



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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January 11, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

Baptized into Ministry

In our church calendar, the Ordinary Time follows after today's celebration of Christ's Baptism which marks the formal beginning of His public ministry. His baptism by John the Baptist is both His first public appearance and the inauguration of His divine ministry.

Jesus' baptism represents the fulfillment of what is prophesied in the Servant Song found in Isaiah 63. God sends His Servant-Son, filled with His spirit, sharing His divine life and power, to accomplish the redemption of the world and bring new life to all of humanity. He is designated as the presentation of God's people according to the Spirit. He is declared formally as the only Son of God, the Servant of Yahweh, anointed with His prophetic spirit.

The celebration of the Lord's baptism reminds us of our call as baptized Christians to ministry. It invites us to reflect how our lives interface with God's plan for our world. It speaks of the need to ask God to consider or approve what we plan to do with our respective lives. It makes us reflect on the need to submit ourselves and our decisions to God's scrutiny and clearance. It makes us consider seriously the need to get God's stamp of approval of what we undertake on a daily basis.

The celebration of Ordinary Time is an invitation for us to reflect on the fullness of Christ's Paschal Mystery. We are, indeed, baptized into Christ's ministry, to proclaim and work for Christ's kingdom in this world. This ministry of evangelization is at the essence of what we really mean when we pray so often, *"thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*.

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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 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 8:00 pm

Office Hours:

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

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Healing Lines



Responding to Someone Who Shares a Story of Being Abused. They may identify themselves as being victimized, or they may simply say, "I got hurt when my partner was mad." What you do know is that they have been injured in some way. Listen very carefully to what they have said, showing them by your body language that you are paying attention. Ask them whether they need help getting assistance. Ask them if they need a safe place to go, or need help getting there. Do not minimize the harm, even if they do. Tell them that they deserve to be safe. Help them look for community resources.

Financial Update



Great appreciation is hereby expressed for the continuing support of our parishioners during the past year (2025). We have complied with all our financial requirements for 2025, including the Together in Action target goal of 121 thousand dollars, the Christmas Hampers campaign, and other obligations. As of this writing, the final report for the past year is still being finalized with the concurrence of the Diocese. Started last year, we are looking at reaching our target goal of 510,569 dollars by the end of 2027 for the Multiply the Hope, a diocesan matching program to help us expedite our loan repayment. Please consider supporting this campaign, thus doubling your contribution for loan repayment. We look forward to this new year with renewed enthusiasm in our current and new ministries, in the light of our parish renewal efforts. Our Renewal Team, together with the Pastoral Council, is beefing up our campaign for more volunteers for our growing needs.

Grief Share Program



Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult times. This program consists of a **video seminar** (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), **group support discussions** with facilitators, and a **personal workbook**. This is an 8-week program and will run from January 13 - March 3, 2026 on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm in Rooms 143 and 144. Please note: the session on February 17 will be held in the St. Michael's Room for this date only. Free will giving / \$20 charge for the workbook. For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423 or email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca

Women's Ministry Bible Study



Our next bible study is called *"Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer"* and runs from January 21 - March 18. The questions *What is prayer, exactly? What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How does one pray? Is it really necessary?* - and many more - are answered in this video series by Dan Burke. We will have morning sessions in the Theater on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm, and Zoom sessions on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please note: the session on Ash Wednesday, February 18 is cancelled. To register visit: <https://forms.gle/Sfz1T7d3LpEGoiLh7>

Men's Ministry



Men's Ministry will resume on January 21, 2026 in the Theater and continue until April 15, 2026. All men are welcome.

Monday's Bible Study



Our bible study for Winter 2026 will be *"Letter to Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance as a Child of God"*. This letter of St. Paul, in its six short chapters, contains some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. It examines important and relevant themes: nature of marriage, purpose and nature of the Church (as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army), pre-eminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. It will be 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) from January 26 - March 23 in the St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. Please note: there is no class on February 16, Family Day. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net or Lee Ettinger at letting1@yahoo.com.

Catholic Women's League Meeting



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have a general meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30pm (following Mass) in the St. Michael's Room. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Catholic Women's League Membership Drive



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have a membership drive on the weekend of January 17 and 18 in the Narthex after all Masses. For more information on the event or to join our group, contact SMCWLpresident@gmail.com

A Season of Hope and Renewal

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year, our Diocese is launching a matching financial campaign for parishes called, **Multiply the Hope**. Once our parish has fulfilled all of its financial obligations for the year, every dollar contributed to reduce our parish loan will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to our parish goal. Even after the Jubilee year concludes on December 28, 2025 the Diocese has extended this campaign to the end of 2027, giving us additional time to reach our parish goal. Our goal for this matching program is **\$510,569**. This means that every contribution toward this goal has twice the impact, allowing our parish to move forward with greater freedom in strengthening the renewal priorities. **You can visit our website at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/33185> and make your contribution to the "Building Fund / Multiply the Hope Campaign".** We invite you to pray, to reflect, and to respond generously. Together, let us prepare a strong, welcoming parish home for all who seek Christ. Find out more about this campaign at www.catholiccyyc.ca/multiplythehope



