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Closed 12:30-1pm for Lunch

*Closed 3rd Friday of the Month

St. James Parish

Parish Website: www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca

St. James Church

338060 – 32nd St. East (Street Address only)
Okotoks



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 18th, 2018

SCHEDULE FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH (for the week of Nov 18 to NOV 24):

Mass Times:

Sun: 11:00am & 5:30pm

Tues: 7:00pm Thurs: 9:30am Sat: 5:30pm

Reconciliation Schedule:

Sunday, 4-5pm,

Tuesday after Mass, 7:30-8:30pm,

Saturday, 4-5pm

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday following Mass 7:30-8:30pm

→ Weekday Adoration: *6-9am & 5-7pm*, sign up sheet is in the chapel

SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:

Mass Times:

Sun: 9:00am

Wed: 9:00am

Fri: 9:00am

Reconciliation Schedule:

After weekday Mass Friday only. Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday following 9:00am Mass

St. Michael's Church

402 Government Road

(Street address only)

Black Diamond



Building and Sustaining One Parish

FORMED Parish code TPWN47. https://formed.org/

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ule're Adding More Masses!

BEGINNING DEC. 2ND!
SUNDAY @ 7:30AM
WEDNESDAY @ 7:30AM
FRIDAY @ 7:30AM
ST. JAMES CHURCH
OKOTOKS

LIVING NATIVITY

Looking for a way to help or participate in the Living Nativity this year? Contact Lea at lmfoy@shaw.ca or # 780-826-8753.

This Sunday, November 18th, St. Mary's school will be selling Christmas Cards and Nativity Scenes after

the 11am Mass and they would love your support!



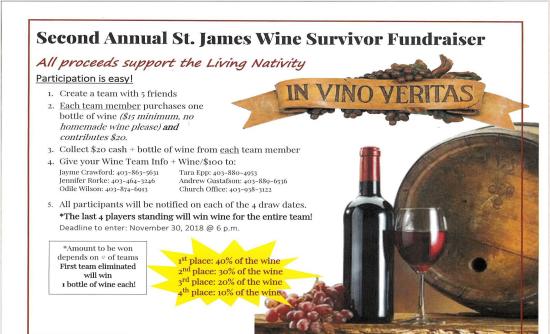
St. James Catholic Women's League (CWL)

- Our Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale
 will be held after mass on Saturday, November 24th and
 Sunday, November 25th. Be sure to mark your calendars.
- The Annual CWL Potluck Supper will be held on Friday,
- November 23, 2018 starting at 5:30pm in the parish hall.
 Please bring your favourite Christmas dish (meat, vegetable, salad or dessert). Invite a friend! Any donations toward door prizes gratefully received! Please call Izabella Curtis at 403-589-7746 before November 22nd, if you will be attending.
- Memberships for 2019 are now available and can be dropped off at the parish office. The fee is \$25.00. New members are welcome. If you would like more information about CWL, call Vi Lake at 403-938-2369 or email vilake@telus.net.

TUBA For CUBA

Hola! Students from the Holy Trinity Academy Band will be returning to Eastern Cuba April 2019. As always, they will be taking toiletries, toothbrushes, ibuprofen (impossible to acquire) and other necessities. The band will be travelling to visit the many small communities in the region that have ensembles. These tiny town bands have very few resources and they use remnants of instruments left over from the US dominance.

The HTA band takes as many instruments as are donated and they purchase as many supplies as they can. It would be truly amazing if they could take a tuba (or two!) to beef up those bands! The impact would be awesome - these people love music and they adore their bands!







