

St. James Catholic Parish

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

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FOR THE
SON OF
MAN CAME
TO SEEK
OUT AND
TO SAVE
THE LOST

LUKE 19:10



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

 31st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 ~ 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

Next weekday special mass Wed. Nov. 2nd - All Souls Day - (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)

~~Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)~~ (Next regular weekday mass Nov. 18th)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday: 6pm - 6:45pm & Saturday: 10am - 10:30am or by appointment (St. James Church, Okotoks)

~~Friday after 9:00am mass (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond)~~ (Next weekday available Nov. 18th)

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)~~ (Next weekday available Nov. 18th)

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
Saturday October 29	9:00am 5:00pm	† Gerry Fraser † Alfredo Nino	7pm - The Feast hosted by Light of Jesus (Narthex)
Sunday October 30	9:00am 9am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm	Angie & Ron † Father of Alex Mew Claud, Irene, James & Family Steele The People of the Parish	<div>Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass</div> After 11am mass - Coffee Sunday (Narthex) 6:15pm - Family All Saint's Party (Hall)
Monday October 31	9:00am	Cameron Ayles	7pm - Catherine's Choir Practice (Church)
Tuesday November 1	9:00am 7:00pm	Tiffany Foard & Bev Ford † Shawn Young & † Brian Paquette	9:30am & 4pm-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6pm - RC Encounter additional prayer (Church) 7pm - Bible Study (St. Raphael)
Wednesday November 2	9:00am 10:30am (BD) 7:00pm (OK)	† Beverly Bird & † Adolph Kowalchuk † All Souls † All Souls	10am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 7pm - RCIA Session (St. Andre) 7pm - KofC Meeting (St. Raphael)
Thursday November 3	9:00am	Troy Quinlan & † Kendra Hittel	7:45am & 7:45pm- Meditation Sessions 9am Mass - HTA Grade 11 attending 10am - Rosary Making (St. Andre) 7-9pm - RC Encounter Group (St. Andre) 7:30-9:30pm - HIS Choir Practice (Church)
Friday November 4	9:00am 0:00am (BD) 7:00pm	Bill & Jessie Shtun & Joan & Anthony Coleman 9AM (BD) MASS CANCELLED Memorial Mass	1:30pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



May YOU know the deep love and support of our community through our thoughts and prayers.
Please contact the Parish Office to have your name or the name of a loved one placed here.

OUR SICK & INFIRM - ESPECIALLY...

Dennis S., Margaret B., Armand L., Annalise K., Owen K., Ray K.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Arsenia R., Ron S., Brad G., Brian P., Irene K., Kandace F., Tex M., John S., Ben C., Yvonne G., Margaret P., Bill & Olive Devlin, Thomas D., David, Corey

OUR SEMINARIANS

Peter A., Andre B., Joshua C., Bennet C., Solomon I., Samuel O., Bemjamin T., Santiago T., Joshua W.

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

ST. JAMES PARISH - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is now open for all sacraments. <https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/faith>

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

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/marriage>

Session dates:
February 3rd/4th, 2023
April 21st/22nd, 2023

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.**

Please see the website for our registration form and required documents.

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/baptism>

Session dates:
December 7th, 2022
January 18th, 2023
March 1st, 2023
April 19th, 2023
June 7th, 2023

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Registration is ongoing for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Inquirers are instructed in the Catholic Faith and introduced to the life of the Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation is for those who would like to join the Catholic Church.

