

# St. James Catholic Parish

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

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.



BARUCH 5:3



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE  
of Calgary



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021 ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### ABOUT US

We are a Christ-centered Catholic community modelling His vision for a faith-filled, joyful, loving, open home for everyone.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Being disciples of Jesus Christ, growing through a sacramental life, serving and evangelizing to those in our parish and greater community.

### PARISH STAFF

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## Eucharistic Celebrations & Devotions

### ST. JAMES CHURCH

#### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am / 10:00am / 5:00pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday - Saturday 9:00am  
Tuesday 7:00pm

#### RECONCILIATION:

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

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH:

#### SUNDAY MASS:

Sunday 9:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

#### RECONCILIATION:

Friday after 9:00am mass  
Or By Appointment

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Friday after 9:00am mass



*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

Beverly B., Betty M., Dorothy N., Eva D., Michael F.,  
Arsenia R., Ron S., Brad G., Brian P.

#### OUR SEMINARIANS

Andre B., Joschua C., Bennet C., Ian M., Martin N.,  
Matthew S., James S., Santiago T.

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)

#### OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS & NEW BABIES

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

#### PARISH DIRECTORY

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. 7-11:30am & 4-6:30pm

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
<b>Saturday December 4</b>	9:00am 5:00pm	† David Canon / Marcia Real & Jeannette Wolensky	Adoration 6am-9am / Adoration & Reconciliation 10am-11am
<b>Sunday December 5</b>	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	† Ron Schreiber † Josephine Fryters Bridie Gibbons The People of the Parish	Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass.
<b>Monday December 6</b>	9:00am	Cole and Greg Clard	
<b>Tuesday December 7</b>	9:00am 7:00pm	† Denis & Karen Quilliams † Brad Gutek	6pm - 6:45pm - Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday December 8</b>	9:00am 9am (BD)	Timothy Quinlan Barbra Zimmer	6pm - Youth Ministry
<b>Thursday December 9</b>	9:00am	Bishop Eugene Cooney	7:45am - Meditation Ministry (St. Andre Room) 7pm - Advent Penitential Service
<b>Friday December 10</b>	9:00am 9am (BD)	Fred Meyers Larry Savoie	

**ST. JAMES PARISH OKOTOKS**  
presents

9 Days  
Pre-Christmas  
Novena Masses

**Simbang Gabi**

December 15-23, 2021 7 PM  
Christmas Carols will begin at 6:30 PM



**INTERNATIONAL  
NATIVITY DISPLAY**

The parish is looking for Nativity sets from around the world for display during Advent. Any parishioner willing to lend one from a different country or culture for display please contact [bulletinestjamesparishrc.com](mailto:bulletinestjamesparishrc.com) with a picture or description. The exhibit will provide individuals & families a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and the universality of Christ as light to all people. The exhibit will be displayed the weekend of Dec. 10th.





**Christmas  
Poinsettias**

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**Come and See Grades 5-8!**

Come check out our youth ministry for younger kids starting January 2021! Our programs are designed to instill virtue, develop character, and encourage spiritual growth all in a fun atmosphere of service.

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021  
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
PLACE: St. James Parish Hall  
WHO: Youth currently in grades 5-8

\*New Parents will have an information session concurrently

For More Info:  
[danawiens@me.com](mailto:danawiens@me.com)



**RORATE MASS**

St James Parish, Okotoks  
Sat Dec 11 & 18 at 7:00 am

We want to increase the beauty and solemnity of the two rorate masses and we need your help!

If you are interested in donating to offset the cost of the candles or supplying good quality candles we would be happy to take them. Please bring donations or candles to the welcome desk after mass or to the office. God bless, Fr Troy

Email [danawiens@me.com](mailto:danawiens@me.com)



# ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

## Sunday Collections

November 28, 2021

Collections: \$4,975.10

Online: \$0.00

Preauthorized: \$3,532.84

Total: \$8,507.94

November 21, 2021

Collections: \$6,673.35

Online: \$288.76

Preauthorized: \$3,532.84

Total: \$10,494.95



## Children's Collection 2021



Week Nov 28: \$88.45

Year to date: \$3,646.95

## Building Fund



Nov. 28, 2021 \$3,067

Month to date: \$6,527

Monthly Payment: \$5,102

Mortgage Balance: \$258,243

Please note that the Diocese has lowered our loan payments due to COVID. Any collections over the payment amount will still be sent in, helping to lower the balance.

## Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$630.75

Nov. 28: \$910.25

YTD Collections: \$31,688

2021 Goal: \$32,799



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

[www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate](http://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate)

### Updated COVID Health Regulations

- Attendance is limited to 1/3 capacity which means 416 at St. James in Okotoks and 66 at St. Michael's in Black Diamond.
- Registration / Contact tracing is not required. Entrance into the church will be on a first come first serve basis at both Churches.
- Masks are required at all times while inside the Church.
- Congregational singing is suspended.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres is required between households.
- Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms are limited to 50 people.
- No social gatherings at the Church.
- Meetings and faith-based meetings can continue.

For full details, please see the [Diocesan Website](#).

*unwavering hope*  
AN ADVENT RETREAT

For girls in grades 9-12  
Sunday, December 19th from 1-9pm  
St. James Parish  
Contact kwang1746@gmail.com to register

## Children's Liturgy



Children's liturgy is a great opportunity for children ages 3-7 to learn more about the gospel through interactive lessons and activities.

We would like to offer Children's Liturgy online. We ask that you complete a short survey to express your interest and to give input for what would work best for your family.

The survey link

<https://forms.gle/unRdE8Ju6cZW0Hk67>

## CHRISTMAS WISHES TO HEAVEN

With a \$3 donation please fill out a ribbon with your loved ones name on it and attach it to the tree.

Donations will be used to bring joy to our community families. If you would like to refer a family in need, please call the parish office.

### Stewardship Reflection

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

*We are called by Name*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

St. James Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium  
Running Tuesdays am and Fridays pm  
Starting September 28.  
For further information contact Dorothy Burns  
dmburns@telus.net or 403-829-7187

Register at: [bit.ly/advent52](http://bit.ly/advent52)

THE PROMISE  
An Advent Experience

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DECEMBER 12TH AT 7PM



# ST. JAMES PARISH - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2021-2022

## Registration for all sacraments for Parishioners of St. James & St. Michael's

### ~ Ongoing at the Parish Office or online [here](#) ~

\*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 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. **Contact Leanne for more information.**

#### 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. **Contact Leanne for more information.**

#### 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. **Contact Leanne for more information.**

#### FIRST COMMUNION 2022

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

##### Parent Only Information Session:

Monday, April 4th @ 7:00pm

Session #1: Monday, April 25th

**Blessing at Mass : Sat. Apr. 30th @ 5:00pm**

Session #2: Monday, May 2nd

Session #3: Monday, May 16th

Session #4: Monday, May 30th

##### Retreat & Rehearsal:

Saturday, June 11th @ 10:30am-12pm

##### 1st Communion Sacramental Mass:

Saturday & Sunday, June 18th & 19th, 2022  
(at all Masses)

#### CONFIRMATION 2022

For students in Grade 6 and up. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE WEDNESDAYS at 6:30pm-8pm.** Parent & student to attend each session. Cost \$30.

**Parent Only Retreat: Wed. Jan. 12th @ 7pm**

Session #1: Wednesday, January 19th

**Blessing at Mass : Sat. Jan 22nd @ 5:00pm**

Session #2: Wednesday, February 16th

Session #3: Wednesday, March 16th

Session #4: Wednesday, April 27th

**Retreat: Saturday, May 7th @ 9am-12pm**

**Rehearsal: Date TBD**

**Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop William McGrattan: Date TBD**

*\*Please note all schedules are subject to change based on COVID restrictions\**

#### 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. (Baptisms take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month.)

