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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2022 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### **EUCHARISTIC 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 Church, Black Diamond)

#### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am (St. James Church, Okotoks)

Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am (St. Michael Church, Black Diamond)

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

Tuesday: 6pm - 6:45pm & Saturday: 10am - 11am (St. James Church, Okotoks)

Friday after 9:00am mass (St. Michael 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 Church, Black Diamond)

	<b>Mass Intentions</b>		<b>Events at the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday January 8</b>	9:00am 5:00pm	Salem Niles † Zenaida Singco Ramirez	Adoration 6am-9am / Adoration & Reconciliation 10am-11am
<b>Sunday January 9</b>	9:00am 9:00am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm	† Maricon Paduano Rose Krohmer & Family Mattias & Rachel Barter The People of the Parish	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">           Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass.         </div>
<b>Monday January 10</b>	9:00am	Bishop Cooney	6:30pm - RCIC Session (St. Raphael Room)
<b>Tuesday January 11</b>	9:00am 7:00pm	Stephen Seheult † Angela & Charlie Collins	6pm - 6:45pm - Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday January 12</b>	9:00am 9am (BD)	Denise Prudom † Nece Foro De Veyra	7pm - Confirmation Parent Retreat (Parish Hall)
<b>Thursday January 13</b>	9:00am	Joyce Williams	8am - Meditation Ministry (St. Andre Room) 7:30pm - HIS Choir Practice
<b>Friday January 14</b>	9:00am 9am (BD)	† Carmelita Dela Cruz † Fr. Gracjan	



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

**OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY...**

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Annalise K., Owen K., Ray K.

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

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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)

**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would like to request prayers or be included in our prayer chain, please email Vi Lakevilake276@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**

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm\*  
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**HOSPITALITY DESK HOURS**  
Sat. 4-6:30pm \ Sun. 8-12:30am & 4-6:30pm

## Reflection of the week . . .

It is said that time is the great equalizer. Every day, every person gets the same amount of time: just 24 hours—no more, no less. No matter how wealthy or how poor, no matter what country we live in, no matter how old or young we are, no matter what job we have, no matter what the color of our skin, we all have the same amount of time for the day.

Many of us would like to get more time in each day to get more done—just a couple of more hours, please! Yet we all get the same amount of time each day. We cannot save time and use it another day. We cannot bank our minutes or hours for another “more useful” occasion. We cannot make some minutes and hours go faster and others go slower as much as we would love to do so, especially when it comes to the painful days and the happy days.

What defines us, then, is how we spend that time, not how much time we get. I understand some of us get more days than others, some live to a long happy age and others of us die young, but the time each day is still the same. Some people are content with spending that time watching lots of television, most of which they cannot remember the next day. Some are content socializing, but most of it seems to be gossiping about others. Some are content surfing the Internet for hours on end, socializing with people in faraway places who they do not know, when their family is literally sitting right beside them. Some are content spending hours everyday texting mindlessly to their friends the trivial matters of everyday life. Some are content spending endless hours watching sports on television while their families are competing for their time. And the list goes on.

We are defined how we spend our time and with whom we spend our time. All the above are good when kept in balance. There are 24 hours in each day, 1440 minutes each day, and we cannot possibly do everything we want to do every day. If we do not decide consciously what to spend our time doing, then the hours slip by and we find ourselves at the end of each day with NO time left. The temptation is to do just keep doing what we have always done. But if you keep doing what you have always done then you are going to get what you have always gotten! That’s fine if you are content with the results and we get all the highest priorities taken care of. That’s fine if you are happy with where you are in life and you have struck a great balance.

If, however, you are like most people, we struggle with getting the right things done. One of things I have learned over the years is trying to be present to the things I do. It sounds so easy, but it is not so easy. Our minds tend to wander from the present moment to the things we still need to do or thinking of past events.

My hope for you in the New Year is twofold: that you make a commitment to spend more time with the Lord in prayer and make more time for your family or closest friends. It seems to me that a lot of the other stuff we do can wait for another day, and this way we spend that time with the Lord and family!

## Thanks to all who gave so generously of their time!

Liturgy truly is the work of the people! During the Advent and Christmas seasons, it takes the time of many people to produce the wonderful liturgies and beautiful environment in our church. Blessing and thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time:

The Advent and Christmas Preparation Team who worked on the vision and concepts for the entire season.

The many Art and Environment ministers and volunteers who worked hard every weekend to get the church ready for Advent and for our Christmas celebrations.

All the St. James and St. Michael Families who readily agree to be part of the Advent Wreath Lighting each week at Mass.

The Lectors who proclaimed the messages of anticipation and of celebration

The choirs and cantors and musicians who help us all to pray twice, for all of their time in preparation.

The EMOEs who distribute the Eucharist, the Altar Servers who assist at the table, the Ushers who greet the community and make the visitors feel welcome, and the Altar Linens ministry for their hard work.

Our team of Mass Coordinators who make sure all goes well behind the scenes.

The parish is constantly and eternally grateful for the gifts of time and talent from this faith community. We wish all of you joy, happiness and the peace of our Savior in the upcoming year!

## Question of the Week

When is the last time you thought of your baptism? And more specifically what your baptism has called you to be as a follower of Jesus Christ?