We have programs for all ages:

RCIC (age 7-11)

RCIT (age 12-17)

RCIA (age 18 and up)

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/online-sacrament-registration-form>

Contact [Leanne Plamondon](#), Religious Education Coordinator, at the Parish Office for more information.
Phone: 403-938-3122 or email: religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION Grade 2 and up (\$25)

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #4: November 16th

Retreat: Saturday, November 19th @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Penitential Service: Wednesday, November 23rd @ 7:00pm

FIRST COMMUNION Grade 2 and up (\$25)

PARENT ONLY RETREAT: Wednesday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #1: April 19th

Commitment Mass: Saturday, April 22nd @ 5:00pm

Session #2: May 3rd

Session #3: May 17th

Session #4: May 31st

Retreat: Saturday, June 3rd @ 10:00am-1:00pm

First Communion Sacramental Mass - All masses the weekend of June 10th and 11th, 2023

CONFIRMATION

Grade 6 and up (\$30)

PARENT ONLY RETREAT: Wednesday, December 14th @ 7:00pm

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8pm:

Session #1: January 11th, 2023

Commitment Mass: Saturday, January 14th @ 5:00pm

Session #2: January 25th

Session #3: February 8th

Session #4: March 1st

Session #5: March 15th

Session #6: March 29th

Session #7: April 26th

Retreat: Saturday, April 29th @ 10:00am-6:00pm

Main Office 403 - 938 - 3122
Emergency 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 \n Sun. 8-12:30am & 4-6:30pm

Fundraising and Finances

Auction

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE FOR OUR SILENT
AUCTION TAKING PLACE
ON NOVEMBER 26, PLEASE
BRING IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY
NOVEMBER 15.



Dwelling Together in Faith

St. James Parish Fall Fundraising Dinner



Saturday, November 26, 2022
St. James Parish Hall ~ 6:00pm

"How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one! Psalm 133:1"

- *Dinner
- *Silent Auction
- *Wine Raffle
- *Music

Tickets now
on sale
\$40 each



Website to purchase Dinner Tickets: stjamesparishokotoks.ca/fall-fundraising-dinner

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS FOR THE FALL FUNDRAISER:
SELLING TICKETS AFTER MASS
SILENT AUCTION / WINE RAFFLE
SET UP / CLEAN UP

SIGN UP ONLINE HERE: [HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/A7WX4](https://volunteersignup.org/A7WX4)
OR
EMAIL: OFFICE@STJAMESPARISHRC.COM

St. James Parish Fundraising!
**SOBEYS / SAFEWAY GIFT CARDS
ARE BACK!**

Purchase your gift cards
at the Parish Office or
after all masses from
the Hospitality Desk at
St. James Church



CASH
CHEQUE
DEBIT
CREDIT ACCEPTED



THE PARISH RECEIVES 6% OF
TOTAL AMOUNT SOLD



Help us reach our
target of \$20,000 in
monthly gift card
sales!

When we reach our
goal each month,
you have helped to
bring in \$1,200 to
be used towards the
church operations.

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collections

Oct. 23, 2022

Collections: \$4,401.30
Online: \$0.00
Preauthorized: \$3,731.19
Total: \$8,132.49

Oct. 16, 2022

Collections: \$6,415.45
Online: \$750
Preauthorized: \$3,731.19
Total: \$10,221.64

Children's Collection 2022

Week: \$97.20

Year To Date: \$4,452.30

Building Fund

Oct. 23, 2002 \$640
Month to date: \$5,247
Monthly Payment: \$5,831
Mortgage Balance: \$163,790

Sept. Grocery Gift Cards

Sobeys: \$2,250
Save-On: \$200
Total: \$2,450
Proceeds to
Church: \$147

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$901
Date: Oct. 23 \$10.00
YTD Collections: \$26,578
2022 Goal: \$46,856

To setup preauthorized donations or to donate online, please visit:
www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/donate

We now accept e-transfers at: donations@stjamesparishrc.com

Events and Announcements



TRIUMPH: FREEDOM THROUGH HEALING
Nov. 10-18, 2022 at the FCJ Retreat Centre,

The triumph: Freedom Through Healing program, facilitated by Jerry and Donna Kristian, is a nine-day Christ-centered journey of inner healing and discovery equipping and empowering people with the tools needed to make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives – a path to true freedom through healing in Christ.

Cost is \$1,000 and includes program registration, meals, facility, single occupancy bedroom and all retreat materials and resources.

