

ST. JAMES PARISH

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26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

St. Michael's Church

402 Government Road
(Street Address only)
Black Diamond



SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:

Reconciliation:

Friday after mass
By Appointment

Mass:

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Wednesday 9:00am
Friday 9:00am

Solemn Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament:
Fridays after mass

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: FR. VINCENT TUAN HA

pastor@stjamesparishrc.com

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**Apts to be arranged through the parish office*

LEANNE PLAMONDON

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** DEADLINE IS THURSDAY 10:00am **

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

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Tara Epp | 403-938-0562

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St. James Church

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Okotoks



SCHEDULE FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH (for the week of (September 26 - October 2):

Reconciliation:

Saturday 10am - 11am
Tuesday 6pm - 6:45pm
By Appointment

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday
7:30am / 11:00am / 5:30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am
Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:

Monday - Friday
6am - 9am / 5pm - 7pm
Saturday
6am - 11am (pause for mass at 9am)

EVENTS AT THE PARISH

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 26	9:00am	† Fr. Edouard Tamer
	5:00pm	Irvin Allen
	5:30pm	† Deacon Gregory Curtin
Sunday September 27	7:30am	† Aymon Garagan
	9:00am	Vincent Behm
	11:00am	† Mark Lowther
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday September 28	9:00am	Thanksgiving for prayers answered
Tuesday September 29	7:00pm	Nichols Kilcommons
Wednesday September 30	7:30am	† Derek Tailby
	9:00am	Eva Keil
Thursday October 1	9:00am	Rick & Luann Ostroski
Friday October 2	9:00am	† Joel Ostroski
	9am (BD)	Pope Benedict XVI



YOU ARE INVITED

Installation Mass of Fr. Vincent TuanHa

Please join us Tuesday, September 29 @ 7pm
St. James Church, Okotoks
with Bishop William McGrattan presiding

REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED
ONLINE OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE

NEW MASS TIMES - OCTOBER 1st

St. James Okotoks

WEEKDAY:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ 9am
Tuesday 7pm

WEEKEND:

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

St Michael's Black Diamond

WEEKDAY: Wednesday & Friday 9am

WEEKEND: Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am

RECONCILIATION:

Okotoks: Tuesday 6pm-6:45 / Saturday 10am-11am

Black Diamond: Friday 9:30am-10:30am

or by appointment

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Ministry Team Leads
who can lead a team
one Sunday a month.*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT JOANNE
YURKO AT JOYURKO78@GMAIL.COM OR
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



Financial Corner

Sept 19 - 25 Budget

Offering Envelopes	\$5,576	
Online Donations	\$96	
Preauthorized	\$3,350	
Total Operating	\$9,022	\$9,375
Building Fund Sept.	\$4,294	\$7,289
Together in Action	\$175	\$2,555
TIA - Year to Date	\$27,886	\$44,289
Gift Card Sales - August		
August 1 - 31	\$700	
Year to Date Sold	\$36,750	
Proceeds to Parish	\$2,021	



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings | **I Don't Want To!** Sometimes we bristle at being told what to do. We may say a yes or a no, then do something else. The demands of Christian living are not easy. But we look to Jesus for guidance, for encouragement, for example. Reread Philippians all week. It is a longer version of what we heard on Palm Sunday. It urges us to be like Christ.

- ♦ What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ?
- ♦ What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful?
- ♦ What interest of another will be important to me this week?

LORD,
BE MINDFUL
OF YOUR

mercy

PSALM 25



26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

St. James Parish Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Our meetings have resumed in September 2020 with our first meeting held on September 8th. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th. More information to follow.

THANK YOU to all of our Parishioners who have continued to support us in this difficult time - those who are able to help financially as well as those who support us with their prayers.

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit our website.

www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate

Stewardship Reflection

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." - Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Mass at St. Michael's

Due to increased numbers in attendance, pre-registration for weekend mass at St. Michael's in Black Diamond is **required**.

Deadline is Fridays at 9:00am.

If you have not registered before this time, you can still go to the church and see if there is space.

Attending Mass

- ♦ **Ministers, please sign up here: VOLUNTEER**
- ♦ Pre-registration is requested for *weekend* masses. Please sign up here. Contact tracing is optional.
- ♦ Capacity Limits: St. James = 200 / St. Michael's = 45
- ♦ Arrive early to answer health and travel questions. Doors open 30 minutes before mass.
- ♦ **Wear your mask to enter & exit the church, and to go for Communion.** It can be removed while sitting in your pew.
- ♦ Sign in with a point of entry team member.
- ♦ **Wait for an Usher to bring you to your seat.**
- ♦ **Physical distancing to be observed - 6 feet (2meters) - at all times for those who do not live in the same household.**

As attendance continues to increase, we are in need of more Ushers and Point of Entry ministers. Please sign up at the link above if you are able to help.

