

St. James Catholic Parish

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

HERE I AM,
LORD, I COME
TO DO
your will

PSALM 40



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 ~ 2ND 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) 7pm returning Feb. 14th

~~Wednesday, Friday: 9:00am~~ (St. Michael's Church, Black Diamond) Cancelled, resuming Feb. 15th

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday: 6pm - 7pm & Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am (St. James Church, Okotoks)

Or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Saturday: 6am - 9am / Monday - Friday: 5pm - 7pm (St. James Church, Okotoks)

	Mass Intentions		Events at the Parish
Saturday January 14	9:00am 5:00pm	Agatha Canaan Madeleine Murray	5pm - Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday January 15	9:00am 9am(BD) 11:00am 5:00pm	† Jerry S. Villegas & † Mr. John Nwanade † Ted Tatem † Clara Clarke The People of the Parish	<div>Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass</div> 11am - Children's Mass After 11am Mass - KofC pancake breakfast (hall) 6-9pm - Youth Team Leader Training (Hall)
Monday January 16	9:00am	Michael & Kayla Boland	7-9pm - Horizon's of Hope Workshop (St. Raphael)
Tuesday January 17	9:00am	† Dianne Brodrick & † Mr. Marcel Emeleine	9:30am & 4pm - Catechesis (Atrium) 6pm - RC Encounter additional prayer (Church)
Wednesday January 18	9:00am	† Daun Murray	10am - Catechesis (Atrium) 7pm - Baptism Prep Session (St. Raphael) 7pm - RCIA Session (St. Andre)
Thursday January 19	10:00am	† Lillian Schmitz & † Richard Nilsen	7:45am & 7:45pm- Meditation Sessions 10am Mass - Students attending 11am - Rosary Making (St. Martha) 7-9pm - RC Encounter Group (St. Andre) 7:30-9:30pm - HIS Choir Practice (Church)
Friday January 20	9:00am	Nicholas Johnson & † David Quinlan	1:30pm - Catechesis (Atrium)



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

Isabelle Colacci, Greta Gould,
Ted (Edward) Tatem

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 re-
ceive 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>

CONFIRMATION

Grade 6 and up (\$30)

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

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

Session #1: January 25th

Session #2: February 8th

Session #3: March 1st

Session #4: March 15th

Session #5: March 29th

Session #6: April 26th

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

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

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](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

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:

January 18th, 2023 / March 1st, 2023 / April 19th, 2023 / June 7th, 2023

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

Sacrament of Confirmation



Register online
www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/confirmation or
at the Parish Office.

Preparation sessions for Confirmation begin with our
Parent Retreat on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023.

All students in grades 6 & up are encouraged to register as this is an important
step for students to complete their Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Main Office 403 - 938 - 3122
Emergency 403 - 869 - 7382

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm*
Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00pm

Fundraising and Finances

Help the parish with no additional cost to your family!

If you spend \$600/month on groceries, and buy \$600/month of grocery gift cards, the church will make approximately 6% profit to help with the operational costs of the parish.

Monthly: 6% of \$600 is \$36

Yearly: \$36/month x 12 = \$432

Now, if 500 of our parish families did the same,

Yearly: \$432 x 500 families = \$216,000

This benefit to the church creates no additional cost to you, our parishioners!

Please help us maximize this amazing potential, and participate in the grocery gift card program.



2022 TAX RECEIPTS

In an attempt to save on printing, paper, envelopes & postage, we are offering the option of receiving your 2022 tax receipt via email. Please ensure we have the correct email on file in order to accomplish this.

You can update your information on our website

<https://www.stjamesparishokotoks.ca/change-of-address-form>

or by emailing

office@stjamesparishrc.com



SUNDAY MISSALS
\$5.00 EACH

YOUNG CATHOLICS MISSALS
\$8.00 EACH

2023 Donation

Envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

If you would like some for next year or If you give automatically, and want the special collection envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like to switch to automatic donations, please see our [website](#).

