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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-3:30pm
*Closed for the Noon Hour*
*Closed 3rd Friday of the Month

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Passion Sunday
April 9th, 2017
H O L Y W E E K

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SCHEDULE FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH (for the week of Apr 9 - Apr 15):
Mass Times:
Sun: 11:00am & 7:00pm
Tues: 7:00pm
Thurs 9:30am *7pm Holy Thurs
Fri: 3pm Good Friday
Sat: 5:30pm *9pm Easter Vigil
Reconciliation Schedule:
Tuesday after Mass, 7:30-8:30pm,
*Wed 7:30-8:30pm (during Lent)
Saturday 4-5pm
Sunday Eve 6-6:30pm
Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday following Mass 7:30-8:30pm
*Weekdays 6-9am & 5-7pm, sign up sheet is in the chapel

St. Michael’s Church
402 Government Road
(Street address only)
Black Diamond

SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH:
Mass Times:
Sun: 9:00am
Wed: 9:00am
Fri: 9:00am *11am Good Friday
Reconciliation Schedule:
After weekday Mass Friday only.
Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday following 9:00am Mass
**Upcoming Events and Activities**

**ST. JAMES PARISH**

**Schedule of Easter Masses - 2017**

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**Stewardship Reflection: April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday**

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts

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**The Blessing of the Easter Baskets**

You are invited to bring your food filled baskets for a blessing on Easter Sunday, April 16th during the 9am Mass at St. Michael’s and 11am Mass at St. James Church. Place your baskets on the steps in front of the altar before Mass begins and Fr. Luciano will bless them immediately following the Homily.

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**3rd Annual GARAGE SALE**

Hosted by the Black Diamond Knights of Columbus in the parking lot of St. Michael’s Church on April 29th & 30th. Item donations will be accepted Sundays at St. Michaels following the 9:00 am Mass. No electronics or furniture please.

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**Parishioners Attending the Easter Vigil are Asked to Bring a Bell to Ring During the Singing of the Gloria!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Celebration of Milestone Anniversaries**

Saturday, May 27th, 2017 @ 5:30pm
- All couples welcome. Special blessing for those celebrating a Milestone anniversary in 2017 (ie. 5/10/15/20 years etc.)
- Dinner & Dance to follow.

**Watoto Choir - Concert**

Friday, June 2nd, 2017 @ 7:30pm
- Everyone welcome! Invite your friends to come see this energetic children’s choir from Africa.

**Summer Camp**

July 10-14, 2017 (Mon - Fri mornings)
- This camp is for children entering Kindergarten to Gr. 6 in Sept 2017

*Please note: we will need a team of people for each event - if you are interested in helping, please contact Leanne at 403-938-3122 or by email religiousedu@stjamesparishrc.com.

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**The Easter Liturgy Schedule is now available in the Narthex. All Ministers are asked to sign up where they can help out.**
### Mass Times & Mass Intentions

| Sunday - Apr 9 | 9:00am - St. Michael’s Mary Vogel  
11:00am - St. James Troy Quinlan  
7:00pm - St. James People of the Parish |
| Monday - Apr 10 | NO MASS |
| Tuesday - Apr 11 | 7:00pm - St. James Quinlan Family |
| Wednesday - Apr 12 | 9:00am - St. Michael’s Mary Sorge  
7:00pm - St. James For the Priests |
| Thursday - Apr 13 | 9:30am - St. James  
7:00pm - St. James For the Priests |
| Friday - Apr 14 | 9:00am - St. Michael’s  
11:00am - St. Michael’s  
3:00pm - St. James |
| Saturday - Apr 15 | 5:30pm - St. James  
9:00pm - St. James For the People |
| Sunday - Apr 16 | 9:00am - St. Michael’s Gerald Gusdal & Michelle Gusdal  
11:00am - St. James Helen Russell  
7:00pm - St. James |

### Activities For The Week

- **Passion Sunday**
- Safeway & Sobeys Gift Cards available after Mass, St. James Church
- Coffee Sunday following 9am Mass, St. Michael’s Church
- K of C Pancake Breakfast following 11am Mass, St. James Church
- 1st Communion Session, 2-3:30pm, St. James Church Hall

- **Easter Vigil 9:00pm, St. James Church**
- Easter Vigil Choir Practice 1-2pm, St. James Church
- Easter Vigil Rehearsal, RCIA 2-3pm, St. James Church
- Easter Vigil Rehearsal Altar Servers 3-4pm, St. James Church

- **EASTER SUNDAY**
- Blessing of Easter Baskets during Easter Mass, 9am St. Michael’s and 11am St. James
- No 7pm Mass

*Low Gluten Eucharist is available at every Mass*
Sacramental Preparation
2017 - St. James Parish

If your Child has not received the Sacraments at St. James Church or St. Michael’s Church, a copy of their certificate of Baptism must be given at time of registration.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2017
For Grades 3 and up. Sessions for 2016 have now ended. Registration will begin again in September.

CONFIRMATION 2017
For Grades 8 and up. ALL CLASSES WILL BE MONDAYS @ 7-9pm, Parents and Students are expected to attend the 11am or 7pm Mass on Sundays. Cost is $40.00.
- Monday, April 24th, 2017 @ 7pm
  Journal Submission, Student only Session
- Saturday, April 29th, 2017 @ 9am
  Mass, Retreat & Rehearsal
- Sunday, May 7th, 2017 @ 11am
Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop William McGrattan

FIRST COMMUNION 2017
ALL CLASSES WILL BE SUNDAYS FROM 2-3:30pm, Parents and Students are expected to attend Mass at 11am or 7pm. Parent and student are to attend each session. Cost is $30.00.
- Sunday, April 9th, 2017 @ 2pm
- Sunday, April 30th, 2017 @ 2pm
- Saturday, May 6th, 2017 @ 9am-12:30pm
  Mass, Retreat & Rehearsal
- Saturday, May 13th, or Sunday, May 14th, 2017
  First Communion Sacramental Mass

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Registration takes place at the Parish Office before the session. A Baptism Preparation session is required for the baptism of your first child. Baptisms take place the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after the 11am mass in Okotoks, and at the 9am mass in Black Diamond. Cost is $20.00.

