



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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February 16, 2025: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Blessed Family Weekend!

As we celebrate Family Day weekend, we reflect on the role of marriage and family in our life.

Why do marriage and family matter to you and me? How do marriage and family affect you? As the fifth child in a family of seven, I am very fortunate to have a loving father and mother who have both sacrificed their entire lives for the welfare of their children. As a priest, I attribute my priestly vocation to the loving union of my mother and father. Indeed, their relationship has given me a glimpse of God's love and presence in my life.

In a very real way, family is rooted in marriage which is the relationship that brings about children who usually have to depend on the unique care and concern of a father and a mother. Marriage has benefits which cannot be duplicated by any other relationship. Marriage affects our social and public life, especially in terms of procreation and the care and education of children.

Marriage matters because God has ordained it to be an essential element of our faith journey. Our faith, guaranteed by our freedom of religion, supports marriage as a sacrament, that is, an expression of God's love for all of us.

There have been recent changes concerning the definition of marriage that are not consistent with our Christian practice. And we have been in the recent past too complacent in the defending and promoting the importance and the sacredness of the institution of marriage. Many of us know so little about our Catholic understanding of marriage and family, the Church's teaching on sexuality and contraception, the importance of political engagement or our being "salt and light for the world".

The celebration of Family Day weekend during this month of February presents itself as an opportunity to express our appreciation of the gift of marriage and family. Let us celebrate marriage and the family as a gift that God has given us for our peace and happiness.

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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.

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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2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts will be available for pick up from February 7 until February 16, 2025. They will be arranged alphabetically on a table in front of the main washrooms. After that date, the remaining tax receipts will be mailed.



2025 Contribution Envelopes

If you haven't picked up next year's 2025 contribution envelopes they are available for pickup in the office.



Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 3 THE FOUR LAST THINGS

"Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell...For a Christian to 'live like you were dying' leads to a life of astounding love, rigorous discipline, heroic generosity, and an unconquerable hope." Please read Day 3 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 3: Your Last Day](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Women's Ministry Bible Study

A seven-week bible study, called "*The Sorrowful Mysteries*" by *Paradisus Dei*, will be offered by the Women's Ministry on Wednesdays beginning February 12 to April 9, 2025 (no session on March 5). In-person sessions will be from 9:30am-12:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room or Zoom sessions from 7:00-9:00pm. Please register at womensministry@saintmichael.ca.



Feed the Hungry

St. Michael's Catholic Community will be sponsoring Feed the Hungry on February 16, April 27, and June 15, 2025. Thank you to all who signed up for the February dinner. We now have enough volunteers for all roles on February 16! Please watch for sign-up sheets for April 27 in early April.



Altar Server Party

Calling all present AND FUTURE Altar Servers and their families and friends! Please join us for our first celebration of the year on Friday, February 21 at 6:00pm. It will begin with a Mass followed by pizza, a special talk by Fr. Edmund, and fellowship.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is cancelled for Sunday, February 16, 2025.



Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Please join IWIN in a Red Sand Prayer Service to bring awareness and to pray for survivors of human trafficking. Prayer service will take place outside the main doors of St. Michael's following each Mass the weekend of February 22 and 23, 2025.



Gather 25

There will be an amazing gathering of Christ followers February 28-March 1 from around the globe and you are invited. More details on Gather 25 will be posted on Flocknote. If you are interested, but don't have access to Women's Ministry, please email mmconway@telus.net.



Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on March 2, 2025 at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert to share with others. Please bring your food ready to serve. Upcoming potlucks: April 6, May 4, and June 1.



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, March 15, 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! Other dates are: April 26, May 10, June 14.



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

Fr. Edmund is leading a holy pilgrimage to Rome on November 19-27 this coming Holy Year 2025! Please check it out online at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. For more details, contact Fr. Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca or (403) 874-2015.



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras, marks the start of Lent, evolving into a time of celebrating and feasting, like a final opportunity for indulgence before the period of fasting and penance. It is also a significant liturgical movement towards the spiritual discipline of Lent. It is geared towards building community. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a dinner with Marvin's quartet playing on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00pm.