##### Sessions:

Wed, December 15th, 2021 @ 7pm

Sat, January 29th, 2022 @ 1pm

Wed, March 16th, 2022 @ 7pm

Wed, April 27th, 2022 @ 7pm

Wed, June 15th, 2022 @ 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 tentative dates:

**February 4th & 5th, 2022**

**April 1st & 2nd, 2022**

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: [religionsedu@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto:religionsedu@stjamesparishrc.com)



# ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY



December 15 @ 7- 8:30: Grade 5-8 Registration

## Ministry Focus: Hospitality Ministry

**Greeters:** This ministry provides a welcoming atmosphere to our Church by being that warm smile and hello when people arrive for mass.

**Ushers:** This ministry plays an important part in guiding our Parishioners before and during the mass.

They are asked to help people find a place to seat before mass, count how many people are in attendance, pass the collection baskets, guide Parishioners to Communion, distribute the Parish Bulletin, and look after the collection at the end of mass.

"I chose to assist my Parish by volunteering as an Usher especially when the need arose during the Covid 19 pandemic whereby many new procedures were installed. As an Usher, my focus is to help those that attend Holy Mass to feel welcomed and safe. I enjoy meeting people and being an Usher gives me that opportunity, it also requires other relevant tasks during certain periods of the Holy Mass and after. I am pleased to learn and help my Parish in this particular area." ~Rosalind~

**To sign up for our Hospitality Ministry, please contact the Parish Office.**

**office@stjamesparishrc.com or 403.938.3122**

**Nominate a family for the St. James Knights of Columbus Family of the Month!**

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/family-of-the-month>

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



Meetings take place the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

### St. James Knights of Columbus (KofC)

Meetings take place the 1st Wednesday of each month. In-person and virtually.



## Ministry Contact

### Liturgy

- **EMHC:** Tara Epp | [tepp@redeemer.ab.ca](mailto:tepp@redeemer.ab.ca)
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- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Karla Seitz | [k-faye@hotmail.com](mailto:k-faye@hotmail.com)
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### Social Justice / Outreach

- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (OKOTOKS):** Greg Boland | 403-938-0562
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- **PASTORAL CARE - BLACK DIAMOND:** Mavis Hills | 403-933-4741

### Parish Life

- **PARISH COUNCIL:** | 403-938-3122
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- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OKOTOKS:** Patrick Brown-Harrison |
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - BLACK DIAMOND:** Daniel Mullaghan | 825-994-2719
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### Sacraments

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**Hey Kids! Check out [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)**



**I AM BLESSED** The 2021 [I am Blessed](#) campaign has started and will conclude on Sunday, January 9, at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Action items highlighted this year: [Pray now](#) - Supporting others with prayer by praying in solidarity with them; ideas on what prayers to pray and what to do if others ask to pray for them. [Act now](#) - Offering tips on how to be a good friend especially to those who are in need; getting familiar with services available in our midst as we may need to lead others to seek help. [Give now](#) - Providing financial assistance online to programs and initiatives that empower others. For **Advent**

**resources** for individual, families or children, [visit our Advent Page](#) Download I am Blessed **graphics**: [Square](#) | [Wide](#)

**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples - Dec. 12** On Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme *We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation. "We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds."* Read: [2021 Message of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council](#) All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

**MISSION MEXICO SUNDAY | DEC. 11/12** This year, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is customarily Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese of Calgary falls on a Sunday, December 12. Mission Mexico has always relied on the support of the Catholic parishes in raising the awareness of the work of the Diocese with our sisters and brothers in Mexico who experience poverty and are in need of support and empowerment. [Pastoral Letter from Bishop McGrattan on Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese](#) There will be a **Second Collection on the Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 11/12) for Mission Mexico**. [Direct link to donate online catholicyc.ca/donatemissionmexico](#) Download promo [graphic](#)

**A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care** New resources from CCCB: *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care*. This toolkit seeks to offer support and formation for parishioners with faith communities to assist them when faced with the illness and death of loved ones, particularly through the lens of palliative care, faith and Compassionate Communities. All material, including video files, images and posters for promotions, are available for direct download here: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/> #IAMCHURCH: VOICES OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Being differently abled does not limit someone from being a "fully-fledged member of the ecclesial community". Pope Francis reminded us of this when he said that Baptism gives everyone, "without exclusion or discrimination", the possibility to exclaim: "I am Church!".

