

# St. James Catholic Parish

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

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE  
of Calgary



SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2022 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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's Church, Black Diamond)

### **WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

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

Tuesday: 7pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

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

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
<b>Saturday March 12</b>	<b>9:00am 5:00pm</b>	<b>Tab Syroishka † Bert Cameron</b>	<b>Adoration 6-9am Adoration &amp; Reconciliation 10-11am</b>
<b>Sunday March 13</b>	<b>9:00am 9:00am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm</b>	<b>† Jesus Vallarta † Tex Mortimer Terry Siqueira The People of the Parish</b>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass.</div> <b>7pm - Easter Vigil Choir Practice</b>
<b>Monday March 14</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Pete Henggenstaller</b>	<b>7pm - Catherine's Music Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday March 15</b>	<b>9:00am 7:00pm</b>	<b>Mariette Moss Zachary Plamondon</b>	<b>7pm - CWL Ladies Bible Study (Parish Hall)</b>
<b>Wednesday March 16</b>	<b>9:00am 9am (BD)</b>	<b>† Irene Kudelik † MaryLynn Stevenson</b>	<b>6:30 - 8pm - Confirmation Session #3 (Parish Hall)</b>
<b>Thursday March 17</b>	<b>9:30am *</b>	<b>Andrew Gustafson</b>	<b>8am - Meditation Ministry (St. Andre Room) 7:30pm - HIS Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday March 18</b>	<b>9:00am 9am (BD)</b>	<b>Delanie Cerkvenac † Dorothy Nichols</b>	<b>6pm - Stations of the Cross (St. Michael's Church) 7pm - Stations of the Cross (St. James Church)</b>

**\* Please note mass time on Thursday March 17th is at 9:30am**



*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**

Shirley D., AJ M., Larry S., Isla B., Beverly B., Betty M.,  
Dorothy N., Eva D., Michael F., Arsenia R., Ron S., Brad  
G. Brian P., Irene K., Kandace F., Tex M., John S.

#### **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)

#### **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**

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. 8-12:30am & 4-6:30pm



## Events and Announcements

### ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY



Grade 5-8 Youth Wednesdays from 7-8:40pm

March 23, March 30

### JOIN US FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Hosted by the St. James Knights of  
Columbus

**St. Michael's (Black  
Diamond):**  
Sunday, March 20  
after the 9am mass

**St. James (Okotoks):**  
Sunday, March 20  
after the 11am mass

### YOU'RE INVITED TO A PLAY & PRAY

**A Mom and Tots Lenten  
Group.**

**We will PRAY together,  
FAST and give ALMS to  
other Moms in need.**

**Wednesdays at 10am  
at various parks  
around Okotoks. TBA**

**Text Tara @ 780-718-0381  
for more details.**

### We Welcome You To Join Our Easter Vigil Choir

Calling all  
singers!

Calling all  
musicians!

We are creating a choir to play during the  
Easter Vigil Mass on April 16th at 8:00pm.

Rehearsals will  
take place  
Sunday evenings  
at 7:00pm

March 13  
March 20  
March 27  
April 3  
April 10

For more  
information please  
email Catherine at  
ccklug4@icloud.com

Together we  
**Magnify**



**Saturday, April 2nd, 2022  
9:00 AM Mass @ St. James Parish**

Followed by coffee bar, reflection and sharing

RSVP @ Lindsey-Iwonderham@gmail.com OR 403.615.7396

### ST. JAMES CWL SCHOLARSHIP

The St. James CWL Scholarship is  
available for female high school  
students from HTA who are finishing  
their final year. The application form is  
available on our website  
([www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/cwl-scholarship](http://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/cwl-scholarship)). Please be sure to follow  
the instructions on page one.

For more information contact Vi Lake  
vilake276@gmail.com or 403.938.2369

**Application Deadline:  
May 31, 2022**



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

# 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.

**Session #3: Wednesday, March 16th**

Session #4: Wednesday, April 27th

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

**Rehearsal: Friday, May 13th @ 7pm**

**Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop**

**William McGrattan: Sunday, May 15th @ 5:00pm**

*\*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**, Religious Education Coordinator, at the Parish Office for more information.

Phone: 403-938-3122 or 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:** \* 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: **April 1st & 2nd, 2022** Follow up meetings with a Sponsor couple take place after the weekend on your own time.