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Masses For The Week	ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
Sunday - Nov 18 9:00am - St. Michael's George Martin 11:00am - St. James Shane Mortimer 5:30pm - St. James	 Grocery Gift Cards for Sale after Mass ~ St. James Church KofC Breakfast after 9am Mass, St. Michael's Church Coffee Sunday after 11am Mass, St. James Church Hall Hey Kids: Check out www.thekidsbulletin.com
People of the Parish Monday - Nov 19 NO MASS	 Christian Yoga Ministry 6pm, St. James Church, St. Raphael Room 2nd Sunday Choir Practice 7-8pm, St. Michael's Church
Tuesday - Nov 20 7:00pm - St. James Erika Mahura	 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:30-11:30am, St. James, St. Kateri Room RCIA 7-9pm, St. James Church, St. Bro. Andre Room Senior High Youth Gathering 7:30pm-9pm, St. James Parish Hall
Wednesday - Nov 21 9:00am - St. Michael's ⊕ Michael Basaraba	◆ First Reconciliation Penitential Service 7-8pm, St. James Church
Thursday - Nov 22 9:30am - St. James Jenna Morrison	 Jr. High Youth 7-8:30pm, St. James Church Hall KofC 4th Degree Installation 7-8pm, St. James Church, St. Raphael Room "Rivers of Living Water" Prayer Group - 7pm, St. James Church, St. Br. Andre Room. Drop in & join us for music, prayer, scripture & fellowship. HIS Choir Practice 7:30-10pm, St. James Church
Friday - Nov 23 9:00am - St. Michael's ⊕ Hassan El Ghali	◆ CWL Christmas Potluck 5:30pm-9pm, St. James Parish Hall
Saturday - Nov 24 5:30pm - St. James Leighton Fenske	
Sunday - Nov 25 9:00am - St. Michael's Gordana Radan 11:00am - St. James Kim Clark	 ◆ CWL Bake & Craft Sale after Masses ~ St. James Church ◆ Coffee Sunday after 9am Mass, St. Michael's Church ◆ Coffee Sunday after 11am Mass, St. James Church Hall
5:30pm - St. James People of the Parish	* Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass Located Center aisle behind the Priest.

Anyone who will be attending Sunday mass at 7:30am is invited to sign up for a ministry. Please let Leanne know if you're interested.

Registration available at the Parish office & on the Website

Please note: If your child has not received any sacraments at St. James or St. Michael's Church, a copy of their baptismal certificate must be given at the time of registration.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2018

NEW! For students in Grades 2 & 3 and up. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS 6:30pm-8pm.** Parent & student to attend each session. Cost \$30.

1st Reconciliation Penitential Service

Wednesday, Nov 21st @ 7pm

YOU ARE FORGIVEN

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

For students in Grade 2 & up who have completed their First Reconciliation. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS 6:30pm-8pm**. Parent and student are to attend each session and retreat. Cost \$30.

Session #1: Monday, April 29th

Blessing at Mass: Sat. May 11th @ 5:30pm

Session #2: Monday, May 13th Session #3: Monday, May 27th Session #4: Monday, June 10th

Retreat & Rehearsal:

- Saturday, June 15 @ 9am-12:30pm
 1st Communion Sacramental Mass:
- Saturday & Sunday, June 22nd & 23rd, 2019 (at all Masses)

*Extra Registration Date: Mon. Mar 11th @3pm-8pm, St. James Church

CONFIRMATION 2019

For students in Grade 6 and up. **ALL CLAS-SES WILL BE MONDAYS 6:30pm-8pm.**Parent & student to attend each session.
Cost \$40.

Session #1: Monday, January 14th

Blessing at Mass: Sat. Jan 26th @ 5:30pm

Session #2: Monday, January 28th Session #3: Monday, February 11th Session #4: Monday, March 4th Session #5: Monday, March 18th Session #6: Monday, April 1st Session #7: Monday, April 15th

Service Day/Retreat & Rehearsal:

• TBD

Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop William McGrattan:

• Saturday, May 25th, 2019 @ 11:00am

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Registration takes place at the Parish Office before the session. A Baptism Preparation session is required for the baptism of your first child. (Baptisms take place the 2nd and 4th Saturdays & Sundays of each month after the 5:30pm and 11am mass in Okotoks, and at the 9am Mass in Black Diamond. Cost is \$20.00.

Sessions:

Wed, December 12th, 2018 @7pm Sat, January 26th, 2019 @ 1pm Wed, March 13th, 2019 @ 7pm Wed, May 1st, 2019 @ 7pm Wed, June 12th, 2019 @ 7pm

Documents required:

- *Birth Certificate of child
- *Baptism Certificate of parent(s)
- *Annotated Baptismal Certificate of Godparent(s) This is a baptism certificate that shows date of Confirmation as well.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Phone the Parish Office at least 6 months before marriage and make an appointment. Marriage preparation sessions are mandatory for those preparing for marriage. Cost is \$150.00 per couple.