[#IamChurch](#) is the slogan of the campaign launched by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Beginning on 6 December, 5 video testimonies from people all around the world will weekly tells us what it means to be a Christian with disabilities. [Watch video now](#) (1.5 mnts)

**THE END OF ST. JOSEPH'S YEAR - DEC. 8** On December 8, the Church will conclude the Year of Saint Joseph. We invite you to cap off this special Year of Saint Joseph with the event & resources below: **Webinar: Devotion & Consecration to St. Joseph** with speaker Fr. Donald Callo-way, MIC. When: Dec. 8, 2021 at 5 pm MT. Webinar is in English. [Register here](#) Resources on prayers and devotions to St. Joseph will still be available at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/stjoseph.html>

**IN THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT AND RECONCILIATION** CCCB has released a video recording of a bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. Archbishop Don Bolen: "If we are to prepare the way for right relations with Indigenous Peoples, we need to hear those voices of suffering, and the voices of those experiencing intergenerational trauma. God has heard the suffering. And God wants us to hear that suffering too, and to open our hearts to it." [Watch reflection video for the 2nd Sunday of Advent](#) | [Reflection text](#) | [Weekly guided reflections](#)

**THE ADVENT SEASON** Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selection from the writings of the Apostles present exhortation and instruction on different themes of this season. For Advent resources for individual, families or children, [visit our Advent Page](#)

**BISHOP'S APOLOGY VIDEO** The Archdiocese of Toronto held a virtual Cardinal's Dinner with the theme of healing and reconciliation. It includes reflections from Indigenous voices as well as some Indigenous dance and brief remarks from Cardinal Collins. Of particular note is the apology of the Canadian Bishops, representing various regions of the country. The apology can be found approximately 43 minutes into the program. [Watch the program here](#)

**33 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION AT THE CATHEDRAL** To celebrate the third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, everyone is invited to St Mary's Cathedral to spend 33 continuous hours in Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation starting Friday Dec. 10 at the 7:30 am Mass and concluding on Saturday, Dec 11 at the 5 pm Mass. For more information, please visit <https://www.stmaryscalgary.ca>

**FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS - DEC. 6** Children tell lots of fun stories about Santa Claus, Pere Noel, or Kriss Kringle. All of these stories remind us of how much we're loved and of how happy we are when we give. The earliest stories we know were told about St. Nicholas, the bishop of Myra. St. Nicholas was so grateful for the life God had given him that he just couldn't stop giving joy and hope to others—no matter how far he had to travel or how many roofs he had to climb. (Source: Loyola Press) [Learn about St. Nicholas](#) (Loyola Press) [5 things you \(probably\) did not know about Santa](#) (Aleteia) [How St. Nick teaches us that saints belong to everybody, everywhere](#) (Aleteia) [Celebrate St. Nicholas with these fun tradition](#) (Catholic Digest) [St. Nicholas Day activities, gifts & crafts guide](#) (Catholic Icing) [Novena to St. Nicholas](#)

**Christmas gifts for Elizabeth House's residents.** Bring a joyful Christmas to the residents of Elizabeth House and fulfil their wish list. As in previous years, donors will be matched with a family and would receive a wish list from them. This year the limit is \$500 per family for gifts..

To view the full Bulletin Insert visit: <https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/diocese-of-calgary>



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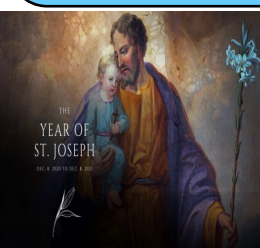
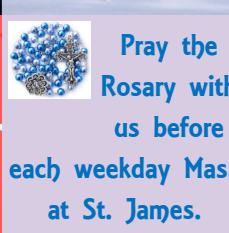


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