 pm at [CPC](#) (1 or 2 hours session) Download [Poster](#)

Sacred Heart Variety Hour Concert

Enjoy an evening of great music on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, 7 pm, at the Jack Singer Concert Hall, Calgary, and enjoy a mix of contemporary, rock n roll, country and spiritual with some dynamic vocal groups and bands. Featured performances: Re/Mix powered by REVV52, Drew Gregory Band, The Kristee Trio. Master of Ceremonies Natalie Johnstone, DJ at Golden West Radio - 104.5 More Country will also keep us entertained with her own Improv Group throughout the evening. Net proceeds go to [Sacred Heart Church Strathmore Building Fund](#). [Get tickets here](#)

Directory for Catechesis Study Group Series

The Office of Pastoral Ministry offers an online opportunity (via Zoom) for those engaged in sacramental preparation, RCIA, pastoral care ministry, and other parish ministries to delve deeper into the reading, studying, and discussing of the [Directory for Catechesis](#). [Session dates \(bi-monthly\) & details](#). Starts on Oct 11. [Register here](#) To get a copy of the [Directory for Catechesis](#) (\$20), contact Sr. Mariflor.



National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

All are invited to join the Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop McGrattan on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, **Friday, Sep. 30 at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please note that parish offices and the Catholic Pastoral Center will be closed on Friday, Sep. 30 to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Save the date: Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season - Nov 5

Hosted by the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#), join researchers and church leaders across theological contexts and Canadian regions for Canadian data, theological reflection, and practical application on themes related to volunteers, finances, attendance, and more. When: **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022** at 9 am to 12 pm. [More info](#) | [Poster](#) Bonus short video: [Want to grow your volunteer base? Ask!](#) Presented by Fr. Avinash Colaco, Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary. Read [Report on Catholic Parishes in Canada](#) by Flourishing Congregations Institute

Like A Mighty River Conference 2022

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). Guest speakers: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD. Superior of Carmel Hill Monastery – Deroche Mission BC. This conference will coincide with the Feast of Christ the King. Download [Conference poster](#) Registration for [Individual](#) | [Family](#)

Marriage Preparation Courses

For marriage preparation courses in the fall, see our Diocesan page where couples can choose the appropriate date, register and pay for the course: catholicyc.ca/marriageprep

Employment opportunity

There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary and beyond.

Support Staff (PT) - Elizabeth House, Calgary

Administrative Assistant (PT) - St. Mary's, Brooks

Bookkeeper (Casual) - St. Mary's, Brooks

Please visit catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

National Synthesis for Canada

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. Download the [Western Region Synod Synthesis](#) Download [National Synthesis](#) Download the [Diocesan Synthesis](#)

Other Resources & Events

Bulletin Shorts, free to use

What About Seed and Service? Here are two puzzling teachings for today. One, of mulberry tree and mustard seed. Another, of servant and master. The first assures us that even a little faith can accomplish very big, even unimaginable things. The second distinguishes between part-time or full-time service. Add to this Paul's advice to Timothy: "bear your share of hardship for the gospel." Disciples, that is, followers of Christ, need to be all-in.

What big things will my faith in God accomplish today?

What hardship will I bear to be a full-time follower?

What mercy work can I do to accomplish this? (Source: Diocese of Springfield)

Resources for children Kid's challenge this week: Discuss with your family how God can work miracles in our lives, and how God can use us to make a difference in our world. Together as a family, pray [Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity](#). Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you. (LOYOLA PRESS) [Colouring page this Sunday](#) [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) [Sunday Connection - 27th 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)

Global community cannot stand by as Nigerians lose their lives | As Nigeria continues to suffer unrest and extremism, the International Catholic Migration Commission appeals to the UN's human rights council to work towards preserving the rights of all Nigerians. [Read more](#)

The Wealth of Poverty Got a Formed.org account? Watch a new mini-documentary in [Formed.org](#) created from interviews and footage originally taken for Sign of Contradiction. In light of St. Francis' feast day (Oct 4), the mini-documentary celebrates his life and his dedication to the poor. The film takes a deeper look at discovering where true wealth lies. [Watch now](#)

3 Lessons about minimalism from St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day: Oct 4) | St. Francis shrugged off his fears, left everything behind and never worried what anybody said about him. Here are a few habits of St. Francis that we all can keep in mind when we feel the need to simplify or downsize. [Read more](#)

7 things you need to know about St. Faustina Kowalska (Feast Day: Oct 5) and her vision of hell | While Catholics around the world are familiar with St. Faustina Kowalska and her connection to Divine Mercy, many may not know about the way in which Jesus talked to her about her calling, Hell, and her mission to proclaim the mercy of God. Here are seven important facts to know about this popular saint. [Read more](#)

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher (Feast Day: Oct. 6) Eulalie Durocher was born at Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu on October 6, 1811. Her father owned extensive agricultural holdings and her mother, who had studied with the Ursulines in Québec City, instilled in her the values of prayer, justice and openness. Although she had a lively and playful spirit, Eulalie was limited by fragile health. [Read more](#)

Who is St. Bruno? (Feast Day: Oct. 6) In his infinite goodness, God, who never ceases to provide for the needs and interests of his Church, had therefore chosen Bruno, a man of eminent holiness, to restore to the contemplative life the brilliance of its original purity. How did he become the founder of the Carthusian monks? [Read more](#)

10 Ways to honour Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial: Oct 7) this month and all year round | October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Here are 10 ways you can more closely align your life and home to the Rosary. Perhaps some of these wonderful devotions will stick around your domestic church even after October is over. [Read more](#) [A family's testimony about praying the rosary](#) (5 mnts video) [A testimony from a dad on Rosary prayer](#) (2 mnts video) [Family Rosary's Mobile App](#)

Why your marriage doesn't need more date nights *"Contrary to common marriage advice, there is something else you should be paying attention to." So here are a few interactions Cecilia found that she had to work on to improve her marriage, and thus improve their dates.* [Read more](#)

October/November 2022 Calendar Highlights

Oct 8 | [Sacred Heart Church Variety Hour Concert](#) at JSCH, Calgary
Oct 9 | [Rosary Coast to Coast](#)
Oct 11 | [Directory of Catechesis Study Group](#) - Zoom
Oct 13 | [Creative self-care to enhance well being](#) at FCJ Centre
Oct 14 | [Braiding Together: Dialogue towards truth](#) - RMEC Conference
Oct 18 | [Pastoral Care: Grace Accompanies Every Person](#) with Fr. Tim Boyle
Oct 20 | [Dreamwork Evening](#) at FCJ Centre
Oct 21 | [Marriage Preparation](#) at St. Albert the Great
Oct 21 | [Vespers & Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#) at St. Bernard's, Calgary
Oct 22 | [Celebration & veneration of St. John Paul II](#) at St. Mary's Cathedral
Oct 23 | [Discerning God's Call for Unmarried Women](#) at CPC
Oct 28 | [Courageously Embracing Change and Building Resilience](#) at FCJ
Nov 5 | [Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season](#)
Nov 12 | [Come & See with Poor Clares](#) (online)
Nov 18-19 | [Like a Mighty River Conference](#) at St. James', Okotoks
Nov 25 | [Marriage Preparation](#) (online + Ascension Catholic Parish)
Nov 22 | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#)
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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

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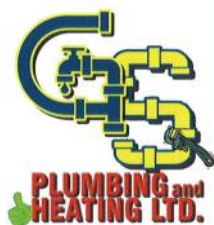
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