St. James Parish

Sacramental Preparation Registration

for all sacraments

Online ([here](#))

or at the St. James Parish Office (10am-2pm)

Due to COVID19, Sacrament Preparation will be parent-led until restrictions are lifted. Please watch the Parish website for more details as plans develop.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Grade 2 and up

Parent Information Night: October 5th @ 6:30pm

Penitential Service: Wed. December 2nd @ 6:30pm

Communion Preparation begins Spring 2021

Sacramental Mass: Saturday June 5th and Sunday June 6th (all masses)

Confirmation – Grade 6 and up

Preparation begins: January 2021

Confirmation mass with the Bishop: TBD

Rite of Christian Initiation

For those who desire full reception into the Catholic Church

(Baptism, Communion, Confirmation)

of Children (RCIC) Grade 2-6

of Teens (RCIT) Grade 7-12

of Adults (RCIA) Age 18 and up

Sessions are monthly beginning in October (possibly online)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary - News

- Virtual Workshops with Sr. Nuala Kenny, MD
- Ride for Refuge
- World Mission Sunday 2020
- CCCB Plenary Assembly - Happening this week

For full details, please see our website ([here](#))

Save the date: Panel Discussions on *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis' soon-to-be-released encyclical letter on fraternity and social friendship. When: October 28 at 4 to 5:30 pm. Details will be shared closer to the date. Moderator: [Dr. Lance Dixon](#) (Director of Campus Ministry). Panelists: [Dr. Monnetta Bailey](#) (sociology), [Dr. Peter Baltutis](#) (history/theology), [Dr. Timothy Harvie](#) (philosophy/theology) and [Dr. Jacqueline Ho](#) (religious studies, Eastern Traditions)

National Campus Life Network aims for Alberta high school foothold | The [National Campus Life Network](#) (NCLN) is planning to expand its pro-life activism into 15 Catholic or Christian high schools across Canada – including four in Alberta – this school year. In Alberta, the target schools are in Lethbridge, Calgary, High River and Okotoks. Through healthy argumentation and concrete relationship building, NCLN hopes pro-abortion students will feel inspired to become supporters of the pro-life cause and become digital activists themselves. "We are concerned about the massive amount of TikTok videos of girls filming their abortions and putting it on TikTok for everyone to see, and they're happy and laughing that they just aborted their child. So that is acutely our focus." [Read more](#)

Azlynn collects receiving blankets for the NICU | Meet Azlynn, a student at [École Good Shepherd School](#) in Okotoks, Alberta. COVID did not stop her from collecting receiving blankets for her birthday for the babies in the Foothill's Hospital NICU. Azlynn and her family know first-hand how special it is to have an incubator decorated by these beautiful blankets. After Azlynn spent the first week of her life in the NICU, her family started a tradition of collecting receiving blankets for the unit. What a great example of living out Catholic social teaching! [See post](#)

Celebrate any Saint's feast day with this short prayer | One of the primary reasons why the Church celebrates saints' feast days is to show us an example to follow. The Church wants us to remember these men and women who have followed so closely after Jesus Christ, and to imitate their example. Here is a short prayer you can use on any feast day. [Read more](#)

How to become a homeschooler in 12 easy steps | The pandemic has exposed many parents to the experiment in remote learning, and for some families, homeschooling is here to stay. As you dive into educating your children at home, keep these tips in mind to help you gain confidence and success. [Read more](#)

Wanderlight - a Catholic video game | Thanks to game developers from Loyola Press, there's a new game to tickle the fancies of Catholic gamers — *Wanderlight: A Pilgrim's Adventure*. This game places players in the shoes of The Pilgrim, who travels through a variety of maps and zones, all the while meeting saints and learning Catholic prayers. Instead of traipsing from battle to battle, players are faced with puzzles meant to make them think, make ethical choices, answer Catholic trivia, or complete tasks relevant to the various saints they meet. [Read more](#)

How do I overcome anger? | Overcoming anger is no easy task, especially when one has been hurt. It is possible, however. Emotions are normal and not at all sinful. However, we cannot allow our emotions to rule our decisions. Mike Hayes, Director of Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, offers his advice. [Read more](#)

How do I support my local priest? | In this podcast, Fr. Josh answers questions on how to evangelize in the workplace, how to be a good godparent and how to support and defend your local priest when there is gossip in the parish community. [Listen to podcast](#)

Baseball teaches us to practise batting against temptation | A baseball game moves really slowly, until there is a flurry of action. Experts in the sport say everything you do in the slow part matters to do the quick part well. Father Kris Schmidt sees it as a metaphor for the Christian life. He explains it all in this week's 'Beggar's Heart' vlog. [Watch vlog](#)

WEEK 1: Inherent Dignity of Every Human Life

The situation of this pandemic invites us all to re-discover the inherent dignity of every human life and to re-awaken a sense of gratitude, affection and responsibility towards all people, particularly the most vulnerable in our society. #CatholicYYC
Watch Panel Discussion Video: <https://youtu.be/Y0AmwyfjNMg>
Download Weekly Reflection (PDF) [here](#) ==> Pastoral Letter from the Bishops are included
Social Media images here: [Cover](#) | [Reflection](#) | [Panel Discussion](#)

Watch now: "Inherent Dignity of Every Human Life" - "COVID & The Call To Faith"

Parishioners and all viewers are invited to respond to the prepared reflection questions or otherwise to send thoughts/comments to communications@calgarydiocese.ca



Pastoral Statement on the Impact of COVID-19 & the Call to Christian Renewal

Reflection Week 1

Inherent dignity of every human life



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