For more information or to register call Harriet at 403-813 6759 or visit <http://www.triumphretreat.com>.

Annual Memorial Mass

Friday, November 4, 2022
St. James Church at 7pm

If you have experienced a death in your family this past year, you are invited to submit the name of your loved one to Marlene at 403-938-3000 or marlpete@protonmail.com, to be included in the candle light service.

If you experienced a death prior to January 2022 and want to remember your loved one at this service, you will be invited to light a tea light prior to mass. Only those loved ones who have died this past year will be publicly announced at mass.



Ministry Opportunity

When: at the end of each Sunday 9am / 11am
& Saturday 5pm mass for up to 30 mins.

We are looking for people to serve once weekly at any of the masses listed. Multiple people needed!

Full training and support is included.

What's involved: Monitoring the hospitality desk and providing assistance to parishioners as needed. Selling gift cards (cash, credit and debit responsibility) Answering parishioner questions Directing people to various locations

This position takes place at the end of mass, in the Narthex, as people have coffee and exit the church.

St. James Parish

For more information or to sign up please contact the office at 403-938-3122 or bulletin@stjamesparishrc.com

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

Mission: Costa Rica



Holy Trinity Academy is doing a Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser!

All funds raised go towards Mission Costa Rica 2023; helping the community of Barrio Cristo Rey. Get great gifts for family and friends (or even for yourself) at the same price as you would in the Purdy's store! How can you make your chocolate order? Scan the QR Code below or visit

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/203787-96989>

From there enter your email and you will be directed towards the Mission Costa Rica 2023 Fundraising Campaign where you can order your chocolates!

Fundraiser ends Sunday November 27th 2022 so get your order in by then! December 12 is member pick up at Holy Trinity Academy High School.

If you have any questions about the fundraiser or how to order, Contact: Michael Foley- Student Fundraiser Coordinator at michaelfoley8@icloud.com

Any questions about what we do for Mission Costa Rica? Contact: Carmen Marshall cmarshall@redeemer.ab.ca



2022 LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER

CONFERENCE

but as for me and my house
We will serve the Lord"

Joshua 24:15

Feast of Christ the King

- Holy Mass
- Adoration
- Praise and Worship
- Talks
- Coffee breaks/Lunch provided



Fr. Jerald D'Souza OCD
CCCRS Spiritual Director



Rev. Fr. Alexander Braganza OCD
Superior of Carmel Hill
Monastery Deroche in Mission B.C.



Fr. Rajesh D'Souza OCD

REGISTER

FRIDAY, Nov. 18
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Registration starts at 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, Nov. 19

9:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Online at CCCRS.COM
Or by email to: cccrsevents@gmail.com
Or call: Joyce at 587-700-5172

Individual Rate
• \$35 if registered before October 31
• \$40 after October 31

Family Rate
(up to a family of 5: includes 2 adults and 3 children only under 18 years of age)
• \$70 if registered before October 31
• \$80 after October 31
• Note: babysitting/childcare is not provided

VENUE: St. James Catholic Church in Okotoks,
Address: 338060 32 St E, Okotoks, AB T1S 1A2

Stewardship Reflection

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

Youth / Ministries



Join Us!

St. James Catholic Youth Ministry in Okotoks is running the Conquest program for boys and the Challenge program for girls from grades 5-8.

We will be meeting Monday nights from 6:45-8:30 starting November 7

Build Faith, Formation and Friends with sports, games, mission and snacks.

MORE INFO:

danawiens@me.com



UPDATED INFORMATION MEDITATION MINISTRY

WHEN: Every Thursday from 7:45 -8:45 am in-person (St. Andre room)
& 7:45-8:45 pm online (Zoom)

AM session will continue to take place in the St. Andre room

****PM session will now take place via an online zoom link****

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYu2euqjlsHtZ49_25OJMdCLHG7MocP7Kl

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

DRAW FOR A PRIZE!

For every family who has their photo included in the directory we will be drawing 3 families to win a wonderful prizes!

