



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

April 12, 2026: Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

To forgive is divine...

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us reflect on Christ's love and forgiveness in our own respective lives.

Hanging on the cross in Calvary, Christ utters a prayer of forgiveness for the very people who have brought Him excruciating pain and eventual death: *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."* These loving words summarize Christ's basic attitude towards relationships.

Let us always take to heart when we pray for forgiveness, as found in the prayer that Jesus has taught us: *"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."*

Our Christian life is bound to be a journey of forgiveness. Fear and violence are to be confronted with the loving force of Christian forgiveness. Our Christian community has to be a community of the forgiven and the forgiving.

Let us consider this basic Christian option to become a forgiving person, just as Christ was forgiving until the last breath of His life. Let our attitude of forgiveness become our legacy to a world that is full of hatred and indifference.

Let our forgiveness become not only an occasional act, but a permanent attitude.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Just as Jesus calls us to believe in Him even though we have not seen Him in person, let us believe that there are those around us who need our assistance even if we have not seen their pain nor heard their cries for help. Let us be open to believing that we can support those who suffer from abuse and trauma. Reach out with love to our friends and church members and be available to their needs.

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Live-Stream:

Sunday 11:00 am at saintmichael.ca/Mass or Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00 am to 8:45 am
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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Peter Lougheed Hospital; Rockyview General
Hospital; South Health Campus

Pro-Life Banner Exhibit

Calgary Pro-Life Association will present its "Positively Pro-Life Banner Exhibit" at Saint Michael Catholic Community on April 11 and 12. Viewing hours are: Saturday 6:00-7:30pm, Sunday 10:00-11:00am, 12:00-1:30pm, and 6:00-7:30pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to walk through the exhibit for prayerful reflection and to engage in meaningful conversation with family and friends about the messages displayed. The exhibit shares Calgary Pro-Life's positive vision: *to respect and uphold the dignity of every human life from conception until God calls us home*. All ages are welcome.

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Banner Exhibit



CCCRS Prayer Meeting

Join us as we begin our weekly prayer meetings starting Wednesday, March 25, 2026 featuring praise and worship, bible study, and intercessory prayers. The prayer meetings will be from 7:00-8:00pm in the Day Chapel. *"The expectation of the righteous shall not be cut short."* (Proverbs 23:18). All are welcome. Come and be blessed!

Ladies' High Tea!

Mark your calendar, dress up, and come for a special High Tea to celebrate the women in your life. The Catholic Women's League at St. Michael Catholic Community is excited to invite you to celebrate the women who have shaped our lives, offering love, guidance, and unwavering faith. We will be hosting a special high tea style event on April 26 from 1:30-3:30pm for mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers and your best female friends, too. Dress in your Sunday best, pull out your fancy hat or fascinator, and come partake in a lovely afternoon! There will be an assortment of delicious sandwiches, desserts, tea, juice, and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance as this event has limited capacity. Adults \$20 and Children \$15. You can register at: <https://forms.gle/VBGfc9165yFyUfToTA>



CWL Meeting

St. Michael Catholic Women's League will have a general meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael's Room following Mass. All members and guests are welcome to attend.



Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized Catholic but never confirmed? Our adult confirmation classes are designed for adults who want to deepen their faith, ask real questions, and complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. Classes begin on April 16. For more information visit <https://saintmichael.ca/confirmation/> or contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca



Multiply the Hope (MTH)

Beloved Faithful: Multiply the Hope is a diocesan initiative of last year's Jubilee Year. With the matching program, the Diocese will match any contributions to the **Multiply the Hope** campaign to be applied against the outstanding St. Michael Central Fund Loan (i.e. mortgage). To accelerate the repayment of the outstanding balance, we would encourage you to consider re-directing any building fund contributions made (either on-line, by text, pre-authorized payment or directly) to **Multiply the Hope** instead. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless. Fr. Edmund.



