



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Branches of the Vine...

"I am the vine, you are the branches..." is a powerful analogy of our connectedness with Christ and with one another as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Christ, as our source of spiritual life in us, is pre-requisite to our communion with His Church. Separated from the vine, the branches wither and die. We die spiritually if we are separated from the source of our supernatural life. And true communion with one another ceases to exist.

"It means a steady immersion in the prayer of the Church. It means steady communion with God, speaking to Him on a regular basis. It means an immersion in the Scripture, soaking in the truth of the Bible. It means engaging in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." (Bishop Robert Baron)

A sense of communion with Christ goes hand in hand with our solidarity with our fellow believers in the faith.

This analogy of the vine and the branches requires a balance between our individuality and our belonging to the community. It means that we must participate in the life of the Church community through our common participation in the Sacraments, especially in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Our connectedness with the Church, the Sacrament of Christ, requires the spirit of Christ's self-giving that enables us to sacrifice our individual preferences for the good of our community.

All our ministries are rooted in our faith in Christ, who is at the center of all our efforts as a community.

We all gravitate towards the Centre who is Christ. That is how we strengthen our sense of unity as a Church community. We lose our sense of unity with one another when we lose our connectedness with Christ.

May our ongoing efforts toward Eucharistic revival, especially our upcoming Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit and our Parish Renewal program, make us closer to Christ in the Eucharist, the source and summit of all our Christian life.

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Healing Lines

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) As we enter the growing season in Calgary, let us be the branches of help to those who suffer from domestic violence, bullying, discrimination, and abuse. We can be the assistants for God to tend to those in need and aid them to become healthy and to bear fruit.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, April 27 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, April 28 at 8:30am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, April 28 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, April 28 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, April 28 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino

Glad to have you here!

We welcome new parishioners and visitors. We'd love to see you again! Please register at the Parish Office, or online at saintmichael.ca

Connect with us

Follow us on social media at [@saintmichael.ca](https://www.instagram.com/saintmichael.ca)

Also, join Flocknote by texting **SMCYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyc



Church Schedule

Subject to change

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am

Office Hours:

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

Home & Hospital Visits

If **you** or a **family member** is sick and cannot make it to Mass, and needs Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion, we can arrange to have one of our priests visit them. Please call the Parish Office at **403-249-0423** to schedule a visit.

**Diocese of Calgary 24-Hour Emergency
Priest Paging Hotline: 403-231-9505.**

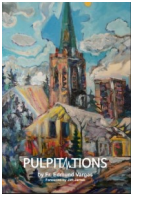
Events and Announcements

Volunteerism, anyone?

"It was National Volunteer Week last week, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge everyone for their ongoing dedication to St. Michael's. Your hard work not only helps strengthen and build the community, but it also creates friendships and unforgettable moments. You are truly making a difference!" (Marvin Matthews, Volunteer Coordinator) We need volunteers in most ministries. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (EME) Committee is actively campaigning for more volunteers. With the return of our Basket Collection during weekends, we need volunteers in the Hospitality Ministry to increase the number of ushers and greeters who can help with the collection baskets. With the lifting of restrictions of the Communion with the Cup and if we proceed the pre-pandemic practice, we require to double the number of Eucharistic Ministers who can help administer Holy Communion during the weekend Masses. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca

Pulpitations | Collection of Homilies and Writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas

"It is with great honor to introduce **Pulpitations**, a remarkable collection of homilies and writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas... to celebrate his 45th anniversary of priestly ordination. This treasure memorializes the profound impact his homilies, writings, and guidance have had on all of us that comes from his deep and unique understanding and commitment to the Gospel message." (from Foreword by Jim Jarrell) Copies are available at the Gift Shop.



Basket Collection | Beginning May 11-12, 2024 | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection will be re-introduced starting the May 11-12 weekend, upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. We thank you for your continuing support. God is never outdone in love and generosity.

2023 Tax Receipts

2023 tax receipts have been mailed. If you have not received your receipt, please check with the office. Some receipts did not have an address and some were sent back to us with an incorrect address.

Elements of the Catholic Mass | April 27 and 28, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Collect: "Collect" is the official term for what is generally known as the Opening Prayer of the Mass. This term is significant because it suggests how we ought to approach the opening oration....The invitation means first and foremost "Let us formulate the intentions we want to offer at this Mass." <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-collect>

Undie Sunday | Narthex | Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, 2024 | Sanctuary | After All Masses

The Annual Undie Sunday is back in support of the Elizabeth House on April 27 and 28. At this time the following items are needed: Baby Tylenol, Advil, diapers (size 4), pull-ups, women's lounge/sweatpants (all sizes), women's cotton underwear (sizes M-XL), women's socks (all types), children's leave-in hair conditioner, bath towels, and face cloths. Please note, all items must be NEW. Financial donations will also be accepted. Monetary donations contribute directly to the grassroots operations of Elizabeth House. Donations can be made by cheque to Elizabeth House or online at www.catholiccy.ca. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, St. Michael's CWL and Knights of Columbus.

Altar Servers Training | Sunday, April 28, 2024 | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm

The next training session will be held on Sunday, April 28 after the 11:00am Mass in the Sanctuary. Please join us if you and your children are interested in joining the Altar Servers. The training takes about 1.5-2 hours.

Beloved Daughter's Ministry: Women's Conference | Friday, May 3: 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday, May 4: 8:30am-4:00pm

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled "Worthy and Made New." The conference will be held from May 3-4, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com



44th Annual Hike For Life | Saturday, May 11, 2024 | Prince's Island Park | 8:30am-12:00pm

Please join Fr. Edmund in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to Fr. Edmund or any other team member from now until May 12. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and will be accepted online until June 30 at www.calgaryprolife.com. Please indicate that the donation will be sponsoring St. Michael Catholic Community. Pledge forms are also available at the office. All funds raised will go to support the Respect For Life program. St. Michael's CWL will be in the Narthex collecting pledges after all Masses on May 4/5 and May 11/12.