Prizes include:

Rock Cook Wear Set

Slow Cooker

Air Fryer

To submit photo's please email to office@stjamesparishrc.com

All Saints PARTY

ADMISSION \$5/FAMILY
GAMES PRIZES



COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT OR BIBLE CHARACTER

ST. JAMES PARISH - OKOTOKS



DONATIONS TO ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP WELCOME!

"Rivers of Living Water"

St. James, Charismatic Prayer Ministry

MEETS 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next meeting: November 10th, 2022

7:00 PM



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Drop in & join us for music/singing praise & worship, scripture, intercessory prayer time followed by fellowship with coffee and light refreshments.

St. Raphael Room, Hall Doors NW Entrance

PARISH STAFF

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***Submission deadline for the bulletin is
end of day Wednesdays***

Michelle Fuller, Hospitality Desk Week-
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Tania Keller, St. Michael's Church
Custodian

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Black Diamond, AB T0L 0H0**

MINISTRY CONTACT

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CWL / KofC



Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) - St. James

We invite all Women of St. James and St. Michael's Parishes to JOIN us
Every 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the St. Raphael Room.

Next meeting: November 9th

The League's Core Purpose is Uniting Catholic Women to GROW IN FAITH, and to
PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE through SERVICE to the church, Canada and the world.
For more information [click](#) on the CWL link in the St. James Bulletin



Knights of Columbus (KofC) - St. James

**Meetings take place the 1st Wednesday of each
month.**

Next Meeting: November 2nd @ 7:00pm

2022 Advent @ Mount St. Francis

TAKE A MOMENT IN THE SEASON

More and more the **Season of Advent** is swept up into the hype of a busy Christmas. The gift of the season is one of preparation, of reflection, of taking time to pause so as to enter into the celebrations and demands with a heart orientated toward the Light. At **Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre**, we provide space for you to come and be: for **prayer**, for **peace** and for **healing** during this sacred season. We invite you to register for any of these Advent Retreats by contacting Deb at 403-932-2012 mtfrancis@shaw.ca Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Weekend Retreat – “Advent Hope: Life Worth Living”

December 2 - 4
\$215
with Friar Joshua and Friar Michael

Our world continues to be bombarded with messages faster and louder. How many speak of hope? How many speak of the gift of life?

Advent gives us a chance to recalibrate and align our living in hope and life-giving ways.

Register with Linda and Russ Nicol 403-932-1804
lindamnicol50@gmail.com

At A Glance

December 2 - 4
Advent Retreat
“Advent Hope:
Life Worth Living”

December 6
Advent Twilight Retreat
“An Evening with St. Nicholas”

December 7
Advent Day Away
“Pregnant with the Divine”

December 9 - 11
Winter Stillness Retreat

December 11
Greccio: A St. Francis
Christmas Pageant

Twilight Retreat – “An Evening with St. Nicholas”

Tuesday, December 6 \$30 each \$15 youth ages 12-17
Registration at 6:00 pm Supper at 6:30 pm

Enjoy a hearty homecooked meal followed by a guided reflection, time for quiet and moments of shared prayer. Consider attending as a family (ages 12+). Consider gifting this Twilight Retreat to a friend or family member.



Day Away – “Pregnant with the Divine”

Wednesday, December 7 \$30
Registration 8:40 am

The day begins with homemade muffins, includes a reflection, time for quiet, Eucharist, a home-cooked noon meal, prayer prompts and closing ritual. Consider gifting this Day Retreat to a friend or family member.

Winter Stillness Retreat

Friday, December 9 – Sunday, December 11 \$215

A quiet weekend, the perfect gift in a busy season. Come and rest. Delicious meals to nourish your body, liturgical prayer to nourish your heart, quiet and nature to nourish your soul.



The Joy of Greccio: A St. Francis Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 11

St. Francis of Assisi began the popular tradition of re-enacting the Christmas story in Greccio, Italy. Mount St. Francis has held the Greccio Christmas pageant since 2006. We are excited to welcome you back for this in person outdoor pageant.

