ST. JAMES PARISH

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 23rd, 2020

Parish Mailing Address



St. James Parish, Site 7, Box 41, RR#2
Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2
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Email: office@stjamesparishrc.com

St. Michael's Church

402 Government Road (Street Address only)
Black Diamond



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

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: FR. LUCIANO CORTOPASSI

luciano.cortopassi@calgarydiocese.ca

Associate Pastor: FR. TROY NGUYEN

fathertroyn@gmail.com

*Appts to be arranged through the parish office

Receptionist: AILEEN LAMONTAGNE

Submissions for the bulletin go to: bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com

* DEADLINE IS THURSDAY 10:00am *

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00-12:30 & 1:00-3:00pm

Closed 12:30-1pm for Lunch

*Closed 3rd Friday of the Month

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

St. James Church

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



SCHEDULE FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH (for the week of (FEB 23 - FEB 29):

Mass Times:

Sun: 7:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Tues: 7:00pm

Weds: 7:30am, 7:00pm Ash Weds

Thurs: 9:30am Fri: 7:30am 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 after Mass 7:30-8:30pm

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Save the Date!

Lenten Penitential Service

Tues. Mar. 24th, 2020

Mass 6pm, Reconciliation 6:30pm, St. James Church

Lenten Mission with Michael Chiasson

Thurs. Mar. 26th, 2020 7pm, St. James Church

St. James Parish Lenten Mission

Mon. Mar. 30th -Weds. Apr. 1st, 2020

Mass @ 6pm, Speakers @ 6:45pm, St. James Church

Rich Man/Poor Man Meal

Sat. Mar. 21st, 2020

6:30pm, St. James Parish Hall

Parish Cup

Sat. Apr. 25th, 2020

6pm, St. James Parish Hall

Altar Server Party

Sat. May 2nd, 2020

2pm, Millennium Lanes & St. James Parish Hall

Parish Garage Sale

Sat. May 9th, 2020

9am-5pm, St. James Parish Hall

Forever, Faithful In Love Dinner & Dance

Sat. May 23rd, 2020

6:30pm, St. James Parish Hall

Gratitude Wine & Cheese

(Appreciation Event for all Ministers in the Parish)

Fri. June 5th, 2020

6pm, St. James Parish Hall

Let us welcome, into our parish community, all the children who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

> Aaron Villanueva Brynn Baldwin Santino Petitti Fawn Parkes Hawke Blades



GOD BLESS YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!

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Lenten Devotion Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent



6.00pm Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Lenten Soup and a bun Hosted by: People of the Parish

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS, SOUP + MOVIE



ST. JAMES CHURCH

Friday, February 28th Hosted By: The CWL Stations - 6:30pm Lenten Soup - 7:00pm



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Masses For The Week	ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday - Feb 23 7:30am - St. James ⊕ Edward Burgess 9:00am - St. Michael's ⊕ Gunda & Michael Forestell 11:00am - St. James Warren Family 5:30pm - St. James People of the Parish	 Coffee Sunday after 9am Mass, St. Michael's Church Coffee Sunday after 11am Mass hosted by: SVDP, St. James Parish Hall 	
Monday - Feb 24 NO MASS	♦ Confirmation Prep Session # 2: 6:30-8pm, St. James Parish Hall	
Tuesday - Feb 25 7:00pm - St. James ⊕ Flora & Ted Allison	RCIA Meeting 7-9pm, St. James Church, St. Bro. Andre Room	
Wednesday - Feb 26 7:30am - St. James Maria-Theresa Allen 9:00am - St. Michael's ⊕ Denise Bahari Hanki 7:00pm - St. James Donna & Ryan	 Ash Wednesday Youth Ministry—Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass @ 7pm RCIC Session 6:30-8pm, St. James Church, St. Raphael Room 33 Days to Morning Glory 7-9pm, St. James Church, St. Bro. Andre Roon 	n
Thursday - Feb 27 9:30am - St. James ⊕ Garry Johnson	 "Rivers of Living Water" Prayer Group - 7pm, St. James Church, St. Bro. Andre Room Drop in and join us for hymns, prayer, scripture and fellowship. All are welcome! Youth Social Night Gr. 7-12—Please join us for games and fun in the JPII Gymnasium 6pm-8pm! 	School
Friday - Feb 28 7:30am - St. James Scott Morrison 9:00am - St. Michael's ⊕ Deacon Raymond Wagner	 Stations of the Cross @ 6:30pm followed by Lenten Soup & Movie, St. Ja & Parish Hall, Hosted by: the CWL Stations of the Cross @ 6pm followed by Lenten Meal, St. Michael's Chu Bible Study with Fr. Troy 7:15-9pm, St. Michael's Church 	
Saturday - Feb 29 5:30pm - St. James ⊕ Betty Sobry	♦ Bible Study with Fr. Troy 10am-12pm, St. James Parish Hall	
Sunday - Mar 1 7:30am - St. James Stuart & Helen Robertson 9:00am - St. Michael's All the Souls in Purgatory 11:00am - St. James Sarah Quinlan 5:30pm - St. James People of the Parish	 ◆ Coffee Sunday after 9am Mass, St. Michael's Church ◆ Coffee Sunday after 11am Mass hosted by: Eucharistic Ministers, St. Jan Hall 	nes Parish