Mother's Day Rose Sale | Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12, 2024 | Narthex | After All Masses

Mothers' Day roses will be on sale after all Masses on May 11 and May 12 for \$5.00 per rose. All proceeds from the rose sales go towards pro-life education.

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Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Mezzanine | Various Times

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition will be held at St. Michael Catholic Community between May 24 and June 2. It will be an awesome display of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, but **we need YOUR help**. Volunteers are needed to assist in this spiritually impactful opportunity. A message regarding the Exhibition will be announced at each weekend Mass and members of the organizing committee will be in the Narthex after each Mass, easily identifiable by the red sashes that they are wearing. To volunteer, or to get more information, please visit our website via the link or the QR code. <https://saintmichael.ca/eucharistic-miracles-exhibition/>



Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, June 9, 2024 | Sanctuary Mass 11am | Narthex Gathering 1:00-3:00pm

A Parish Renewal Gathering will be held on Sunday, June 9 starting with the 11:00am Mass, followed by lunch in the Narthex. The Parish Renewal Gathering proper starts at 1:00pm and concludes at 3:00pm. In preparation for the gathering, a 40-hour Adoration begins on Friday, June 7, 3:00pm and ends on Sunday, June 9, 8:00am. Details will be announced later.

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | Friday, June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

The final Youth Rally "Impact Night" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church is scheduled on Friday, June 14 from 7:00-9:00pm. The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3-12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. If you are interested in joining, please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program)

We are pleased to let you know our newest sponsorship family will be arriving mid May. Our financial commitment for this family is for one year. According to the Refugee Sponsorship Program the estimated amount needed to support this family for one year is approximately \$40K. Your help is needed, to help us achieve this goal. Financial Donations can be made out to St. Michael's earmarked "Partnership of Hope". Tax receipts will be issued. This family is from Iran originally but have been in Turkey for many years as refugees praying for a way out. St. Michael's has given them a way out. Life in Turkey has been very, very hard. The family consists of Mom, Dad, and three boys aged 16, 14, and 7 years. For more information to help, please contact Jocelyn Fitzgerald at 403-650-9741 or cefitz@shaw.ca. For information on volunteering, please [click here](#).

Art Walk 2024 | Cancelled

Art Walk 2024 will not be held this year due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be back in 2025! Details to follow at a later date.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! If you have lost your job, please contact us for food support. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. **DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the church Gathering Area or you can arrange for a pick-up, by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, and conditioner. **MONETARY DONATIONS** can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the Parish website: <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): <https://mailchi.mp/fsf2054531f5/beyond-bulletin-insert-solemnity-of-all-saints-6235932?e=6937123d2f>

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

Sundays | After Morning Masses | 10:00am and 12:00pm

April 2024:

April 27 | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas' Room | 9:00am-12:00pm

April 27-28 | Undie Sunday | Narthex | After All Masses

April 28 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 12:00pm

April 29 | Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 30 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

April 30 | RCIA | St. Nicholas' Room | 7:00-9:00pm

May 2024

May 1 | Into the Breach | Day Chapel | 6:00-7:30am

May 2 | Cancelled: Coffee Thursday

May 2 | Cancelled: Moms and Tots

May 2 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am -12:00pm

May 3 | Beloved Daughter's Conference | Registration 6:00-7:00pm | Session 7:00-9:00pm | Social 9:00-10:00pm

May 4 | Beloved Daughter's Conference | Session 8:30am-12:00pm | Lunch 12:00-1:30pm | Session 1:30-4:00pm

Eternal Springs Columbarium

The Columbarium at St. Michael's offers a consecrated and sacred space where the cremated remains of departed loved ones rest in perpetuity. For pricing or more information, please email columbarium@saintmichael.ca.

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Peter An, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Pietro Jr. Duri
Aaron Armstrong
Rina VandeGeer
Bert Saunders
Cecile Manning

Duncan Smith
Evelyn Dumanski
Annette LaMarca
Bill Tapuska
Pat Burchnell

Judy York
Chester Wisniewski
Father Greg Coupal
Michael Park
Rosemary Pangilinan

For the Souls of:

Eduardo Quito

Sexual Abuse in the Church

Many suffer in silence. Perhaps you are affected by the news of sexual abuse of minors in the Church; perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor or a relative of a friend of someone who was abused; perhaps you know about an abuse; perhaps you have sexually abused someone. Break the cycle of silence: you can choose to talk about it. 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.**

E-Transfer:

You can now donate using e-transfer service. Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: isupport@saintmichael.ca.

Text to Donate:

Don't carry cash? You can now use text messaging to donate any amount to St. Michael's. To set up your account, text *give* to **833-768-0514** and follow the prompt. Once you're in, text any amount to the same number - anytime.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please visit the office.

Saturday, April 27

5 pm: Aura, Rene, and Antonio Sequeira †

Sunday, April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

9 am: Marie Grey †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ron Tainsh †

Tuesday, April 30

6 pm: Mary Patrick †

Wednesday, May 1

9 am: Giovanni Di Marzo †

Thursday, May 2

7 pm: Simeon Javier †

Friday, May 3

9 am: Intentions of Costa Family

Saturday, May 4

5 pm: Helene Pelletier †

Sunday, May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter

9 am: Intentions of Paul Bourassa

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Alejandro and Amneris Juan †

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