



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
T3H 4C7

April 27, 2025: 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Church Schedule:

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 on 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 10:30 am

Office Hours:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

24 Hour Emergency Diocese Hotline
403-231-9505

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Pope Francis

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. R. And let perpetual light shine upon him. O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Bishop McGrattan's Message on the Death of Pope Francis:

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/rest-in-peace-pope-francis>

Pope Mass at St. Michael's

There will be a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis at St. Michael Catholic Community on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

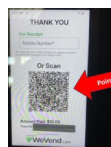


Healing Lines...

"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.



Now available...at the right side of the Sanctuary Entrance, you can now simply tap your bank card or device to give your desired contribution for the Church's maintenance and programs.



The **Tap and Give** device prompts you to provide a mobile number for a text receipt and/or a QR code. If you require a tax receipt at year's end, we need copies of your receipts and the last four (4) digits of the card(s) used. As a standard practice, tap machines do not access any personal information, except the last four (4) digits of the bank card.

Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 11 MAXIMILIAN KOLBE:

NO LOVE WITHOUT SACRIFICE

"In order to love, and love deeply, we have to be willing to give up some comfort and take on some sacrifice." Please read Day 11 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 11 Who Are You?](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers Needed! Eucharistic Adoration is a continuation of the worship of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Holy Mass. It is an occasion of abundant grace and a special way of showing devotion to Him. Come and Adore our Lord; His presence and Love is there waiting for you. Extended Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on May 2 following the morning Mass at 9:30am. At 10:30am Jesus will be moved into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Exposition will continue until 8:00pm. Please sign up for an Adoration time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/stmichaelsadoration>.



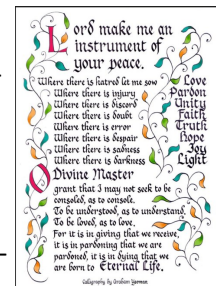
Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert ready to serve. Last one is June 1.



Relic of St. Francis

St Francis of Assisi, Confessor, is with our community in relic form until June 30. Described as second class and *ex cingulo* (of the girdle), the relic reminds us of the saint's renewal efforts during his time as we journey towards our own parish renewal. The relic will be present at all Masses on Easter Sunday (9am, 11am & 5pm) and available for veneration after. Masses for St. Francis are scheduled in the Day Chapel on May 21 and June 25 at 6:00pm, followed by a Holy Hour. A reception follows at 7:30pm. Starting immediately, we encourage our families and parishioners to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be and the Prayer of St. Francis for the intention of our parish renewal.



Together in Action (TIA)

TOGETHER
in ACTION 2025

Launched this Season of Lent, is the Diocese of Calgary's annual campaign to support key ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we give as we *"rejoice in hope, patient in suffering, persevering in prayer."* (Romans 12:12) The 2025 Together in Action campaign seeks to raise funds for essential initiatives, including care for retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care, diocesan ministries, and the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This year's goal is \$121,243 which is the same as the previous few years. Thanks to your generosity, we reached the target amount last year. **All surplus funds this year will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us for a Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 27. It will begin with Reconciliation from 1:15-2:00pm, followed by a Service and Holy Hour from 2:00-3:00pm, with a reception to follow. Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Divine mercy praises; Homily; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Adoration/Meditation; and Benediction. Please note that incense will be used during the celebration. All are welcome!



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"*. The Divine Mercy Novena is available at St. Michael's website.



Face-to-Face Youth Night (Gr. 6-8)

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6-8 with Face-to-Face Ministries on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith! The next youth nights are May 10 and June 14.



Elizabeth House



Elizabeth House is a transitional home that serves as a sanctuary and community for pregnant women and mothers experiencing housing instability. Our shared housing is located in inner city Calgary and offers 24/7 support. For 28 years, Elizabeth House has worked in support of women's personal and parenting goals, lifelong resilience, leadership, and self-confidence. Regardless of where a woman is from, her age or faith, all are welcome. At the Masses on April 27, volunteers from Elizabeth House will be promoting the upcoming Blooms and Blossoms Fund-raising Dinner. Please stop by after Mass to ask questions or purchase tickets!

Women's Ministry



"The Glorious Mysteries", a 7 week study bible study by Paradisus Dei, will be offered from April 30-June 11. In person sessions will be on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm at and ZOOM sessions will be on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Please register at womensministry@saintmichael.ca.

SMCC Vacation Bible Camp 2025



"TRUE NORTH" Online Registration is now open! Online registration is required ASAP. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to register your family. Questions? Please contact our Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Mrs. Caroline Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 105.