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

Sunday Collections

February 9, 2020

Total:

Goal:

Collections: \$ 6,748.50

Preauthorized: \$ 2,625.00

\$ 9,373.50

\$9,375.01

February 16, 2020 Collections: \$ 6,351.75

Preauthorized: \$ 2,625.00

Total: \$8,976.75 Goal: \$9,375.01 2019 Tax Receipts are now ready to be picked up in the Narthex! Receipts not picked up by Feb. 23rd will be mailed out.

Building Fund

February 16, 2020 Month to date:

\$2,506.00 \$5,634.00

Monthly Payment: \$7,289.00

Mortgage Balance: \$396,694.94



Weekly Goal: \$837.00

Dec. 22-31: \$4,510.00

YTD Collections: \$40,068.35 YTD Goal: \$43,497.00 \$43,497 ==

2019 Goal

Children's Collection 2020

Alberta's **Children's** HOSPITAL

February 16th: \$65.15

2020 Year to date: \$1,045.35



Safeway/Sobeys & Save-On Foods Gift Cards

Jan 1—Jan 31, 2020 \$2,450.00 Year to date Sold \$2,450.00 Proceeds to the Parish \$134.75

GENESIS TO JESUS BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. TROY

Where: St. James Parish Hall
When: Saturdays in Lent (Feb 29th to Apr 4)
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

or

Where: St. Michael's Church Hall When: 3 Fridays in Lent (Feb 28th, Mar 13, Mar 27)

Time: 7:15pm - 9pm

Goal: To give you a general overview of the bible focused on the theme of Covenant. This will give you more confidence in reading the bible and prepare you to enter into Holy Week.

Resources: We will be watching the videos of Genesis to Jesus from the St. Paul Biblical Institute and reading the book Bible Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma. The book for only \$10 is highly recommended for this bible study along with your bible.

There are a few copies left. Please contact Fr. Troy (fathertroyn@gmail.com) if you'd like a copy.

Stewardship Reflection

February 23rd, 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.

St. James Catholic Women's League (CWL)

- Memberships for 2020 are now available and can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket marked "St. James CWL". The fee is \$25.00.
- If you are interested in joining the CWL or would like more information, please call Vi Lake at 403-938-2369 or send an email: vilake@telus.net. We would love to hear from you.

St. James Parish - Sacramental Preparation - 2019-2020

Registration for all sacraments for Parishioners of St. James & St. Michael's ~ Ongoing at the Parish Office ~

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.

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.

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.

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 take place Tuesdays from 7-9pm at St. James Church.

CONFIRMATION 2020

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 #2: Monday, February 24th Session #3: Monday, March 9th Session #4: Monday, March 30th Retreat: Saturday, May 2nd @ 9am Rehearsal:

- Friday, May 15th @ 7pm Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop William McGrattan:
- Saturday, May 16th @ 5:30pm

FIRST COMMUNION 2020

For students in Grade 2 & up who have completed their First Reconciliation. ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS 6:30pm-8pm. Parent and student are to attend each session and retreat. Cost \$25.