ST. JAMES FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collections

Jan. 8, 2023

Collections: \$5,263.95

Online: \$95.00

Preauthorized: \$3,646.92

Total: \$9,005.87

Budget: \$10,621.15

Jan 1, 2023

Collections: \$3,764.50

Online: \$0.00

Preauthorized: \$3,646.92

Total: \$7,411.42

Budget: \$10,621.15

Children's

Collection 2023

Week: \$131.80

Year To Date: \$251.75

Building Fund

Jan. 8, 2023 \$492

Month to date: \$804

Monthly Payment: \$6,196

Mortgage Balance: \$146,903

December Grocery Gift Cards

Sobeys: \$14,150

Save-On: \$0

Total: \$14,150

Proceeds to Church: \$849

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: \$901

Date: Jan. 8 \$630

YTD Collections: \$603

2023 Goal: \$46,860

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

HORIZONS of HOPE

A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE

Horizons of Hope is an educational resource to help understand and reflect upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. It will assist in clarifying misinformation, and reverse the deceptive messaging found in this increasing culture of death. We invite you to attend the 4-module workshop program being offered in January 2023.

The Horizons of Hope program has been designed for:

- People seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life;
- Individuals recently diagnosed with serious and/or terminal illness;
- Family members and friends seeking guidance and access to resources as they accompany the loved one faced with a serious or terminal illness;
- Medical professionals, caregivers;
- Members of pastoral care teams and other parishioners; and
- Parishes seeking to form a Compassionate Community program.

SCHEDULE

- Monday, Jan 9 (7 to 9 pm)
Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
- Monday, Jan 16 (7 to 9 pm)
Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
- Monday, Jan 23 (7 to 9 pm)
Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
- Monday, Jan 30 (7 to 9 pm)
Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

- Pick from the following sites:
- Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)
 - Ascension Parish, Calgary
 - St Gerard Parish, Calgary
 - All Saints, Lethbridge
 - Holy Family, Medicine Hat
 - St James, Okotoks

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CATHOLICYC.CA/
HORIZONSOFFHOPE

REGISTRATION

To attend, register online at
catholicyc.ca/horizonsoffhope



Or call 403-218-5500



PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Save the Date

We are happy to inform you that the Catholic Pastoral Centre will be facilitating a Pastoral Care Ministry Training Course.

The course will be provided over two sessions:

- Part 1: Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25
- Part 2: Friday, March 31 and April 1

To receive a certificate of completion, participants must attend both Part 1 and Part 2.

The registration form and more details will follow soon.



coffee sundays

Coffee Sunday's is back!

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 11am mass! Coffee Sunday will run weekly.

If you are able to volunteer to serve, bring snacks please contact the office.

Parish Photo Directory



Last call to submit your photos to be included



DRAW FOR A PRIZE!

All those with a photo in our Parish Directory are entered!

We will be drawing 3 names to win a wonderful prize!

To submit your photo, email

office@stjamesparishrc.com by January 31st.

Prizes: Rock Cookware Set & Slow Cooker & Air Fryer

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please sign in at the office when you are at the church during business hours. This will be applicable to all individuals and groups. If you lead a group, please sign in on behalf of your group. This will be done for the safety of our parishioners so that are aware of who's in the building in case of emergency.

"Rivers of Living Water"

ST. James, Charismatic Prayer Ministry
Meets 2nd Thursday of each month
Thurs. February 9th at 7pm



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. Martha Room, Enter through Main Church doors

st. james boutique

If you have religious and sacramental items in good condition and would like to donate them, please contact Rosalind at St. James Parish (403) 938-3122 or drop off bagged / boxed items behind the booth located in the Narthex.

- STATUES,
- CRUCIFIXES,
- JEWELRY,
- FRAMED / UNFRAMED PICTURES,
- RELIGIOUS COLLECTABLE FIGURINES
- PRAYER CARDS,

please no bible or books

Stewardship Reflection

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

PARISH STAFF

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CWL / KofC

Knights of Columbus (KofC) - St. James

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

Next Meeting:

February 1st @ 7:00pm



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 7pm in the St. Raphael Room.

Next meeting: February 8th

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



**Join
us!**

**for a Pancake
Breakfast at
St. James
Church:
this Sunday,
Jan. 15th
after the 11am
Mass**

**Hosted by the Black
Diamond Knights of
Columbus**



HOW TO FIND HEALING IN THE CATHOLIC MASS

In every Mass, we hear the presiding priest say the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in this Sunday's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." To which we reply: "Lord, I am not worthy ... but say the word and my soul shall be healed."