Sessions run Friday @ 7-9pm and continue Saturday @ 9am-4pm on the following dates:

February 8th & 9th, 2019 April 26th & 27th, 2019

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

This program is designed for all children age 7 and older (grades 2 to 6) who desire to receive the Catholic Sacraments they have missed or who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. All sessions will be monthly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8pm at St. James Church beginning Oct. 3rd.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF TEENS (RCIT)

This program is designed for all youth from grades 7 -12 who desire to receive the Catholic Sacraments they have missed or who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Sessions will take place biweekly on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at St. James Church beginning September 25th, 2018.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Registration is ongoing for all Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Inquirers are instructed in the Catholic Faith and introduced to the life of the Church. Sessions will take place

Tuesdays from 7-9pm at St. James Church beginning September 25th, 2018.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

Announcements from the Catholic Pastoral Centre For Nov 18th, 2018 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today is the second World Day of the Poor. The theme for this recognition is: *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him* (Ps 34:6). Pope Francis says: "Psalm 34 allows us today, surrounded as we are by many different forms of poverty, to know those who are truly poor. It enables us to open our eyes to them, to hear their cry and to recognize their needs... On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come."

MEMORIAL LITURGY FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH | In times of grief and death, we as Christians turn to God and our community for comfort, support and strength. Regrettably, when grieving the loss of a pregnancy most parents are left in isolation with their sorrow. If this loss happened to you, or if you know anyone who has experienced miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to the Diocesan Memorial Liturgy this Friday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm, at Sacred Heart Church in Calgary. Parents can register at www.miscarriageliturgy.ca or come at 6:30 pm for onsite registration. Memorial Liturgy

Friday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm, at Sacred Heart Church (1307 14 St SW, Calgary). For more information, call 403-218-5500 | www.miscarriageliturgy.ca
Friday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm, at Assumption Church (All Saints Parish, 2405 12 Ave South, Lethbridge). For more information, call 403-327-8931.

MISSION MEXICO | DEC. 12

Dec. 12 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) is designated as "Mission Mexico Day" in the Diocese of Calgary. For nineteen years the people of our diocese have given their support and faith in sharing with the struggles of our brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. You may give your financial donation through your parish's second collection on **Dec. 8/9** or at participating Catholic schools on **Dec. 12**.

#REDWEDNESDAY | NOV. 21

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 is #RedWednesday: A day dedicated to drawing attention to persecuted Christians throughout the world. What can we do? We invite you to wear red and invite people to wear red, in solidarity with 200 million people in the world who are touched by persecution to varying degrees. Pray:

Merciful Lord, support our Christian brothers and sisters who are afflicted by discrimination and religious persecution. Give them the strength to respond to hatred with love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Visit: http://blog.calgarydiocese.ca/redwednesday

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD APPEAL

At Feed the Hungry's 5th Annual Christmas Dinner, we invite you to please give our 500+ guests a \$10 gift card to a fast food restaurant. Last year, your generosity gave 600 guests a meal. Your gift or money (for us to shop for you) can be dropped off at St. Mary's Cathedral Hall (Sundays only) or the Catholic Pastoral Centre (business hours) by December 7. Once again, thank you for your generosity to help us make their Christmas Dinner special. For more information, contact Sartre at feedthehungry@calgarydiocese.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: COLLEGIAL JUDGE & CANONICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE

The Catholic Pastoral Centre is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Collegial Judge and Canonical Services Associate. The individual will participate with a college of Judges in the diocesan ecclesiastical court, adjudicating petitions for marriage annulment and other matters brought before the tribunal according to canonical laws. For more information about these positions, qualifications and application details see the Diocesan website at http://careers.calgarydiocese.ca

REGISTER FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION

"For Better & For Ever..." Marriage Preparation is for all couples preparing for marriage. Upcoming sessions: **Nov. 19** (followed by Dec. 7-8) at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Calgary. Contact 403-218-5505 or register online at events.calgarydiocese.ca

LAY ASSOCIATION SEMINAR: CHURCH OF THE POOR | Join Fr. Adrian Martens, Episcopal Vicar for Lay Associations at a seminar and lunch hosted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for all the registered Lay Associations of the Diocese of Calgary. When: Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 am to 2 pm at

St. Anthony's Church (5340 - 4 St. SW, Calgary). All are welcome to join, even if your lay association group has not yet registered. Register by Nov. 17, call 403-218-5501 or register online at: http://events.calgarydiocese.ca

DELIVERING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS | All parish volunteers who are **assigned to deliver or bring** the Christmas Hampers to recipients are reminded that they must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Police Information Check (VSPIC). If you have any questions, contact your Christmas Hamper Ministry Coordinator.

SUPPORT ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth House is a life skills program and family-oriented home that welcomes pregnant and parenting women who need a safe, supportive place to live. To learn how you can support Elizabeth House (financially or as a volunteer), contact Michelle Haywood at 403-228-9724.