## ST. JAMES FINANCIAL CORNER

### Sunday Collections

**March 6, 2022**

**Collections: \$7,016.45**  
**Online: \$875.00**  
**Preauthorized: \$3,642.24**

**Total: \$11,533.69**

**February 28, 2022**

**Collections: \$6,215.85**  
**Online: \$0.00**  
**Preauthorized: \$ 3,516.93**

**Total: \$9,732.78**

### Building Fund

**March 6, 2022 \$1,810**  
**Month to date: \$1,810**  
**Monthly Payment: \$5,831**

**Mortgage Balance: \$221,799**

### Together in Action

**Weekly Goal: \$901.08**  
**March 6 : \$1,103**

**YTD Collections: \$6,030.00**  
**2022 Goal: \$46,856**

### Children's Collection 2022



**Week: \$125.55**  
**Year To Date: \$764.55**

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit. [www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate](http://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate)  
We now accept e-transfers at: [donations@stjamesparishrc.com](mailto:donations@stjamesparishrc.com)



## **PARISH STAFF**

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bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com  
\*\*\*Submission deadline for the bulletin is  
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**Maryann Monteiro & Michelle Fuller**,  
Hospitality Desk Weekend Receptionists

**Tania Keller**, St. Michael's Church  
Custodian

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**41 RR 2, Okotoks, AB, T1S 1A2**  
**(Physical): 338060 - 32nd Street. E.**  
**Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2**

**St. Michael's Church**  
**402 Government Road**  
**Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0**

## **MINISTRY CONTACT**

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403-938-3122

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**To sign up for our Hospitality Ministry, please contact the Parish Office office@stjamesparishrc.com or 403.938.3122**

### **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.**



**Okotoks Knights of Columbus**  
**& St. Vincent de Paul are**  
**conducting a Food Drive over**  
**the next 4 weeks. Bins are**  
**located in the Narthex and all**  
**donations will go to the**  
**Okotoks Food Bank.**

### **Stewardship Reflection**

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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

**[https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/](https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/family-of-the-month)**  
**[family-of-the-month](https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/family-of-the-month)**



# LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING  
MARCH 4TH  
6:00PM IN BLACK  
DIAMOND  
7:00PM IN OKOTOKS

Please note that due to current  
health regulations, we are not  
able to have soup and buns  
afterwards.

## THE BODY OF CHRIST.

### OUR LENTEN MISSION

St. James Catholic Church  
338060 32nd. St. E Okotoks

Tuesday 5th. April

Holy Mass at 6:30PM. Followed by;  
**One Body, many parts. 1 Cor. 12.**

Wednesday 6th. April

Holy Mass at 6:30PM. Followed by;  
**"Apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5.**

Thursday 7th April. Holy Mass at 6:30PM

Followed by; **Christ has no body now but yours.**  
With the Sacrament of His healing love, Confession to follow.

#### Mission Presenters:

##### Sr. Katrina Le. SDM

Sr. Katrina Le, SDM is a member of the sisters of Divine Mercy, a religious community in the Diocese of Calgary with a mission to practice, proclaim and plead for God's mercy. Passionate about sharing the beautiful message of Divine Mercy, Sr. Katrina is a frequent speaker at Parish missions and retreats on God's love and the meaning and purpose of life.



**Peter Thompson:** Peter serves as a Catholic lay evangelist here in the Diocese of Calgary and has given missions in many regions of the world primarily in Africa. Peter and his wife Madeleine also served with Sion Catholic community for evangelization in the UK giving Parish missions with extensive door to door outreach.



## Our Lenten Mission St. James Church

Tuesday, April 5th @ 6:30 - 8pm

Wednesday, April 6th @ 6:30 - 8pm

Thursday April 7th @ 6:30pm

Confession to follow at 7:40pm

## Schedule of Easter Masses

Thursday, April 14th ~ Holy Thursday

7:00pm St. James Church

Saturday, April 16th ~ Easter Vigil

8:00pm St. James Church

Friday, April 15th ~ Good Friday

1:00pm / 3:00pm St. James Church

1:00pm / 3:00pm St. Michael's Church

Sunday, April 17th ~ Easter Sunday

9am / 11am / 5pm St. James Church

9am / 11am St. Michael's Church



## ***Urgent Appeal: “Aid for the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine”***

*Links to donate are:*

*Canadian residents - the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton website - [www.eeparchy.com/donate](http://www.eeparchy.com/donate)*

*US residents - the Ukrainian Catholic ArchEparchy of Philadelphia - [www.ukrarcheparchy.us](http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us)*

*All funds will be managed by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), an approved registered charity with offices in both New York and Ottawa that has been doing charity work throughout the world since 1926. Visit their website - [www.CNEWA.org](http://www.CNEWA.org) for more information.*



***Please Note: An Alberta Business Man will generously match donations up to \$500,000.***



March 2 - April 10  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE®**

### **HELP SAVE LIVES IN CALGARY!**

**You can protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

**With God's help**, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion
- Over **200 abortion** workers converted
- Over **100 abortion** centers closed

**Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:**

- **Vigil location:** Abortion “Kensington Clinic”  
2431 5 Ave NW – Calgary, AB
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm
- **Questions or comments:**

**403-870-3905**

**[40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.calgary@gmail.com)**

**Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times** by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

**[40daysforlife.com/calgary](http://40daysforlife.com/calgary)**

## Indigenous delegates ready to tell their story to Pope Francis

In a few short weeks, Indigenous delegates from across Canada are scheduled to meet with Pope Francis in Rome as part of the ongoing journey toward healing and reconciliation.