2:15 pm - 5:00 pm - Snacks and Hot Chocolate
Pageant at 4:15 pm

Accepting non-perishable food
and cash donations for the Cochrane Food Bank.



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Winter gifts for Feed the Hungry's guests

We invite you to donate **new** mittens or gloves, socks, toques, or \$10 gift cards (from fast food places) to share with Feed the Hungry's guests closer to Christmas. Kindly deliver items or gift cards to the Catholic Pastoral Centre Reception (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary **before Dec. 1** (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm). If you have any questions, please call 403-218-5500.

World Youth Day 2023

For information re: SFXC group that will be travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for [World Youth Day in 2023](#), contact SFXC at sfxc@calgarydiocese.ca

Coming to cinemas: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love", the newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus, will be premiered in Calgary Landmark theatres (16, 10) this **Nov. 2 & 3**. The documentary was released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing. For more information, visit motherteresamovie.com

Special Topics in Evangelization and Catechesis - Webinar

The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar from 11 am to 12:30 pm MT on **Nov. 1** with speaker: Dr. Catherine Clifford. Theme: "Listeners on the Synodal Way". [Register here](#) | [Download Poster \(PDF\)](#) | [PNG](#)

Dinner & Auction for Sacred Heart Church in Strathmore

Sacred Heart Parish in Canmore invites you to their annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser for the building of their parish church. When: **Saturday, Nov. 5**. The evening's festivities will include a silent auction (5 pm), followed by dinner (6 pm) and live auction (7:30 pm). To support the event, please consider donating an item or service, donating a holiday destination or buying a ticket. If you have any questions, please reach out to Gorete or Harry Salm at 403-934-4817.

Catholic Education Sunday

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on **Nov. 5 & 6**. Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. You can donate using the designated parish envelopes or give online at catholiccyyc.ca/catholiceducationsunday

Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season

Join researchers and church leaders across theological contexts and Canadian regions for Canadian data, theological reflection, and practical application on themes related to volunteers, finances, attendance, and more. When: **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at 9 am to 12 pm** at Ambrose University in Calgary. To register, call 403-410-2000 ext.2987 or visit flourishingcongregations.org

Come and see the life of the Franciscans

Men between 18 to 40 are invited to come and see the life of the Franciscans from **Thursday, Nov. 10 to Sunday Nov. 13** at St. Francis Friary in Edmonton. For more information, call 403-932-2017.

Love More Benefit Concert for Retired Priests

Couples for Christ invites you to an evening of music and entertainment for the care of retired priests in the Diocese, featuring original songs composed by members and other artists. When: **Nov 12 - 7:30 pm** at St. Albert the Great, Calgary.

Dinner with Mike MacDonald, Mission Mexico

Let's have supper together with Mike MacDonald and talk about Mission Mexico - **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at 6 pm** at Tu Tierra Mexican Restaurant (8995 Bonaventure Drive SE, Calgary). Since Mission Mexico is a charitable program, we kindly ask that each pay for their own meal. RSVP by November 9 to 403-218-5526.

Red Wednesday

[Red Wednesday](http://catholiccyyc.ca/blog/redwednesday) is on **Nov. 16** this year. This is a day to remember persecuted Christians all over the world through our prayer and gestures of solidarity and remembrance. What will you do this year to mark this day for persecuted Christians? For more info, visit catholiccyyc.ca/blog/redwednesday

Like A Mighty River Conference

The Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS) invites you to the annual *Like A Mighty River Conference on the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19, with the theme: "but as for me, and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15). Register at cccrs.com or call 587-894-5314.

Breakfast with the Bishop

Franciscan & Friends Mission invites you to the 13th annual "Breakfast with the Bishop's on **Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8:30 am**, at St. Peter's Church (541 Silbergrove Dr. NW). Music will be provided by Dolly Provost/Morris Running Rabbit. Special guests: Regena Crowchild, Tsuut'ina Nation, Councillor Richard Red Crow, Kainai Nation, Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit, Siksika Nation, Kirby Smith, Blackfoot Confederacy, and Chef Mario.