## Events and Announcements

### ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, January 16: Team Leader Training 6-9

Wednesday, January 19: Team Leaders at HTA 7-8:30

Wednesday, January 26: Challenge and Conquest Youth Grades 5-8 @ 7-8:30



If you have not picked up your 2022 Donation envelopes they are available in the Narthex.



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We are looking forward to providing a ministry workshop in February. Please check back for details.

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2022 YOUNG CATHOLIC MISSALS (\$8)

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#### Stewardship Reflection

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' (LUKE 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

We are called by Name

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

Catechesis OF THE Good Shepherd

# ST. JAMES PARISH - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2022

Registration for all sacraments for Parishioners of St. James & St. Michael's~ Ongoing at the Parish Office or online [here](#)

## 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\**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** For students in Grades 2 and up. **ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS OF MONTH at 6:30pm-8pm.** Parent & student to attend each session. Cost \$25.

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

### 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.

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](mailto:religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com)

**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:** 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.

## ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit our website. [www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate](http://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate)

## Sunday Collections

	December 26, 2021	December 19, 2021
Collections:	\$6,042.30	Collections: \$20,169.85
Online:	\$1,078.17	Online: \$0.00
Preauthorized:	\$3,438.13	Preauthorized: \$3,438.13
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,558.60</b>	<b>Total: \$23,607.98</b>

## Children's Collection 2021

**Week: \$39.30**

**2021: \$4,192.35**



### Building Fund

**Dec. 31, 2021** \$2,897  
**Month to date:** \$19,467  
**Monthly Payment:** \$5,102

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**Mortgage Balance:** \$252,703

### Together in Action

**Weekly Goal:** \$630.75  
**Dec. 31:** \$705.00

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**2021 Collections:** \$38,561.75  
**2021 Goal:** \$32,799

## Christmas Collection

**\$17,955.85**

**Thank you!!**

### PARISH STAFF

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**[office@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto: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.  
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[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)**

**ARE YOU  
NEW TO  
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**Register your  
family at St.  
James Parish**

**<https://bit.ly/3Hgw5NM>**





**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We would like to thank you for your support and participation during the #IamBlessed campaign, which ends this Sunday, Jan. 9, on the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. Thank you for being there for those in need! In case you missed these during the Christmas break: Memo: [Music ministry during high daily number of confirmed cases in the province](#) (sent Dec. 23) [Christmas message from Bishop McGrattan and sing-along](#) outreach for the distribution to health care centres, seniors and all parishioners. The latest Faithfully (Jan. 3) features [simple suggestions from Pope Francis](#) to start the New Year.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JAN 18-25)** *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon.* The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity **should be emphasized throughout the week.** All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism. **A resource kit** containing program materials for the Week of Prayer adapted to Canadian context is available from <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2022-wpcu-resources> This resource kit contains practical suggestions on prayers or activities for parishes, families, schools and campus ministries for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the 2021 theme.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD (JAN 23)** Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio [Aperuit illis](#) published on September 30, 2019 establishes that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (**January 23, 2022**) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Here are some [suggestions](#) for making the most of this universal invitation: **Enthroning the Bible** Throughout our Catholic tradition, the book of sacred Scripture has been the honoured symbol of God's living word present among us. [How to enthrone the Bible in your home?](#)

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2022 POPE FRANCIS:** "How is it possible that many religious minorities currently suffer discrimination or persecution? How can we allow that in this society, which is so civilized, there are people who are persecuted simply because they publicly profess their faith? ... As human beings, we have so many things in common that we can live alongside each other, welcoming our differences with the joy of being brothers and sisters." This month's attention: *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

**2022 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** This is a call to participate in the Catholic Women's Leadership program in 2022, scheduled to begin in May 2022 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work. A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity. For more information, visit: <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate>

**ONLINE FAITH FORMATION COURSES Certificate in Catholic Studies** The Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization offers a comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online. Each course runs five weeks and costs \$85. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the twenty two specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. Students may register completely online at [newman.edu/ccs](http://newman.edu/ccs) Visit our website for further details and FAQs. **Other online formation opportunities** These formation opportunities will help you with your faith journey and to help you grow closer to Christ. Find a list of webinars and courses on our diocesan website [here](#). Our parishes rely on your Sunday offerings for maintenance and growth. You can also use the online giving page on the diocesan website to set up a one-time or recurring donation to your parish via credit-card.

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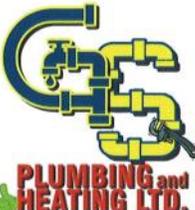



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**Updated COVID Health Regulations**

- 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](http://Diocesan Website).



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 BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS  
 AND SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM



**Welcome!**  
**ST. JAMES PARISH WELCOME COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!**

The Parish Welcoming Committee plays a central role in helping our parish become a more vibrant and welcoming community. The welcoming committee is the face and heart of the parish to new members, visitors and even other members of the parish. They help to build up the Body of Christ by helping to make Parishioners feel that they are an important part of Christ's living body, the Church. They are an example of Christian community building at its best. If this sounds like you, please contact Leanne at the Parish Office to find out details or become a part of the team!



**Pray the Rosary with us before each weekday Mass at St. James.**

**BOTTLES FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

Bring your empties to the Okotoks Bottle Depot and let them know they are for St. James Youth. Money collected goes to celebrate the Altar