Together in Action (TIA)

The Together in Action 2026 campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The theme for this year's TIA is inspired by the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. *"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith."* (James 2:18) This year's TIA also marks the final year of the financial commitment of the Diocese to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives across Southern Alberta. Our target goal this year is \$121, 243 same as last year. We thank God for your generosity! All surplus funds this year will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.



Monday's Bible Study: "The Pivotal Players I"

Join Bishop Barron on the journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church. We'll discover how the Word of God was their light and driver for their close relationship with God. We will be able to meet St. Thomas Aquinas, St Francis, St. Catherine of Siena, St. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo; and the places where they lived, learned, and worked on their teachings and arts. It will start on Monday April 20 with 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net or Lee Ettinger at letting1@yahoo.com.



Hike For Life

Calgary Pro-Life is holding its 46 Annual Hike for Life on May 9, 2026 at Prince's Island Park from 8:30am to noon. Please register at www.calgaryprolife.com or call 403-243-0691. Support this important fundraiser which sends the Educational Resource Consultant to schools and groups, free of charge, to present the message that every human life, from conception until natural death, is a gift from God. Last year, thousands of students heard the interactive presentations. Help us reach even more young people this year. Come join us at the Hike for Life and/or sponsor our parish priest. Pledge sheets are available at the church.



Vacation Bible Camp 2026:

"Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God"



* SMCC 5-day Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2026 has limited spots available (50) for all students/minors aged Kindergarten (6yrs.) to Grade 12. * Online registration is now open. * Thank you to those who have already engaged with our Parish Volunteer Coordinator, Gladys. Please contact Gladys at gdoh@saintmichael.ca to begin/continue the parish volunteer engagement process.

SMILE! You're Wanted in Our New Parish Pictorial Directory!

Saint Michael Catholic Community is updating its pictorial directory, and we want **YOU** to be part of it!



- **Why?** To help us connect, put names to new faces, and celebrate our community, in a spirit of renewal.
- **When?** Tuesdays – Saturdays, April 21 to May 16
- **Where?** Rooms 143 and 144
- **What you get:** A FREE high-quality printed directory and an option to purchase your photos (there is no obligation).

How to Register for a FREE PHOTO SESSION:

Online: Visit <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/837754yq/>



In-Person: Volunteers will be in the Narthex to help with on-line sign up after Masses April 11 & 12 and April 18 & 19.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sign-up process and with registration at the photography sessions. Please click this link if you are able to VOLUNTEER <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-62867253-parish>

Feast of Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena:

Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray a Novena to the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and ending on the following Sunday (the Feast of Divine Mercy.) *"On each day of the novena, you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy."* Divine Mercy Novena Pamphlet is available on the table outside St. Mary's Chapel on the week of Palm Sunday. It is also available on the St. Michael's website. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Novena.

Divine Mercy: Sunday, April 12:

Reconciliation: 1:15-2:00pm, Service 2:00-3:00pm.

Please join us in this Divine Mercy celebration: Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy praises, Homily, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration/Meditation, and Benediction. Please Note: incense will be used during the celebration. Refreshments will follow the service.



Fr. Edmund's 47th Anniversary



Join us as we celebrate Fr. Edmund's 47th Anniversary of priesthood. There will be cake and coffee on Sunday, April 26 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

Coffee Connections

Coffee Wednesday resumes on Wednesday, April 15.



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy resumes Sunday, April 12.



Women's Ministry Bible Study

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest. Our bible study is called "Eternal Rest" and will begin on April 15 for five weeks. We will have morning sessions at SMCC, on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00, and Zoom sessions on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm. To register please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca or use the link: <https://forms.gle/hyaBSGCPZkJHvPc1A>. Participant study guides will be available for purchase at \$20. The guides are recommended but are not mandatory. Anyone interested in the study guide can email womensministry@saintmichael.ca.



Eucharistic Adoration Ministry

To assist the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry with scheduling the adoration of the exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, please consider signing up for a time slot so that they know Jesus will not be left alone. There is a paper sign up outside of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or you can visit the link on the parish homepage under Adoration.