National Synodal Report

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports.. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholiccyyc.ca/synod

Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB

Grow in faith with Jesus, and join the Live-In weekend retreat in [Red Deer on Nov. 11-13](http://catholiccyyc.ca/synod) (Call 403-510-1208) or [Nov. 25-27 in Coaldale](http://catholiccyyc.ca/synod) (call 403-382-1235).

Employment opportunities

Assistant Coordinator - Feed the Hungry, Admin. Assistant - St. Mary's, Brooks, Bookkeeper - St. Mary's, Brooks, Cook (PT) - St. Mary's Cathedral Visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

Whom Does Jesus Seek? The short of stature Zacchaeus runs ahead, climbs a tree, and seeks Jesus as he passes by. But Jesus stops, seeks Zacchaeus out, and invites himself to dinner. This story, as is all of the gospel, is about us, too. In our seeking Jesus, we discover he has been seeking us. All. The. Time.

Why does Jesus want to stay with me?

How does his invitation to stay with me urge me to change some behaviors?

How does all of this help me to be more generous? What mercy work will I do this week? (Source: Diocese of Springfield)

Resources for children Kid's challenge this week: Ponder why it would be frustrating to purchase a video game that never allow you to play again if you lost the first time. Second chances do encourage us to try harder to improve upon our previous attempts. The story of Zaccheus reminds us of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God forgives our sins and gives us opportunities to improve upon our previous attempts to follow Jesus. Is it time for you to plan your next Confession? (Loyola Press) [Colouring page this Sunday](#) [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) [Sunday Connection - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8 & family) [Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday](#) [Children's Liturgy sheet for leaders/parents](#) (CAFOD) | [Illustration Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)

Dinner with Mike MacDonald Let's have supper together with Mike MacDonald and talk about Mission Mexico - **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022**, at 6 pm at Tu Tierra Mexican Restaurant (8995 Bonaventure Drive SE, Calgary). Since Mission Mexico is a charitable program, we kindly ask that each **pay for their own meal**. RSVP by November 9 to Cristina Marcil at cristina.marcil@calgarydiocese.ca

Red Wednesday is on Nov. 16 this year Red Wednesday is a day to remember persecuted Christians all over the world through our prayer and gestures of solidarity and remembrance. What will you or your parish do this year to mark this day for persecuted Christians? Please [consider these activities](#).

Catholic Education Sunday on Nov. 5/6 Weekend Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 5 & 6, 2022. Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit thecccf.ca | Download [Poster](#) | [One-page insert](#) for Bulletin | web/social media [graphic](#)

Coming to Cinemas: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love", the newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus, will be premiered in Calgary Landmark theatres (16, 10) this Nov. 2 & 3. The documentary was released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing. For more information, visit motherteresamovie.com

St. Anthony's Chapel reopens with new schedule Come let us worship Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration chapel at St. Anthony's Church, Calgary reopens with [updated schedule](#) **starting on Nov. 1.**

The secret of St. Martin de Porres (Feast Day Nov. 3) Often when we read the lives of the saints, we do so trying to find the secret of their holiness. If we could only find what it was that made them a saint, maybe we could imitate them and become saints ourselves. During the canonization ceremony, St. John XXIII shared the simple secret to St. Martin's saintliness. [Read more](#)

St. Charles Borromeo (Feast Day Nov. 4) St. Charles' story of sanctity and his great "yes" to the call of Christ involves elements of the classic tale of heroism: a voluntary rejection of great privilege, wealth, and worldly notoriety in order to serve God. And yet, this was not the heart of his sainthood. [Read more](#)

Special Topics in Evangelization and Catechesis Webinar The CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm MT on **Nov. 1** with speaker: Dr. Catherine Clifford. Theme: "Listeners on the Synodal Way". [Register here](#) | [Download Poster](#) (PDF) | [PNG](#)