This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of his humanity and divinity. With this healing, we leave church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God."

Is Mass that kind of experience for you?

All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to our sincerity. Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word: the Word read and the Word broken open like bread to nourish our spiritual growth, and when the homily is poor or absent, his Spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy.

All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world.

Like John the Baptist, we can say: "I did not know him." In other words: "I saw only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed."

And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

What is the experience of Mass like for you? If you could attend Mass daily, would you? If not, why not? If it's a scheduling problem, will you ask Jesus to change your schedule? If it's a priority problem, will you ask the Holy Spirit to increase in you a desire to sit in the true Eucharistic presence of your Savior? Describe a time when you became more aware of Jesus in the Mass. Prior to this development, what distracted you from noticing his presence? What changed? Why? How?



DIOCESAN SUNDAY UPDATES

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Horizons of Hope - Jan 16 Almost 300 participants came out to seek better understanding of the human experience of dying and death in the 1st Module of the Horizon of Hope series. Please join the next workshops:

Monday, Jan. 16 (7 to 9 pm) | Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life

Monday, Jan. 23 (7 to 9 pm) | Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life

Monday, Jan. 30 (7 to 9 pm) | Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

You will be able to choose one of the six following locations: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary); Ascension Parish, Calgary; St Gerard Parish, Calgary; St. Martha, Lethbridge; Holy Family, Medicine Hat; St James, Okotoks. Register at catholiccyyc.ca/horizonsofhope



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 2023 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Do good,; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). Seek and pray for a deeper understanding of ecumenism. Resources:

Wanted: Used or Unused Christmas Cards With your support, the Mission Council raised \$5300 to help our brothers and sisters in our home and international missions. Please consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to the Mission Council card-making program. You can drop off the cards at your parish office or Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary) during business hours.

Listening to God and the other | Jan 17 Join speaker Fr. Tim Boyle in a reflection on ministry based on the teachings of the Holy Father. When: **Tuesday, Jan 17 at 10:30 am**. Online or in-person at St. Martha's Parish in Lethbridge. Livestream available at stmarthasparish.ca

Transitions | begins Jan 17 The Diocese of Calgary is offering Transitions, 15-week peer led support group for individuals who are working through the pain of separation and divorce toward growth and new life. Every Tuesday, from January 17, 2023 to April 25, 2023, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary). No fee registration. Register at catholiccyyc.ca/transitions or call 403-218-5500.

Prison Ministry Volunteers We need more volunteers to serve during Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers in both Calgary Remand Centre and the Calgary Correctional Centre. For more information, visit our website at catholiccyyc.ca/blog/prison-ministry-lay-volunteers or email Sr. Mariflor at Mari-flor.Jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

Dare to Trust | Jan 21 Serra Club of Calgary invites everyone to join their next event featuring Calgary seminarian Samuel O'Ejeregebe. Theme: From England to Alberta: Dare to trust? Don't miss Samuel's testimony of perseverance and fidelity in answering God's call. When: **Saturday, Jan. 21 at 9 am to Noon**, St. Mary's Cathedral. Mass starts at 9 am, followed by refreshments and Samuel's testimony in the Parish Hall. To join the meeting online, contact serracalgary@gmail.com

Come and see - the Dominican Sisters | Jan 21 Have you ever wondered if "nuns" were still around? What do they do? How do they live? "Come and See" a glimpse of the Sisters way of life and find out! Join the Dominican Sisters, Immaculate Conception Province in Calgary for a day of fun and recollection. Saturday, Jan. 21 from 7:30 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace (Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary). [More information here](#)

TRAiD for MAiD - Jan 24 True Assistance in Dying: Why is MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) embedding itself in our country? St. Peter's CWL invites you to attend a session with Peggy Thomson Gibson, MDCM.FRCPC(C). She will present how to "Defend the Faith without Raising our Voice" to shed the light of faith through prayer, action and sacrifice. When: **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7:45 pm**, at St. Peter's (541 Silvergrove Dr NW Calgary) church hall following the 7 pm Mass. Refreshments will be served.