Session Six: Sunday, April 30th, 2017 @ 1pm
Session Seven: Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 @ 7pm

If your child is older than seven years and in need of baptism, please contact the parish office at 403-938-3122.
April 9th: Passion Sunday

With Passion Sunday we begin the final week of Lent and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Triduum. Rejoice in God’s Mercy has aimed to invite you to participate more readily and more easily in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation is a sacrament that Catholics can receive at any time. In addition to Rejoice in God’s Mercy on Wednesdays and scheduled diocesan penitential services, most parishes have a regularly scheduled time for Reconciliation throughout the year. If you are not available at the scheduled time or if your situation is complicated and you think you might need more time than usual, the sacrament is always available by appointment with the priest. Jesus never said it would be easy to follow him but he also gave us this sacrament to help us own up to our failings, receive his strength, and start anew.

**Action:** Take concrete steps to make the sacrament of Reconciliation an integral part of your life as a disciple of Christ.

St. Michael’s Church will mark the celebration of the **Feast of Divine Mercy** on Sunday, April 23rd, following the 9am Mass, with the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please join us afterwards for Coffee Sunday snacks!

37th Annual Hike for Life
Saturday, May 13, 2017 - Princes Park
Registration: 8:30am
Hike: 9:00am-12:00

Support Calgary Pro-Life Respect Life program.
Sponsor your priest or get sponsors and walk with your friends.
Pledge forms are at the back of the church or at www.calgaryprolife.com or call 403-243-0691.
Thanks for your support!
St. Michael's Church – Easter Sunday Mass
April 16, 2017 – 9.00 a.m.
Children - come prepared!
The Gloria will be sung for the first time since the beginning of Lent. Let us join the Angels and Saints surrounding the Throne of God with our singing and ringing the bells as we celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be sure to bring some little bells which you can ring all during the Gloria.

“BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.”
(Matthew 5:7)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
A Project Funded by TIA in 2015

Crowsnest Pass Women’s Resource and Crisis Centre
Family Support and Education Counsellor

The main focus of the Family Violence Prevention and Education Program is to support all individuals and families who face life struggles. This includes but is not limited to referrals for meeting basic needs (food, clothing, and safe shelter if required). Along with these needs, their emotional / psychological needs are also a concern and through this program, clients have the availability to access support through the Family Support and Education Counsellor or be referred out and supported when making the transition to another agency. This position originally was one day a week which has gradually become two days a week as more generous funding has been acquired to accommodate the increased need for service.

The following is a list of some of the many opportunities the Program Coordinator takes part in or works on while bearing in mind prevention, intervention and crisis support.

- Client counselling sessions (noticeable increase in this area)
- Support person in the community’s Healthy Family Conference
- Roots of Empathy Program Facilitator in a grade one classroom once a week for the school year. This program focuses on developing empathy in children
- Build connections with the local high school to offer self-esteem building workshops for grades seven and eight girls (i.e., self-care, healthy choices, healthy families, etc.)
- Work with local RCMP/Peace Officer re: Positive Ticketing that targets youth and making positive choices
- Community connections with agencies that offer programs to build assets and community connection
- Parent Link Program Triple P - Positive Parenting Presentation Facilitator
- Facilitate Home Zone Program for families of 10 and up in connection with Family Community Support Services
- Babysitting Course provider for children 11 and up (in collaboration with Recreation Dept.)
- Continual collaboration with Child and Family Services, Family Community Support Services, Recreation Dept., 40 Developmental Asset Initiative (ONP40), Mental Health and Addictions, Parent Link Centre, Parent And Student Support Program, Early Childhood Coalition, Health Unit, Women’s Emergency Shelter, Brighter Futures and schools to continually refer and connect families to any services that are required

Submitted by Bonnie Bourbon RN, Family Support and Education Counsellor
Sunday Collections

Mar 26th, 2017
Collections: $6,801.25
Preauthorized: $1,910.54

Total: $8,711.79
Goal: $8,269.00

April 2nd, 2017
Collections: $8,843.00
Preauthorized: $1,910.54

Total: $10,753.54
Goal: $8,269.00

The annual insurance premium for the church is $31,304.00 per year.

Building Fund

Apr 2nd: $877.00
Month to date: $877.00
Monthly Payment: $7,289.00

Mortgage Balance: $581,755.67

Together in Action

Weekly Goal: $1,016.00
Collections: $193.00

Over/(Short): $(823.00)

Children’s Collection

Week: $62.25
Year to date: $1,468.37
To be donated in December 2017

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Jan - Feb 2017

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Safeway & Sobeys Gift Cards

Mar 1 to Mar 31, 2017 $5950.00
Year to date Sold $11,900.00
Proceeds to the Parish $892.50
The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried to give her some warm milk to drink but she refused. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen where she remembered the bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas. She poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior’s bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother sipped a little, then a little more, and before they knew it she had drunk the whole glass.

“Mother,” the nuns asked with earnest, “please give us some wisdom before you die.”

She raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, “Whatever you do, don’t sell that cow!”

Taken from “The Book of Catholic Jokes” by Deacon Tom Sheridan

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