The meetings, beginning March 28, are an opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to share their experiences and thoughts with the Holy Father. The First Nations, Metis, and Inuit delegates will meet with Pope Francis over five days, ending with a final audience including all participants on April 1.

Three delegates from Alberta will be participating in the meetings: Gary Gagnon and Angelina (Angie) Crerar, are representing the Métis Nation. Gagnon is a vice-president of the Metis Nation of Alberta and a cultural facilitator with the [Indigenous Learning Services Program](#) at Edmonton Catholic Schools. Crerar is an elder, community activist in Grande Prairie and residential school survivor.

Today, the Archdiocese of Edmonton has posted [an interview with Metis delegate Gary Gagnon](#). It's the first of four interviews – the three Alberta delegates, as well as an interview with Fr. Cristino Bouvette of our Diocese. Watch video: <https://youtu.be/IRawq7xCeZk> | <https://youtu.be/IRawq7xCeZk>



## Invitation from Jeff Cavins & Brett Powell

Men of the Diocese: don't miss this. God Squad Canada invites you to join their 25th annual conference. The theme for this virtual conference is **"Change on the Rise; Ushering in the New Springtime!"** When: **March 18 & 19**. Where: St. Michael's Catholic Church (800 85 St. SW, Calgary). God Squad is excited to host amazing speakers: Jeff Cavins, Brett Powell and Bishop William McGrattan.

[Invitation message from Jeff Cavins](#) | [Invitation message from Brett Powell](#)



## Share Lent | A Spotlight on Madagascar

Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable

garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Learn more about [Development & Peace's work in Madagascar](#), and look out for the Share Lent collection being taken up in your parish on the 5th Sunday of Lent (Solidarity Sunday, April 3). [https://youtu.be/rP7jjCn12\\_Y](https://youtu.be/rP7jjCn12_Y)



## Synodal Lenten Retreat with Bishop Emeritus Henry

All are welcome! A three-evening Lenten Synodal Retreat with Bishop Emeritus Henry on Sunday to Tuesday (March 20, 21 & 22) at 7 pm. Where: St. Joseph's Parish (640 19 Ave NW, Calgary). The retreat will be livestreamed on Facebook Live (@calgarydiocese, @stjosephcalgary) & Youtube. [Download graphic/poster](#)

How have you experienced WALKING TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH?

LENTEN SYNODAL RETREAT Synod 2021-2023

JOURNEYING TOGETHER WITH BISHOP EMERITUS HENRY

Join us at St. Joseph's Church, Calgary | 640 19 Ave NW, Calgary

March 20 Sunday at 7 pm Beginning the Journey

March 21 Monday at 7 pm My Name, Sent in His Name

March 22 Tuesday at 7 pm Food for the Journey

Also available **LIVE** @stjosephcalgary @calgarydiocese

## Lent & Holy Week - Holy Week with Bishop McGrattan

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the Holy Week & Easter liturgies at St. Mary's Cathedral with the following schedule. All liturgies will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website, Facebook Live & TELUS Optik TV ch 877.

Chrism Mass, April 11 at 11 am  
Good Friday, April 15 at 3 pm  
Easter Sunday, April 17 at Noon

Holy Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm  
Easter Vigil, April 16 at 8 pm

## Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Solidarity Sunday

Beginning this year, a second collection will be held every **Fifth Sunday of Lent** as we reintroduce the commemoration of Solidarity Sunday in the Diocese as a way of financially supporting the ministry and mandate of Development and Peace.

To bolster our support in 2022, in addition to the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop McGrattan has asked all parishes to extend the second collection to the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Lent as well for Development and Peace. Parishioners are also able to financially support the campaign online at <https://www2.devp.org/en/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=2y0x0>.

Please read [Bishop McGrattan's Pastoral Letter on Solidarity Sunday for Development and Peace](#) in the Diocese of Calgary (Date: March 2, 2022).