Knights of Columbus 8636

Want to become a member? Council member meetings are every third Thursday of the month in the main Theatre. Contact: Vernon Lewis at vernlewis@shaw.ca



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

Need assistance? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 825-417-1720. Donations of non-perishables and monetary: drop off at SSVP Food Chest in the Narthex. Monetary donations: go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/>. New Members: SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Annual Report: [Annual Report 2025 – Society of St Vincent de Paul – St Michael Conference Calgary](#)



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version):

[Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version):

[Diocesan Info for Parishioners - Sunday Updates - Google](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Apr. 11 - Sun. Apr. 19, 2026):**Saturday, April 11:**

Pro-Life Banner Exhibit: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses
 CWL Regional Meeting: St. Nicholas Room, 9:30am - 11:30am

Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday):

Pro-Life Banner Exhibit: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses
 Filipino Catholic Society Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Divine Mercy Reconciliation: Confessional Rooms, 1:15pm - 2:00pm
 Divine Mercy Service: Sanctuary, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 Divine Mercy Reception: Narthex, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Monday, April 13:

No event.

Tuesday, April 14:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm
 CWL Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 RCIA: St Nicholas Room, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, April 15:

Men's Ministry: Theater, 6:00am - 7:30am
 Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, 9:30am
 Women's Ministry: Theater, 10:00am
 CCCRS Prayer Meeting (new): Day Chapel, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 16:

Moms & Tots: St. Nicholas Room, 9:30am - 11:30am
 Knitting Ministry: Library Room, 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Knights of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Adult Confirmation: Library, 7:00pm (pre-registration required)

Friday, April 17:

Parish Renewal Conference: Sanctuary, 5:45pm

Saturday, April 18:

Parish Renewal Conference: Sanctuary, 5:45pm

Sunday, April 19:

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am and 10:30am
 Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9:00am & 11:00am

Gifts to the Parish

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
<u>General Collections</u> Collections	\$83,939	\$87,745	\$110,402
Other Income	\$38,679	\$49,039	\$59,143
Operating Costs	\$114,988	\$128,298	\$195,774
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$7,630	\$8,486	(\$26,229)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$15,600	\$60,100	\$22,111
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,056,783	\$3,032,216	\$2,396,519
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$2,226	\$6,759	\$11,839
% TIA (Goal for 2026: \$121,243)	1%	5%	9%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,243	\$1,883	\$2,268

Mass Intentions:

*Mass Intentions are booked in person at the office.
 Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to
 accommodate urgent pastoral needs.*

Saturday, April 11:

5 pm: Loty Flores † (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday):

9 am: Juan Francisco Vega Jimenez † (Fr. Edmund)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 2 pm: None (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Wayne Skeels † (Fr. Obinyan)

Tuesday, April 14:

6 pm: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, April 15:

9 am: Jerry Maier † (Fr. Obinyan)

Thursday, April 16:

9 am: Luis Carruyo † (Fr. Obinyan)

Friday, April 17:

9 am: Dagmar Prochazkova † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, April 18:

5 pm: Donald Edward Williams † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, April 19:

9 am: Hortensia Vega Jimenez † (Fr. Obinyan)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Gregorio Q. Hidalgo † (Fr. Obinyan)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Ania Georges, Chris Mudry, Alice Flamand, Hendrik Heerema,
 Michael Park, Degby Park, Margaret Baker, Patricia O'Brien,
 Dolores & Gilbert Sieben, Richard Edgington, Suzanne
 Shenher, Olivia Ossai, Duri Family, Jake Biefchke, Ron Jackson.

For the Souls Of:

Jose Castillo, Elia Sperandio

Funeral:**Pray For Our Seminarians:**

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

Eternal Springs Columbarium:

For pricing or more information,
 please email: columbarium@saintmichael.ca.

E-Transfer:

Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the
 amount to: jsupport@saintmichael.ca.

Text to Donate:

To set up your account, text **give** to **833-768-0514**
 and follow the prompt.

Sexual Abuse in the Church:

Call the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary's Hotline at
1-833-547-8360. To report sexual abuse,
 call the Police at **1-403-266-1234**.