



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prophetic Community

When the newly baptized is anointed with the chrism of salvation, which is the same chrism used for Holy Orders, the celebrant declares: *"He (God) now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation, so that, joined to His people, you may remain as member of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King unto eternal life."*

Indeed, Christ's three-fold mission is shared with all the baptized. We share Christ's kingly function through our own participation in community building and in the various ministries that help and support the administrative aspects of proclaiming the faith. We continue Christ's priestly role in our liturgical activities which gather us together in Christ's name and in our daily offering of our life experiences. Sharing Christ's prophetic office means that we accept God's word and witness to it in every aspect of our life. Every member of the Christian community is a prophet in this sense of the word. As Christian believers, we exercise our prophetic function through our own outspoken support for the gospel values, especially on the moral stand of the Church on various issues.

Our prophetic role requires us to share our faith with all, especially with those marginalized by our own human categories. In our first reading, Jeremiah is called to speak on God's behalf, to be a prophet, whose task is often met with opposition. Playing his prophetic role, Jesus challenges his own people to respond to his message of liberation, but they chase him away. The Good News of liberation can contradict our own lifestyles and challenge us to leave our comfort zones or change our ways.

The Church's prophetic function calls us to be the conscience for our communities, especially when our leaders or organizations espouse what is morally detestable or questionable. The fulfillment of the prophetic role requires us to speak out on social policies that deviate from what is morally tenable. The efforts of the Church to militate against injustice and promote development and peace stem from the inherent mission to bring the good news to the poor, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor, which is referred to by Christ in our gospel today as being fulfilled in our hearing.

Our prophetic role makes us see things from Christ's perspective, showing us a different lifestyle that subscribes to the radical values of the gospel rather than embracing the dominant values of our culture. Our prophetic function offers us a different model of life, based on the life of Jesus. Through our sharing of this same prophetic mission, we discover the truth of who we are as followers of Christ who encompasses our cultural boundaries and personal idiosyncrasies. Our role as prophets challenges us to refuse to compromise the values of the Gospel with the powerfully pervasive culture of consumerism and self-gratification. Our role as prophet mandates us to Christianize our world rather than allow the secularization of our Christian identity.

As a prophetic community, we see our life as Christians as radically different from what this world offers. Our prophetic function invites us to a life slated for self-sacrifice and the unlimited ability to love and forgive. We become a Christian counter-culture, working for God's revolutionary kingdom in this world.

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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 **SMCYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyc



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 4:30 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

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Our prophetic mission transforms us into an alternative community that challenges the *status quo*. We see a different social order where each can find dignity and equality, love and forgiveness, mutual acceptance and support in our own common journey to the Father.

As a prophetic community, we proclaim a liberating Savior who is at work around us and remains with us, calling us to new opportunities. We become a community that witnesses to our own liberation from sin and death.

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Healing Lines

And he said, "*Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.*" Even though you may not be supported in your opposition of family violence and bullying, your efforts are so important to those around you who suffer from these. Every small step you take to rid your world of abuse is celebrated by God. Your efforts will create a ripple that makes healing available and change possible.

SMCC Wish List, based on previous committee recommendations and current maintenance issues

Life-size Bronze Statue of St. Michael the Archangel to be placed in the middle of the Gathering area. Created by Timothy P. Schmalz of Toronto, this 51-inch bronze sculpture on a 42-inch pedestal is quoted at \$24,600 (\$22,000 item, \$1,500 ship & \$1,100 AB tax). Inspired by Revelation 12:3, this work of art portrays a powerful St. Michael in triumphant battle dominating the seven-headed dragon. It incorporates images of the seven deadly sins into the body of the demon, capturing the scriptures right down to the last detail of the stars caught in the dragon's tail. Even such details as the crowns on the heads of the beast are portrayed as the biblical sin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Check out www.sculpturebytps.com. Parishioners are invited to make voluntary contributions to make this monumental statue of our Patron Saint as a community endeavor. All donations would be covered with tax receipts.

Crucifix for the Main Sanctuary features a life-size 63-inch corpus in bronze for \$22,850. It can also be carved in camphorwood for an extra \$7,000 or rendered in fiberglass, or other finish for \$12,000 plus shipping & tax. This quote does not include the wooden cross to which the corpus will be attached. This can be done by a local carpenter. A recommendation is to have the crucifix suspended from above the altar area. We are leaning towards using the more cost-effective and close-to-original current altar configuration to introduce the crucifix, that is, inside the current cross framework. This will also compliment the Stations of the Cross to be installed soon.

Life-size Madonna with Child/St. Mary's statue, 60"h x 25"w x 21"d can be done in bronze for \$22,650 (\$20,000 item, \$1,650 ship & \$1,000 AB tax). It can be carved in camphorwood for an extra \$7,000 or in marble for an extra \$13,000. This can also be rendered in fiberglass with a bronze or white finish for \$12,000 (plus tax & ship).

Stations of Cross for the Main Sanctuary has been ordered and is coming soon. A family contributed the project amount of \$40,000 a few years ago.

Two (2) 75-Candle Racks for St. Mary's Chapel for \$13,944 has been ordered.

Audio-Video System Upgrade of \$60,000 has been budgeted for 2022.

First Access Advanced Upgrade which controls our card keys to access doors is quoted at \$18,750, including, 100 new 37-bit cards. As a required building upgrade, this is scheduled to be implemented in February. The current access cards will be replaced with new ones. With the new upgrade, the south entrance doors will be unlocked for scheduled events/celebrations and during office hours. Outside of those hours, the south entrance doors will be accessible only by designated card holders due to security concerns.

Other enhancements, including stained glass windows and other additional church features, are for further consideration.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, January 29, 5 p.m. Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, January 30, 9 a.m. Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, January 30, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Mass: Fr. Raul Hernandez

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.

Blessing of Anniversary Couples

There will be a special blessing for couples who have celebrated a wedding anniversary this month on the weekend of January 29/30. Let us celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as an essential component of our life as a Christian community.

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

January 11 to February 7

"Fish for Fridays" Lent Fundraiser, will be on-line ordering January 11 to February 7. Orders 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>.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. starting January 26

Symbolon: Part 2, Living the faith. This is a 10 session study, via ZOOM. The study begins on Wednesday January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday January 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please use the following link: docs.google.com/forms/.

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. starting February 1

Starting Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m., this ten-week online course 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. starting February 2

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. beginning February 2 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. starting February 2

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.

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
Tina Burian
Ray Cole
Jack Davies
Alden Gibson
Rick Hagel
William Hill
Joseph Javier

Sierra Knight
Daniela Masek
Norma Padolina
Leslie Pickering
Lawrence Raffin
Duncan Smith

For the Soul of:

Katherine D'Amour
Marcelina De Guzman
Dennis Hemeryck
Susan Suaco

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29

5 p.m.: Elmer Guillermo Sr. †

Sunday, January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Intentions of Albuquerque Family

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Colin True & Family

Tuesday, February 1,

6 p.m.: Luis Aranguren †

Wednesday, February 2, Feast of Presentation of the Lord

9 a.m.: Intentions of Don Hurley

Thursday, February 3

9 a.m.: Karl Schunicht †

Friday, February 4,

9 a.m.: Intentions of Diane & Kevin Schach

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 †

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

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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.