



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Inward Journey

The theme of blindness is highlighted in our gospel reading today as we approach the Lenten season. The Lenten season is considered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Blindness is a fitting image of the human condition we now know as Original Sin. Jesus in a way insinuates who it is that is truly blind: those who stubbornly refuse to accept Jesus as the light of the world. Social sin is not the same as original sin, but flows from it, and is the accumulation of human choices to turn away from the light.

The approaching Lent is about confronting our blindness. As we pray, abstain, fast or perform acts of charity, we wrestle with the truth about ourselves.

The Lenten season is an opportunity to take that inward journey into ourselves. It is an opportunity to reflect on the values that defy the changes that happen in our life. It is a time to consider the eternal issues about the real meaning of our life.

Our journey into the desert requires us to lay bare our soul before God's light, leaving the dark aspects of our humanity. We ask God to enlighten our spirit as we embark on this journey into our own inner space. This journey brings us into confrontation between the reality of our dark experiences and power of God's light. To withdraw into the desert is the description of our journey into our inner space.

"To withdraw into the desert is for the Christian tantamount to associate oneself more intimately with Christ's passion, and it enables us in a very special way to share in the Paschal Mystery and in the passage of our Lord from this world to the heavenly homeland." (Pope Paul VI)

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Healing Lines

In this time of isolation and social distancing, our city and world may be at risk of increasing family violence and abuse. You are in an unhealthy relationship if you are belittled, called names, disregarded, threatened, disrespected, ridiculed and blamed. Your relationship is abusive if you are kept from family and friends, you are pushed/kicked/hit, your life is monitored, you are denied food, money or family resources or if you are put down for your faith. Reach out for help and support **1.403.234.7233 (SAFE)**.

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:

Tuesday to Friday 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

Columbarium Access

With the recent door control upgrade, we will be reissuing access cards. This will require us to order more cards and program them into the new system, and with many Columbarium clients, this will take some time. We estimate 2-4 weeks depending on the availability of cards from our vendor. In the meantime, as previously noted the Columbarium door will be unlocked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily to allow for visiting. When all the cards are programmed and ready to distribute, we will make an announcement on Flocknote and in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Blessing of Anniversary Couples

There will be a special blessing for couples who have celebrated a wedding anniversary this weekend of February 26/27. Let us celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as an essential component of our life as a Christian community.

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.

Jackie Cameron's Funeral Service

Will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 11 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary

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 web-site <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu.

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink—typically to one main meal and two smaller meals (that together do not equal the regular meal in size), with no solid foods in between. Abstinence is the refraining from certain kinds of foods or drink, typically meat.

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

For the Souls of:

Giovanni Di Marzo
Bib Salazar

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 26

5 p.m.: Daniella Nicoletti †

Sunday, February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Intentions of Joe & Erin Bradford

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Fabian & Katica Valyan †

Tuesday, March 1

6 p.m.: Jean Abt †

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

9 a.m.: Intentions of Susan Neri & Family

6 p.m.: David Hamilton †

Thursday, March 3

9 a.m.: Intentions of Dave & Danielle Keep

Friday, March 4

9 a.m.: Denise Leveaque †

Saturday, March 5

5 p.m.: Yolande Motiuk †

Sunday March 6, First Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Nguyen Tuyet †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Philomena Rodrigues †

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



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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.