



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Law and Spirit

In the Old Testament, the divine pattern for human conduct was set forth in the Ten Commandments which is a summary of instructions given to God's chosen people before they entered the Promised Land. In the New Testament, God reveals himself to us in the person of Jesus who has shown us how we are to live. With Christ's new commandment of love, we freely respond to the call for holiness in our respective lives.

There is a certain parallelism between the Ten Commandments handed down to Moses on Mt. Sinai and the Beatitudes which Christ preached on the Mount which is featured in our gospel reading today. So to speak, the Beatitudes becomes the New Testament version of the Ten Commandments. The Beatitudes expresses a personal commitment to what Christ demands as part of our calling as God's children. The Beatitudes is the positive response to Christ's call to love, making us comply with our external acts of the law as an expression of our adherence to love and forgiveness.

The gift of God's love in Christ, as exemplified in the Eucharist, becomes the central force of our acts of justice, kindness and love. Just evil intentions come from the human heart, goodness comes from the grace of God. Living the Christian faith is not all about complying with outward practices of our religion. Christian faith has to be deeply rooted in our souls, making the word of God as the source of all our actions and thoughts.

God gives us the capacity to act in accordance with God's love in Jesus Christ who became human so He can share our humanity but not our sinfulness. We go beyond our religious practices and acts of justice and charity to realize that it is God's grace that moves us to pursue what is good. As St. Paul asserts: "It is God's doing that He has become our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness and our freedom." And quoting the prophet Jeremiah, St. Paul adds: "If anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord."

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Healing Lines.

"Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh..." (Luke 6:21). Jesus' words can be such a comfort for those who are abused, especially when hope has returned, when they receive the assistance they need. We can be of great help to these individuals, couples and families by creating a safe place in our parish and supporting them in their healing.

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.facebook.com/saintmichael.ca)

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



Church Schedule

Subject to change

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. live stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tues-Fri from 9:30 a.m. to noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is sick, 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

Key Card Changes

Our door system has been undergoing an upgrade. All key cards currently in circulation will no longer work. Any parishioners with a key card for ministry or program purposes will need to come to the office for a new card starting February 15.

Wild Goose Bible Study

Mondays, starting February 28

"The Wild Goose" is a study on the Holy Spirit. He desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable, a journey to the very heart of God. This is a 14-part series, featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. It will be via Zoom, every Monday at 7 p.m. and will go from February 28 until June 6. To register, use the Flocknote link: [register](#) or contact Augusto at abitter@telus.net.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of January we helped 24 families (38 adults and 20 children). If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the SSVP food chest in the gathering area. Currently we are looking for: cereal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and canned fish/meat.

Monetary donations can be deposited in the drop-box in the food chest or by online donations through the St. Michaels Parish website <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu.

2022 Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday: March 2

Mass at 9 a.m., 6 p.m.

Lenten Fridays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

Mass at 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 6

Liturgy and Confessions at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday: April 9, 10

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 14

Mass at 7 p.m.

Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 15

Liturgy at 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil: April 16

Mass at 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 17

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Parish Office: The office will be open regular hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on April 12 – 14. We will be closed on April 15 for Good Friday.

*Live-streamed 11 a.m. Mass can be accessed at saintmichael.ca/Mass and on our [Facebook Page](#). Once the live-streamed Mass has finished, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page. For a list of all live-streamed Masses in the diocese, visit catholiccyyc.ca.

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, Mark Kostecky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Wesley Almond	William Hill
Doreen Arseneault	Joseph Javier
Alessandro Bonvicini	Sierra Knight
Tina Burian	Daniela Masek
Ray Cole	Norma Padolina
Jack Davies	Georgina Pintaric
Michelle Deschenes	Leslie Pickering
Alden Gibson	Lawrence Raffin
Rick Hagel	Duncan Smith

For the Soul of:

Sebastian Barrera

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 12

5 p.m.: Regina Lupuz Edillon †

Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: William Reinwart Jr. †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Adrian Van de Mosselaer †

Tuesday, February 15

6 p.m.: Intentions of Dan & Cyntia Di Stefano

Wednesday, February 16

9 a.m.: Elay Caro Leano †

Thursday, February 17

9 a.m.: Sheila Foster †

Friday, February 18

9 a.m.: Germaine Girard †

Saturday, February 19

5 p.m.: Dennis Hemeryck †

Sunday February 20, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Avaro Fernandez †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Father John Rose †

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.

Contact us

For general inquiries: info@saintmichael.ca
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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	November	December	January
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$99,356	\$205,436	\$82,396
Operating Costs	\$103,871	\$94,843	\$103,444
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$4,515)	\$110,593	(\$21,048)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$20,987	\$151,321	\$17,288
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,355,479	\$5,335,506	\$5,319,181
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$50,717	\$58,714	\$1,585
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$40,025	\$64,308	\$2,236

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at finance@saintmichael.ca.