Christians of the Holy Land



A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on May 3 and 4, 2025 in the Mezzanine (closed during Mass). All the goods come from the Holy Land, and more specifically, hand carved by local Catholics there. This is a great way to support the tiny Catholic community residing in Bethlehem.

Beloved Daughter's Conference



Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their third annual women's conference entitled, "*Come and Stay: Relationships Rooted in Love*". The conference will be held from May 9-10, 2025 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Debbie and Rachel Herbeck. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025



The deadline for registration for the Holy Pilgrimage with Fr. Edmund to Rome on November 19-27 this Jubilee Year is May 20, 2025. Bookings after this date will not be guaranteed with the original rates, including flights. To book, please follow this link at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. For more details, contact Fr Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca or (403) 8742015.

45th Annual Hike For Life



Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park on Saturday, May 10, 2025. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to St. Michael's Catholic Community (on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin) or any other team member from now until June 30. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life programs. St. Michael's CWL will be collecting pledges on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in the narthex after all Masses on May 3 and 4 or you can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WYRKA>

Coffee Mugs for Visitors & Newcomers



Coffee mugs (in black & tangerine) are now available for use by visitors, newcomers, or those who want to meet others during our coffee receptions after the 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses. The Coffee Ministry will take care of this. The newly introduced bistro tables are also designed to encourage more conversations and interaction among our membership.

Pastoral Council



We hope that you are having a holy and blessed Lent, in preparation for Easter. Pastoral Council met one week earlier than usual in anticipation of the Shalom Lenten Retreat. Highlights of Tuesday's meeting: * St. Francis of Assisi will be with SMCC in relic form until June 30! The relic will be present at all Masses on Easter Sunday, and available for veneration after each Mass. * Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 27, from 2:30-3:30pm. More details to come. The meeting in April is cancelled as it falls in Easter Week. Our next meeting will be on May 27. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at 403-249-0423. To read the minutes from our meeting in February, or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-January-28-2025-Bulletin.pdf>

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



NEED ASSISTANCE? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. 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: contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca. ANNUAL REPORT 2024: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>

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 Docs](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Apr. 26 - Sun. May 4, 2025):



Saturday, April 26:

Face-to-Face Youth Night with Pizza Gr. 6-8: 6:30-8:30pm

Sunday, April 27:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

St. Michael's Sponsoring Feed the Hungry: St. Mary's Cathedral, 12:00pm

Reconciliation Divine Mercy Sunday: 1:15-2:00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Service & Holy Hour: Sanctuary 2:00-3:00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Reception: 3:00pm

Monday, April 28:

Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 29:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, April 30:

Men's Ministry: Theatre, 6:00-7:30am (last one of the year)

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am

Memorial Mass for Pope Francis: Sanctuary, 6:00pm

Thursday, May 1:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Friday, May 2:

Eucharistic Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 9:30am-8:00pm

Saturday, May 3:

Christians of the Holy Land Sale: Mezzanine, After Weekend Mass

Sunday, May 4:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Christians of the Holy Land Sale: Mezzanine, After Weekend Mass

Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, 6:00pm

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 26:

9 pm: Giovanni Papaiani † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, April 27:

9 am: Ryan Gerald Smith † (Fr. Edmund)

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: James Esch † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, April 29:

6 pm: Julius & Christina Olympio † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, April 30:

9 am: Cecile Manning † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, May 1:

9 am: Maxmillian Bernard † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, May 2:

9 am: Members of Carrera Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, May 3:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 4:

9 am: Fajardo Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: Catherine S. Thiel † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Scot C. Smith, Rina VandeGeer, Sylvester Joseph, Duri Family, Helen Gal, Lenore Youngberg, Elizabeth DeCoste, Alice Flamand, Carlos Jensen, Martha Gonzalez, Maria Rubi de Vera, Peter C., Yvon Arseneault, Maria Riza Gardoce, Stella Knorr, Justin Hewitt

For the Souls Of:

Ralph Bico Jozsef Kistorma

Funeral:

Jozsef Kistorma: Wed. Apr. 30 at 1:00pm Sanctuary

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: isupport@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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$107,778	\$81,129	\$93,127
Other Income	\$11,865	\$29,904	\$12,526
Operating Costs	\$118,929	\$126,188	\$122,740
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$714	(\$15,155)	(\$17,087)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$112,737	\$12,382	\$19,888
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,349,592	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$49,900	\$52,238	\$58,525
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	41%	43.1%	48%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$8,462	\$1,103	\$2,320