Art Walk 2025

We invite artists and photographers from beginners to professionals to register to showcase their works at the upcoming Art Walk 2025 on March 8 & 9, 2025. The cut off date to register is February 23, 2025. For more information, go on line to <https://saintmichael.ca/events/> or pick up a form in the Narthex after Mass.



Lenten Healing Retreat

March 25 and March 26 - 7:00pm-8:45pm:

Holy Mass / Talk / Adoration



March 27 - 7:00pm-10:00pm:

Healing Mass / Adoration / Healing Service

This retreat brings life's struggles to the source of all healing through Jesus to be transformed by His grace. *"I Thirst" (John 19:28)* is a Lenten Healing Retreat presented by Shalom Media Ministry in association with St. Michael Catholic Community. The retreat offers a unique opportunity for the faithful, thirsting for divine intimacy, to gather and seek healing of mind, body, and soul, led by Fr. Roy Palatty, a gifted priest and world-renowned speaker. Fr. Palatty will lead you in Holy Mass, a spiritual talk, silent reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and special prayers. A Healing Mass/Service and Blessings for the sick will also be offered at this faith-filled, life-changing event. For more information, please visit the website:

www.saintmichael.ca

Pastoral Council

Highlights of our last meeting: * The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry hopes to expand Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Michael. * The Parish Renewal Team is looking forward to sharing highlights of the renewal survey. * Watch for a "Tap to Give" machine soon to be installed in the Narthex. Meeting minutes from January 28 will be available on the website after our next meeting on February 25, 2025. 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 last or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-November-26-2024-Bulletin.pdf>

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00pm in the Theater.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



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.

Week-at-a-Glance (February 16-22, 2025) :



Sunday:

- Children's Liturgy: Cancelled
- Coffee Connection: After 9am and 11am Mass
- Feed The Hungry Dinner at St. Mary's Cathedral (St. Michael Sponsoring)

Monday:

- Family Day: Office Closed
- Bible Study: Cancelled

Tuesday:

- Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 6:30pm
- Grief Share Program: Rooms 143 & 144, 7:00pm
- RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday:

- Men's Ministry: Theatre, 6:00-7:30am
- Coffee Connection: After 9am Mass
- Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room, 9:30am-12:00pm

Thursday:

- Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Knights of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm

Friday:

- Altar Server Mass 6:00pm/Pizza Party 7:00pm

Saturday:

- No events.

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](#)

Mass Intentions:

*If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please visit the office.
Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to
accommodate urgent pastoral needs.*

Saturday, February 15:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, February 16:

9 am: Peter & Maria Phan † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Dorothy Weinmeyer † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, February 18:

6 pm: Michael Ball † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, February 19:

9 am: Int. Geraldo & Dina Sosa (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, February 20:

9 am: Duff Derbyshire † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, February 21:

9 am: Francisco Rivalde Villablanca † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, February 22:

5 pm: Rosa Rino Sr. † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, February 23:

9 am: Michael Ball † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Int. Nicole Gonsalves and Family (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

*If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one,
please email the office with your request,
noting consent.*

Susan Neri, Leo Pelletier, Elizabeth Myers,
Maddy Azalea, Allison Gervais, Maria Duri,
Pietro Duri Jr., Peitro Duri Sr., Rosa Duri, Talia Duri,
Nenite Mirales, Gioia Ceccarini, Helen Gal, Pat
Burchnall, Anne Arendt, Cyril Boudreau,
Frank Swacha, Stew Perram, Maurice Claerhout

For the Souls Of:

Isabel de Jesus Phil Keyes

Funeral:

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

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.

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.

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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
<u>General Collections</u> Collections	\$98,134	\$215,611	\$107,778
Other Income	\$20,264	\$52,803	\$11,865
Operating Costs	\$101,152	\$139,917	\$118,929
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$17,246	\$128,497	\$714
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$12,952	\$131,594	\$112,737
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,396,751	\$3,373,171	\$3,349,592
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$60,507	\$121,243	\$49,900
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Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$30,587	\$4,868	\$8,462
Christmas Hamper (before expenses)		\$67,255	