Saturday Night Lights

Youths in grades 7-12 are invited to an evening of music, food, friendships, and talks hosted by Access 52. Dates for the evenings are January 10, February 14, and April 25. This is a free event. You may register by scanning the QR Code or visiting the website <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-night-lights-youth-group-october-25-tickets-1708730341449?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



Elevation Youth Group (Gr. 4-6)

Youths in Grade 4-6 are invited to join our youth group: **ELEVATION youth!** Join us on Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Nicholas Room for devotions, snacks, games, faith, and fun! The next session is on January 23. Pre-registration is required and capacity is dependent on volunteer availability. Register by scanning the QR code or by emailing youth@saintmichael.ca. All are welcome! If you are able to volunteer, contact Gladys Doh gdoh@saintmichael.ca or Abigail Lewis youth@saintmichael.ca.



Moms and Tots

Calling all moms and their little ones for some play, coffee, and socializing! Come meet other moms in the community, gain support, and let your little ones play in a safe and welcoming environment. We meet on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am in the St. Nicholas Room. No registration is required, and you may bring some friends. Join our email list at momsandtots@saintmichael.ca



Resuming Events

Coffee Sundays: Resumes Jan. 11, 2026.

Children's Liturgy: Resumes Jan. 11, 2026.

Moms & Tots: Resumes Jan. 8, 2026.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Next one Jan. 15, 2026



2026 Donation Envelopes

Next year's 2026 donation envelopes are ready for pick up. They are arranged alphabetically on the table by the Mezzanine stairs until the end of January. After that, they will have to be picked up from the office. Please note: you may use envelopes only for the **current year**, all previous year's envelopes must be discarded.



Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. The next Potluck Sunday will be on February 1. 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. Come celebrate our community!



Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be an evening of prayer and worship with the Jewish Messianic movement and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Day Chapel. All are invited to this communal gathering of healing, repentance, and reconciliation within the Body of the Messiah with Fr. Adrian Martins, Rabbi Calev Goldberg, and Don Swenson, and organized by the Love One Another Charismatic Community. For more information, please contact Don and Angela Swenson at aswenson@telus.net



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

Need assistance? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 825-417-1720. 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: SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Annual Report: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version):

Diocesan Info for Parishioners - Sunday Updates - Google Docs

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version):

Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Jan. 10 - Sun. Jan. 18, 2026):**Saturday, January 10:**

Saturday Night Lights Gr. 7-12: Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Sunday, January 11:

Children's Liturgy Resumes: 8:30am and 10:30am

Coffee Sunday Resumes: Narthex, after 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Monday, January 12:

No event.

Tuesday, January 13:

Library Cataloging Resumes: Library Room, 9:00am - 11:30am

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

CWL Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Grief Share: Room 143 & 144, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

RCIA: St. Nicholas & Theater, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, January 14:

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, after the 9am Mass

Thursday, January 15:

Moms & Tots: St. Nicholas' Room, 9:30am - 11:30am

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday, January 16:

No event.

Saturday, January 17:

CWL Membership Drive: after all Weekend Masses

Sunday, January 18:

CWL Membership Drive: after all Weekend Masses

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am and 10:30am

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Mass Intentions:*Mass Intentions are booked in person at the office.**Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to accommodate urgent pastoral needs.***Saturday, January 10:**

5 pm: Donato & Lisa Grossi † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, January 11:

9 am: Maria Victoria S. Capati † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Serafin Sestoso † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, January 13:

6 pm: Emma Gil Artiga † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, January 14:

9 am: McGrath Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, January 15:

9 am: Intentions Rolando & Silvia Arballo (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, January 16:

9 am: Margaret Boudreau † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, January 17:

5 pm: Veronica Kubik † (Fr. Janick)

Sunday, January 18:

9 am: Melvin Kaskiw † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: George Chinnabathini & Mariamma Pedhkotla † (Fr. Edmund)

Please Pray For:*Please contact the office with your request.*

Justin Hewitt, Richard Edgington, Pamela Chaput, Malaya Rosales, Julie Parinas, Peigi's Family, Roberto Cantillo, Brian Dourley, Duri Family, Elizabeth Slade, Ann O'Brien, Melchor Diolata.

For the Souls Of:

Maximilian Piquette, Ernesto Soliman

Funeral:**Pray For Our Seminarians:**

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

Eternal Springs Columbarium:For pricing or more information, please email: columbarium@saintmichael.ca.**E-Transfer:**Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: isupport@saintmichael.ca.**Text to Donate:**To set up your account, text **give** to **833-768-0514** and follow the prompt.**Sexual Abuse in the Church:**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**

	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$104,710	\$115,426	\$110,762
Other Income	\$15,356	\$58,215	\$55,883
Operating Costs	\$113,471	\$143,988	\$148,286
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$6,595	\$29,653	\$18,359
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,754	\$12,744	\$17,813
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,155,140	\$3,130,740	\$3,105,917
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$79,665	\$88,418	\$97,769
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	65%	73%	80%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1968	\$1046	\$0