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EMERGENCY FUNDS *for* UKRAINE

DONATE NOW

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THESE ORGANIZATIONS

Development and Peace CARITAS CANADA

CNEWA

## Emergency Funds for Ukraine

In a video message posted on the morning Russian troops attacked, Tetiana Stawnychy, president of Caritas Ukraine, said "It's hard to believe in the 21st century that we were waking up to the sounds of explosions and of air raid sirens.... We ask for your solidarity, prayers and support."

Donate now: <https://www.catholiccycc.ca/blog/ukraine-emergency-relief>

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## Lenten Resources

Welcome what God can do in your life with just a Lenten email subscription, reflections, activities, or an open heart. [Visit our Diocesan Lenten Resources](#)

### *This Lent, let's put people and planet first*

This Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Do this by:

**Donating** online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!

**Learning more by reading the [Mini-magazine](#)** and other resources available at [devp.org/lenten/resources](http://devp.org/lenten/resources)

**Signing the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)

For more information, contact [Carol Hollywood](#).



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**BONUS** – Registrants receive as a gift the "Rise A 30 – Day Challenge" course by Chris Stefanick – a \$45 CAD value. Visit: [godsquad.ca/25th-anniversary-conference-list](http://godsquad.ca/25th-anniversary-conference-list) | [Download Poster](#)



## Resources & Announcements

**The Second Sunday of Lent - Bulletin Shorts, free to use [Mass Readings](#) | Reflecting on Transfiguration.** Lent is not an end. It is a necessary transition, as it is every year, to the glory of life in Christ – in which we already share in some incomplete way. These dazzling white clothes of Jesus recall our own baptismal garments in which we were clothed in him. They remind us to imitate him in all we think and do and say.

How does the glory of Christ dazzle me to reflect on \_\_\_\_\_? How does my Baptism strengthen me to do \_\_\_\_\_? To use Saint Paul's words, how will I stand firm in the Lord? (Source: Diocese of Springfield Press)

### Resources for children: The Second Sunday of Lent

**Kid's challenge this week:** Pray this prayer: "Jesus, we know you are with us. Help us slow down and be quiet so that we can notice your presence in our lives and listen to you." and take a long, slow breath, and be in silence for at least 2 minutes. Listen closely, and share with others what you heard and feel during the silence. (Loyola Press)

[Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) [Colouring page this Sunday](#)

[Sunday Connection - Second Sunday of Lent](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family)

### Children's Sunday Liturgy for 2nd Sunday of Lent

[Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)

[Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)



**Major Archbishop Shevchuk is grateful for prayers and appeals** In his daily message to the faithful from Kyiv, [the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church expresses gratitude](#) to Pope Francis for his strong words at the Angelus on Sunday condemning the war in Ukraine and praying for all those supporting Ukraine in this moment.

**The Trials of St. Patrick (Feast day: March 17)** [The Trials of Saint Patrick](#) is the epic story of one man's spiritual odyssey through hardship and loss, mercy, and forgiveness. Dramatized with a fresh boldness by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, the characters will come alive through the talents of dozens of accomplished, award-winning actors, combined with cinematic sound and music. Read the review if you need convincing. Free to listen via [Formed.org](#)

**St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father (Feast day: March 19)** Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. Featuring interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful first-hand testimonials — [St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father](#) provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history — a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us. [Watch now](#)

**Theory & Practice in Educational Leadership** St. Mary's University Faculty of Education is offering two 3-credit courses in Spring & Summer 2022 for aspiring school administrators and teacher leaders. [More information here](#)

**Lenten Retreats & Missions to be featured in Faithfully** Thank you for submitting Lenten parish missions to the Diocesan Calendar! Check out the [lineups of Lenten Retreats & Missions throughout the Diocese of Calgary](#). Lenten Retreats & Missions will be featured [on Faithfully](#) this coming Monday.

To include your parish or lay associations Lenten mission or events in the lineups, please submit your event through the online [Diocesan Calendar](#) (click "Add Event").

**Do you have the DOCAT app on your phone?** Interested in growing spiritually this Lent both in knowledge and in practise? Watch this [short video about DOCAT](#). Download the "DOCAT What to do?" app to study the Catholic Social Doctrine of the Church in a manageable way and put what you have learned into practise. Get it from [Google Play](#) | [App Store](#)

**Almsgiving during Lent** During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is a witness to fraternal charity and a work of justice pleasing to God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2462). There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations. Find ways to donate to your parish community and other ministries in the Diocese. Visit our [Giving page](#)

If you haven't already, please subscribe to the [Diocesan publication Faithfully](#) - to keep you updated with what's happening in our Diocese. Faithfully gives a snapshot of faith at work in the lives of everyday people in our Diocese and provide us with opportunities to spread the Good News of Christ beyond the walls of our churches. New release coming up this Monday! To subscribe, [click here](#).

## The Year of Amoris Laetitia Family

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