The War in Ukraine Ukraine and its people are still in crisis. Let us renew our efforts to pray, fast, and act. Kindly donate through your local parish or online at www.cnewa.org/c and www.devp.org

Career opportunities There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary and beyond. Coordinator & Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry, Calgary Please visit catholicyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

Airdrie Dream Vacation tickets The Airdrie Knights of Columbus Council 8045 have launched their sixth annual Airdrie Dream Vacation Lottery. The next early-bird draw is set for Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 2023. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://airdriedreamvacation.ca> or after all masses on the weekend at St Paul's Church. There will be a draw of \$2500 dream vacation travel voucher each month starting in April 2023, plus four draws of \$120 in cash.

Pope's Prayer Intention for Educators Please pray the Pope's intention for the month of January: *Let us pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than confrontation and helping especially the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

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Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community The workshops are offered on Mondays of January 2023, at six locations throughout the diocese. For more information, visit catholicyyc.ca/HorizonsofHope



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Sunday Bulletin shorts, free to use The central thread in John's understanding of Jesus is that Jesus is the revelation of God's own divine self. Jesus' mission is to reveal the Father. This mission is passed on to each generation of followers. By taking within ourselves the revealed Word-made-flesh in Jesus, we become participants in the divine plan of being "a light to the nations." The suffering servant in Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus and continued in every Christian. John's line "here is the Lamb of God ..." is likely included because these words had already established themselves as an integral part of worship in the early church. 1. How do we live out our responsibility in the mission of Jesus? 2. How and where do we come to recognize Jesus? 3. Which part of John's testimony impacts you most strongly? (Source: Diocese of Saskatoon)

Resources for children Kid's challenge this week: For most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus. What is something that you can do this week to lead someone to Jesus? (Source: The Kid's Bulletin) [Colouring page this Sunday Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#) [Sunday Connection for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (Gr. 1-8) [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)

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Prison Ministry Volunteers We need more volunteers to serve during Liturgy of the Word and Rosary prayers in both Calgary Remand Centre and the Calgary Correctional Centre. For more information, visit our website at catholiccyyc.ca/blog/prison-ministry-lay-volunteers or email Sr. Mariflor at Mariflor.Jacob@calgarydiocese.ca

Prayer to St. Anthony the Abbot (feast day: Jan 17) for wisdom St. Anthony was sought by many for his wisdom and holiness of life. He attracted many followers who sought to imitate his way of life and learn from his years of prayer and fasting. [Pray this simple prayer to St. Anthony](#)

Jan. 2023 Calendar Highlights

Jan 16 | [Introduction to Christian Meditation](#) - Online

Jan 16 | [Horizons of Hope: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life](#) - Catholic Pastoral Centre & 5 other locations

Jan 17 | [Support for the Daily Examen: A tool for spiritual growth](#) - FCJ Centre

Jan 17 | [Transitions program](#) - Catholic Pastoral Centre

Jan 17 | The Art of Accompaniment | [Listening to God and the Other](#)

Jan 18-25 | [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#)

Jan 19 | [Taize Prayer](#) at Martha Retreat Centre, Lethbridge

Jan 20 | [Vespers and Study of the Rule of St. Benedict](#) - Online

Jan 21 | [Serra Calgary: Dare to trust?](#) - at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan 22 | [Sunday of the Word of God](#)

Jan 23 | [Horizons of Hope: Accompanying Those at the End of Life](#) - Catholic Pastoral Centre & 5 other locations

Jan 23 | [Gathering the Scattered Fragments: Reflecting on one's life through collage and fabric piecing](#) - FCJ Centre

Jan 23 | [Seeking Balance: Exploring the Benedictine Way](#) - FCJ Centre

Jan 24 | [TRAiD for MAiD workshop](#) at St. Peter's Church

Jan 26 | [The Purpose of Life: Bring your soul back to God and others](#) - FCJ Centre

Jan 30 | [Horizons of Hope: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community](#) - Catholic Pastoral Centre & 5 other locations

To **submit your parish/lay association events** - go to catholiccyyc.ca/news and click "Add Event" (please submit description + poster/graphic in JPEG/PNG)

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

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

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

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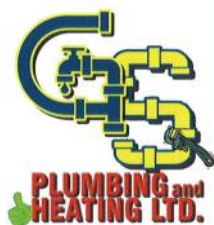
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