Session #1: Monday, April 20th Session #2: Monday, April 27th

Blessing at Mass: Sat. May 2nd @ 5:30pm

Session #3: Monday, May 11th Session #4: Monday, May 25th

Retreat & Rehearsal:

- Saturday, May 30th @ 9am-12:30pm 1st Communion Sacramental Mass:
- Saturday & Sunday, June 6th & 7th, 2020 (at all Masses)
- *Extra Registration Date: Mon. Mar 23rd @3pm-8pm, St. James Church

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, March 4th, 2020 Wed, April 22nd, 2020 Wed, June 3rd, 2020

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:

April 24th & 25th, 2020

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

Contact Leanne Plamondon, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Parish Office for more information about the sacraments. By Phone: 403-938-3122 or by email: religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com



Did you know that there are 450 Catholic schools throughout the province of Alberta?

Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association Enrollment Data Report 2019-2020



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 22/23, 2020

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WITH CEE

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) invites engaged couples to a marriage preparation weekend. When: **March 28-29**. The weekend begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon, led by a team of married couples and clergy. Engaged couples will be encouraged to talk privately with each other on many aspects of marriage, always from the viewpoint of their own relationship. To register, call 403-240-0103 | ceewest.com/calgary |

LENTEN VESPERS & ADORATION

St. Joseph's Parish in Calgary invites all to begin Lent by spending one hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and with sung Vespers (Evening Prayer). When: **Thursday, Feb. 27 at**

7 to 8 pm. All are welcome.

FREE TAX CLINICS

Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting free Tax Clinics for Income Tax Returns. When: March 14 & 28, April 18 & 25 (2 to 5 pm). Where: Holy Spirit Parish, 10827 24 St. SW, Calgary. For more information about eligibility or to register, contact taxfreeclinic@holyspiritparish.net. Note: This is a service offered by Holy Spirit Parish done by volunteers. Both Holy Spirit Parish and the Diocese of Calgary are not responsible to the CRA for the income tax return prepared and filed.

WHERE TO FIND EVENING ADORATION?

St. Bonaventure (1600 Acadia Dr. SE, Calgary)

Monday: 9:30 am - Midnight Tuesday: 7 am - Midnight

Wednesday: 7 am - Thursday, Midnight

Friday: 9:30 am – Midnight

- St. Anthony's Church (5340 4 St SW, Calgary) Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Chapel. Note: a door code is required to enter the Chapel between 10 pm to 6 am. To get the door code, call Marta at the Parish Office 403-252-1137 ext. 221 | adoration@stanthonyscalgary.com
- St. Luke's Church (1566 Northmount Dr NW, Calgary)

Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 10 pm

First Sundays 8:30 pm to 8 am Monday

TRANSITIONS PROGRAM

The Transitions Program is a 15-week peer support program for those recently separated or divorced. The program began Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Sacred Heart Parish (1307 – 14th St. SW, Calgary) but will remain open until **March 3.** Register at 403-218-5505 | alida.allen@calgarydiocese.ca

LENTEN RETREATS / MISSIONS

Lenten Day Retreat with the Sisters of Divine Mercy. Adults (18 & older) are invited to a Lenten Day Retreat. When: Saturday, Feb. 29 at 10:30 am to 4 pm. Register at: sistersofdivinemercy.org

Lenten Mission with St. Paul's, Airdrie with Fr. Adrian Martens. When: Monday to Wednesday, March 9-11, at 7 pm (start with Mass). Where: St. Paul's Church (1305 Main St., Airdrie).

Lenten Mission with St. Anthony's, Calgary with Fr. Edmund Vargas. When: March 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:30 pm (following 7 pm Mass). Where: St. Anthony's Church (5340 4 St SW, Calgary)

SFXC Young Adult Lenten Retreat (18-35) at Camp Chestermere (1041 East Lakeview Rd., Chestermere, AB). When: Friday, March 20 (all day). To register, contact 587-232-9728 | sfxc@calgarydiocese.ca | sfxc.ca

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Help your marriage and family by taking the Retrouvaille program. Learn to use practical communication tools to bring greater intimacy to your relationship. When: Friday, March 6. Register at helpourmarriagecalgary.com or call 403-879-7893.