ADVENT RENEWAL CHALLENGE

St. Paul's Church in Airdrie (1305 Main Street) welcomes everyone to four evenings to prepare during Advent to celebrate the birth of our saviour, Jesus. Let's put Christ back into Christmas! When: **Wed., Nov. 29** at 7:30pm – "Why do we need Advent"; **Wed., Dec 5** at 7 pm – "Is Jesus Really Coming Back"; **Mon., Dec 10** at 7 pm – "Do I Know the Way"; **Mon., Dec 17** at 7 pm – "Emmanuel: What is That?" Refreshments will be provided. **ADVENT RETREAT** | **SISTERS OF DIVINE MERCY**

The Sisters of Divine Mercy invites you to enter into Sacred Silence in which God speaks to the heart. Retreat includes: confession, Mass, Conference, Adoration, Silent Prayer and Meditation (Lectio Divina). When: **Saturday, Dec. 15** at 10:30 am to 4 pm at the Divine Mercy Centre (15206 Township Rd. 262, Calgary T3P-1A7). For more information contact 587-755-1019 | www.sistersofdivinemercy.org

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SENIOR HIGH GATHERING

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Tuesdays
7:30pm-9pm

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Magic of Christmas

The Magic of Christmas will be doing visits again this year in the Foothills Region. Our visit date is December 15th. If you would like to nominate a family or individual who you think would benefit from a visit please contact **Donna Cameron** @ 403-938-5800 or donabert@telus.net, Angie Steciw @ 403-803-3085 or asteciw@telus.net. If you would like to volun-

teer please contact Jennifer Weisgerber @403-921-0588 or jenweisge

ber@gmail.com. If you would like to make a donation drop boxes are located at Village Lane Dental, Monkey Mountain Toys, Fountain Tire and ATB. Thank you for your support!



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ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

November 4, 2018

Collections: \$7,383.15 \$1,795.15 **Preauthorized:**

Total: \$9,178.30 Goal: \$9,538.00

November 11, 2018

Collections: \$6,029.85 Preauthorized: \$1,875.92

Total: \$7,905.77 Goal: \$9,538.00

The Okotoks Food Bank is looking for an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Full Time 40 hours/week) Salary commensurate with experience. The mission of the OFBA is "To provide a caring ministry to individuals and households through emergency food assistance and to serve as a resource to guide them towards self sufficiency". More information is availa-

ble at www.OFBAsearch.fastmail.com. If you believe that you are ready for this very dynamic role, please forward a cover letter and resume to ofbasearch@fastmail.com. The OFBA thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Building Fund

November 11, 2018 \$1,974.00

Month to date: \$3,751.00

Monthly Payment: \$7,289.00

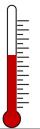
Mortgage Balance: \$478,475.42

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$882.00

Collections: \$823.25

YTD: \$27,374.25 2018 Goal \$45,854



Children's Collection

Alberta's Children's **HOSPITAL**



Week: \$94.90

\$5,324.37 Year to date:

To be donated December 2018.



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Oct 1 - Oct 31, 2018 Year to date Sold

\$5,900.00 \$55,010.00

Proceeds to the Parish

\$4,125.75

BOTTLES FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Bring your empties to the church the last weekend of each month to help raise money for the Altar Servers. There will be a truck in the NE corner of the parking lot that they can be loaded on to.

Thank You!

SENIORS GROUP

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays after daily Mass!

Come Join Us!





Sat. Dec. 15th **Living Nativity** St. James Church, Okotoks

Waiting for the Light – Holy Yoga Advent Workshop

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

What does your soul need this Christmas? As you enter the Advent season are you yearning for peace, comfort, community or time to sink into God's word? We invite you to take part in an Advent restorative yoga workshop.

When: Sat. December 22 Where: St. Raphael Room Time: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$25



All are welcome, no experience necessary. Yoga mats and other equipment provided on site. Snacks and beverages also provided. Registration is required. Contact Pamela McLean at 403-472-1782 or pamelamclean44@gmail.com to participate.





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PRAY DAILY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL YOUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Lord, we pray for those whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance this month, for our family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ who died and now lives, may they rejoice in your kingdom where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Stewardship Reflection Nov 18, 2018 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2019

If you are interested in joining our Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, May 30 - June 14, 2019, or would like more information,

PLEASE CONTACT: Angie Steciw - 403-803-3085, or Bernadette Levandosky - 403-938-3727.



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