



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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January 19, 2025: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's overflowing grace

In a way, this miracle of Christ, considered as the first, demonstrates that marriage and family play a paramount role in the mystery of our redemption. Having chosen to be born from a marriage, Christ also chose to show publicly His power and glory for the first time on a wedding occasion. It illustrates the need for us to fill our own proverbial jars for God to intervene in our own complicated lives and to heed the advice of the Mother of God to do whatever her Son tells us to do.

In Scriptures, the wedding banquet is used as the image of God's kingdom. God's people is often referred to as His bride. Christ is presented as delighting in His bride, that is, we, the Church considered the bridegroom of the Church.

The miracle story is a sign that with Christ's coming into our world, a new and wonderful age has come, a time of great abundance and overflowing of blessings. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah compares the renewal of God's holy city and the blessings promised to God's chosen people to a wedding feast. The imagery relates to the time of Christ's coming into our world. This miracle story is a powerful story of God's grace and presence in our life. With God's sharing of our humanity through Jesus Christ, we share God's divine life. God offers us the gift of a share in His life, the gift we call Grace.

In our midst, we see God's gifts and graces manifested through the generosity and love of our fellow believers who willingly share their time, talent, and treasure to build and strengthen our community. The efforts of our volunteers who constitute the bulk of our workforce in this community are a testament of God's overflowing grace and blessing for us. As a community, we have to be more expressive of our gratitude for God's graces and gifts by becoming more faithful stewards of our life and its bountiful resources.

As we enter a Jubilee Year, let us resolve to be more conscientious of sharing the resources and the talents with which God has gifted us. Let us be more gentle with the personal relationships we have with one another.

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Church Schedule:

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
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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Healing Lines

"Love is patient and kind... It does not rejoice at the wrong, but rejoices in the right." (1Corinthians 13:4-7) Family violence or abuse is the exact opposite to this. The abuser will say they cannot live without you but will verbally, physically, emotionally, financially, sexually, and spiritually abuse you to manipulate and control you. If the love in your life is like this, reach out for help.

Knitting Ministry

Every year we knit and crochet mitts, hats, and scarves to donate to charities in December. We just donated 76 hats, 33 scarves, and 28 pairs of mitts. Our last meeting was December 12, 2024 and we resumed on Thursday, January 16, 2025 in the Library. No registration is needed, just drop in!

Monday Bible Study

If you have problems to have a rich and lasting prayer life, in this bible study *"When We Pray: A Clear Path to a Relationship with God"*, we will learn how to pray with the same consistency, trust, peace, and passion that led to a deep transformation in the saints' souls and you will strengthen your relationship with God. It began on January 13 with 7 in-person sessions (no zoom) in the St. Nicholas Room starting at 7:00pm. There is no class on Monday, February 17, 2025. To register or get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net or Lee Ettinger at letting1@yahoo.com.

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 19 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.

33 Weeks to Eucharistic Glory

In view of our parish-wide consecration to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry will be selling the guide book *"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory"* for \$5 in the Narthex after every weekend Mass starting January 18, 2025. Of course, any additional contribution is greatly appreciated! The Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist will begin February 1 and 2, 2025 with a reflection video at each of the weekend Masses.

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 days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. 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 14 - March 4, 2025 on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm in Rooms 143 and 144. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the booklet. For registration, please contact the email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca.

Back From Christmas Community Celebration

Santa may be on vacation, the bells may have stopped ringing, and the carolers may have stopped singing, but that doesn't mean the celebrations must stop! Join us on Friday, January 31 for our "Back From Christmas" community celebration featuring live music by the Ad Hoc Band. Doors open at 6:30pm with wine, cheese, and light appetizers offered, and music to follow. Donations will be accepted to support St. Michael's Building Fund. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code or visiting : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-54206256-back> . See you there!



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

An information night will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7:00pm (after the 6pm Mass) in St. Michael's Room. 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.

Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on Sunday, February 9, 2025 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please come prepared for a two-hour duration.

Face-to –Face Youth Night

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6-8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Saturday, January 18 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!

Moms & Tots

Moms and Tots is cancelled for the months of January and February 2025. March and the remaining of the year is to still be determined.

Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on February 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. Come celebrate our community! Meet and mix with others to build it up!

Feed the Hungry

St. Michael's Catholic Community will be sponsoring Feed the Hungry on February 16, April 27, and June 15, 2025. If you are interested in volunteering or being a contributor, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you for volunteering with our 2024 Christmas Hampers program. Your efforts have greatly impacted families in need. If you're not already involved, please consider volunteering at St. Michael's; even a small time commitment can strengthen our parish. You can find out about the various ministries through this link: [Ministries & Programs - St. Michael Catholic Community](#) . For further information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews: mmatthews@saintmichael.ca .

2025 Contribution Envelopes

Next year's 2025 contribution envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please look for your name alphabetically organized. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 403-249-0423.

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](#)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

If you have lost your job, or you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact us by email [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto:ssvp@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. DONATIONS of non-perishables and monetary can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the Church' Gathering Area. MONETARY DONATIONS can also be done online through <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/> . WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto:ssvp@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. You may visit us at <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/> . You can follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566475437004>

Week-at-a-Glance (January 19-25, 2025) :

Sunday:

- Children's Liturgy Resumes: Guardian Angel Room, Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am
- Coffee Connection: After 9am and 11am Mass

Monday:

- Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

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: 9:30am

Thursday:

- Knitting Ministry Resumes: Library, 10:00am–12:00pm

Friday:

No events

Saturday:

No Events

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, January 18:

5 pm: Antonio Vespa † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, January 19:

9 am: Ana de Mogollon † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Antonio Vespa † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, January 21:

6 pm: Socorro Urbina † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, January 22:

9 am: Intentions of Debra DeCoste (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, January 23:

9 am: Members of Alessio Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, January 24:

9 am: Italo Del Molin † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, January 25:

5 pm: Intentions of Albuquerque Family (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, January 26:

9 am: Bill Tapuska † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Rady-Minda Buning † (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.*

Rina VandeGeer, Lenore Youngberg, Susan Neri, Leo Pelletier, Elizabeth Myers, Maddy Azalea, Allison George, Julian Dumanski, Maria Duri, Pietro Duri Jr., Peitro Duri Sr., Rosa Duri, Talia Duri, Nenite Mirales, Gioia Ceccarini, Helen Gal, Pat Burchnell.

For the Souls Of:

Antonio Veltri

Funeral:

Antonio Veltri

Viewing: Monday, January 20, 2025, 7:00-8:30pm

Funeral: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 11:00am

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

	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$120,684	\$98,134	\$215,611
Other Income	\$32,644	\$20,264	\$52,803
Operating Costs	\$124,803	\$101,152	\$139,917
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	\$25,525	\$17,246	\$128,497
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$16,540	\$12,952	\$131,594
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,420,620	\$3,396,751	\$3,373,171
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action YTD	\$40,428	\$60,507	\$121,243
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	33%	49%	100%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (M) Christmas Hamper - (before expenses)	\$7,333	\$30,587	\$4,868 \$67,255