BRUNCH WITH THE BISHOP

The Calgary Catholic Medical Association (CCMA) invites you to have brunch with Bishop McGrattan at the Canmore Opera House at Heritage Park (1900 Heritage Dr SW, Calgary). When: **Saturday, March 7.** This event is open to everyone. Tickets: \$30 each. For any questions or to register, contact catholic medyyc@gmail.com

FAMILY COMPASS

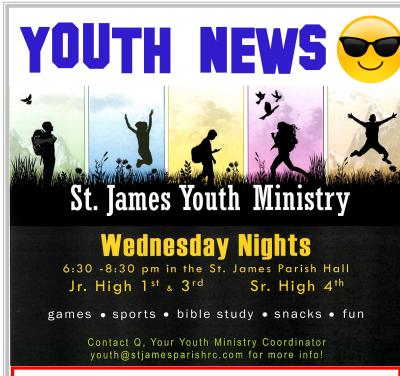
Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement of Calgary invites Spanish-speaking couples to *Family Compass*, a series of workshops designed for couples who want to enrich their relationship and connect on a deeper level with God and their family. The series begins on Saturday, **March 21 at 6:30** pm happening at St. Michael Catholic Community (800 85 Street SW, Calgary). For more information, visit <u>saintmichael.ca/faithformation</u>

FAITH AND FUN FLAMES GAME

Join Bishop McGrattan and the Catholic Community in the Diocese of Calgary at a hockey game - Calgary Flames vs Tampa Bay Lightning. The first one hundred purchasers will be entered into a draw for an autographed hockey stick. For each ticket sold we raise \$5 for the Diocesan youth ministry. There will be a pre-game meet & greet with Bishop McGrattan. When: **Saturday, March 21.** Cost: \$56 (discounted tickets). Get tickets at flamesgroups.com/faithandfun

LIVE-IN RETREAT

You are invited to a Live-In weekend retreat to grow in faith with Jesus. When: **March 27-29** near Okotoks (starts Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon). To register, please contact calgarylivein@telus.net | 403-239-0979. If you have attended your own Live-In, please consider serving at the retreat.





Youth Ministry Coordinator St. James Parish Contract Position from Mar—Dec 2020

Fore More Information Please Visit:

https://stjamesparishokotoks.ca/job-opportunities

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As a result of your generosity the St. James
Youth Ministry was able to donate over \$1,800
to the Okotoks Foodbank and Baby It's Cold Outside
You helped us become the second highest donor in Okotoks!
Thank you to everyone who came to walk and volunteer
Pictures to come on our social media pages soon

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February Youth Social Night

Dodgeball in the St. JPII GYM February 27th 6-8pm

Join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. (Oh, and pizza. Definitely pizza)

The Youth Ministry is in search of a new Coordinator. If you are interested or know someone who would make a difference, please stop by the Parish office. Thank you to Q for helping our youth stay engaged and good luck in your new adventure!



World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6, 2020 at 1:30 PM United Church, 125 Royal Ave NW., Turner Valley, AB Contact Elenor Melnyk – 403-933-2167 – for more info.

Ministry Contact

Liturgy

- EMHC: Tara Epp | tepp@redeemer.ab.ca
- LECTOR: Jayme Crawford | jcrawford@redeemer.ab.ca
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Social Justice / Outreach

- St. VINCENT DE PAUL (OKOTOKS): Tara Epp | 403-938-0562
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- PASTORAL CARE OKOTOKS: Mary McGinness | 403-995-0202

Or : Mary Fraser | 403-457-8674

• PASTORAL CARE - BLACK DIAMOND: Mavis Hills | 403-933-4741

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Sacraments

Leanne Plamondon | 403-938-3122 ext. 105 religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com









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There is a special place, called the Atrium for children ages 3-6 to come to know Christ. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based program that brings scripture and liturgy to life in the teaching of the Catholic faith. This April 20-25, 2020, a training course will be held at the Calgary Pastoral Centre to teach this unique method of listening to God with Children. We are fortunate to have an atrium for the children here at St. James parish (Dorothy Burns coordinator). To find out more, please visit

www.cgsac.ca or contact Paula at paula.sabatini@st-peters.ca.

As Catholics we are required to fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Fridays during Lent we also required to abstain from eating meat. Those who are age 18 to 59 are required to fast unless you have a medical condition, you are pregnant or you do hard manual labor. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who are age 14-17 are not required to fast but are required to abstain from eating meat.





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

What's Cooking?

The Okotoks Food Bank needs your great recipes for their cookbook project! Celebration of 35 years of service to our community. For more details visit our

website at: www.okotoksfoodbank.ca

And submit your recipes to: cookbook@okotoksfoodbank.ca



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