October/November 2022 Calendar Highlights

Nov 1 & 2 | [Feasts of All Saints and All Souls - Resources](#), **Nov 2 & 3** | [In Cinemas: Mother Teresa, No Greater Love](#) **Nov 5** | [Dinner & Auction for Sacred Heart Church, Strathmore](#) **Nov 5** | [Resourcing churches for ministering well in this next season](#) **Nov. 8** | [Grandparents' Online Faith Cafe](#) **Nov. 10-13** | [Come and see the life of the Franciscans](#) **Nov 11** | [Live-In Retreat](#) **Nov 12** | [Love More 5.0 Benefit Concert for Retired Priests](#) **Nov 10** | [Triumph Retreat](#) in Calgary **Nov 12** | [Come & See with Poor Clares](#) (online) **Nov 16** | [Red Wednesday](#) **Nov 18-19** | [Like a Mighty River Conference](#) at St. James' Church, Okotoks **Nov 25** | [Marriage Preparation](#) (online + Ascension Catholic Parish) **Nov 22** | [Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations](#) at St. Martha, Lethbridge **Nov 25** | [Marriage Preparation](#) at Ascension Catholic Parish, Calgary **Nov 25-27** | [Live-In Retreat in Coaldale, AB](#)

To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholicyc.ca/news and click "Add Event"

Worth sharing

Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations

Join Fr. Timothy Boyle in a monthly reflection on ministry, pastoral care, and the art of accompaniment, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. When: Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 am at St. Martha's Church in Lethbridge, or join via livestream: stmarthasparish.ca

Feed the Hungry resumed sit-down dinners

The first Feed the Hungry sit-down meal in more than two years was a smashing success on Thanksgiving weekend as guests and volunteers were eager to participate again in the beloved program in the heart of Calgary. Read story at catholiccyyc.ca/blog Need a short-term and meaningful opportunity for your school / organization / workplace to do good work for the community? Consider volunteering for Feed the Hungry (or sponsor a dinner). Visit feedthehungrycalgary.com

Pastoral Letter for Young People (CCCB)

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a Pastoral Letter to Young People in honour of the anniversary of the death of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first beatified millennial. Read now at catholiccyyc.ca/blog.

Bishops of Canada deepen commitments for healing and reconciliation

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), gathered in the Plenary Assembly last week, agreed upon a series of next steps related to the painful legacy of residential schools. This work builds on previous commitments to promote access to records, educate clergy on Indigenous cultures and spirituality, and contribute \$30 million to healing and reconciliation initiatives across Canada. Read more at cccb.ca

Marriage Preparation Courses

Next course: Weekend of Oct. 21 at St. Albert the Great, Calgary. For more dates, visit our Diocesan website where couples can choose the course date with access to registration and payment catholiccyyc.ca/marriageprep

National Synodal Report

We invite everyone to read the Synod on Synodality reports, which is the culmination of a sincere listening exercise that occurred in every diocese across the country. To read the Diocesan, Western Region and National reports, visit catholiccyyc.ca/synod

"The Letter" - A new documentary

A new documentary "on humanity's power to stop the ecological crisis" facing the world" was presented at a press conference at the Vatican on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The film "The Letter," says Cardinal Michael Czerny, "is a clarion cry to people everywhere: we have to act together, we have to do it now." This documentary is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. To watch "The Letter" visit: youtube.com/originals

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples | Dec. 12

"This year, we have been blessed to have had a delegation of Indigenous people visit Pope Francis in Rome in order to receive his apology on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, and again to welcome the Holy Father to this land to hear his words of sorrow as he embarked on his, self described, "Pilgrimage of Penance". Let us take this opportunity to build on the reflections offered by Pope Francis."

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples will be celebrated on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Download/print [this reflection](#) from the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council

Faith Formation Courses 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](#).

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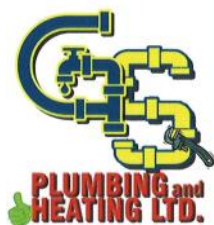
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