



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's Call to Ministry

Duc in altum, that is, put out into the deep (Luke 5:4) introduces the apostolic exhortation of Pope John Paul II, *Novo Millennio Inuente*. It has been the rallying cry for Christians in facing the challenges of this new millennium.

The commissioning of Peter as "fisher of men" speaks of Christ's invitation to us, as forgiven and empowered sinners, to take courage as we respond to God's call to ministry.

We have to allow ourselves to set out into the deep in our relationship with God and be transformed from that depth. Like Peter's life which radically changed when Jesus got into his boat, we can let God get into our boats. Our call to service and ministry is as real as Peter's, and so are the risks. Our response to God's call may require us to undergo some purification to be ready and willing. It may take a miraculous catch of some sort to help us realize God's serious intent.

We have to follow God's will in our lives, even in the face of difficulties and challenges, knowing that God guarantees a safe landing, but not necessarily a pleasant passage. Putting out into the deep requires our obedient faith that conquers all our fears.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah wrestles with this tension as he recognizes his own sinfulness and human limitation during an experience of God's holiness and majesty in his holy temple. The depth of his experience of God's presence makes him respond: "Here I am. Send me!" Both Peter and Paul recognized their own respective unworthiness and sinfulness in a more dramatic way as they experienced the intimacy of God's presence in their lives. Such personal experience of God's love and mercy inspired them to heed His call to build and lead his Church.

We respond in the context of community, to which we come with our weary and broken spirits in the celebration of the sacred mysteries that bring us healing and strength. Our recognition of our own unworthiness and sinfulness leads us to the love and forgiveness that God bestows through the ministry of the Church.

Together in Christ, let us have the courage to put out into the deep in our relationship with Christ, allowing ourselves to be transformed by the sacred mysteries that we celebrate as we gather in His holy name.

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Healing Lines

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As we are invited by Jesus to spread the Good News, so we are asked to look after those that we encounter in our daily lives. Those affected by bullying and abuse are especially in need of our help and love. Remember a time when you felt alone and helpless. Wouldn't you have felt relieved to be given a kind word or some direction from those in your Church community? There may be someone sitting next to you right now who could use your reaching out to them.

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 will be undergoing an upgrade the week of February 7. All key cards currently in circulation will no longer work after February 6. 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.

CWL Membership Drive

St. Michael Catholic Women's League's 2022 Membership Drive will be held this weekend, February 5 and 6. We invite our current members to renew their memberships and welcome all ladies 16 years of age and over who are interested in becoming a member to join the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Please stop by our table after mass to find out more about the CWL and to pick up a membership form. Your support can make a difference - for God and Canada!

Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open for anyone grade 6 and up. For more information or to register, please visit our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/confirmation/>.

CWL 3rd Annual Fish For Fridays in Lent Fundraiser

Deadline for "Fish for Fridays" Lent Fundraiser, is Monday February 7. Orders are to be picked up at the church on Tuesday, February 22, just in time for Ash Wednesday on March 2.

To place an order, please visit: <https://fundforward.ca/collections/st-michael-cwl-lent-2022>.

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

This ten-week online course, every Tuesday at 7 p.m., presents the central beliefs, teachings, and practices of the Catholic church. Each 1.5 hour session includes a short video from the *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* series and small group discussion. Contact Mark Richards at 403-836-0545 for more information. Go to saintmichael.ca/events to register.

Alpha Online

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. It will run on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Gathering once a week over an eleven-week period, Alpha welcomes people from every walk of life, wherever they are on their faith journey. We will have time for connection, a talk, and small group discussion. Many are looking for meaning in their lives during this time and Alpha is a great place to start! Come and bring a friend! Call Mark at 403-836-0545 with any questions. For more details or to register go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/alpha/>.

Alpha for Youth (Grades 7 to 12)

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Alpha for Youth provides an opportunity for students in grades 7 to 12 to explore the Christian faith together in a friendly and fun environment. We will gather together weekly on Zoom for 9 weeks and have time for connection, a video talk, and small group discussion. For more information, see this Alpha Youth Series trailer at https://youtu.be/_fjL4NsAfM or call or text Sara at 403-701-9928.

World Day of the Sick Mass

Friday, February 11 at 2 p.m.

Fr. Edmund will be celebrating a healing Mass in observance of World Day of the Sick, on Friday, February 11 at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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 December we helped 30 families (45 adults and 34 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.

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
Doreen Arseneault
Alessandro Bonvicini
Tina Burian
Ray Cole
Jack Davies
Michelle Deschenes
Alden Gibson
Rick Hagel

William Hill
Joseph Javier
Sierra Knight
Daniela Masek
Norma Padolina
Georgina Pintaric
Leslie Pickering
Lawrence Raffin
Duncan Smith

For the Soul of:

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 5, Memorial of St. Agatha

5 p.m.: Intentions of Hurtado Family

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Al Fitzsimmons †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Lina Rino †

Tuesday, February 8

6 p.m.: Juan Carlos Ordenez †

Wednesday, February 9

9 a.m.: Intentions of Enright Family

Thursday, February 10, Memorial of St. Scholastica

9 a.m.: Michael Wong †

Friday, February 11

9 a.m.: Christopher & Jothi Miranda †

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 †

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			
	October	November	December
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$91,499	\$99,356	\$205,436
Operating Costs	\$66,834	\$103,871	\$94,843
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	\$24,665	\$-4,515	\$110,593
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$16,939	\$20,987	\$151,321
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,375,581	\$5,355,479	\$5,335,506
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$46,901	\$50,717	\$58,714
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$29,044	\$40,025	\$64,308

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