



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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January 26, 2025: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a Response to Our Christmas Appeal!

Last December, a Christmas Appeal was made to help us out in our fiscal dilemma then. Before the year ended, the response from our parishioners was overwhelmingly generous.

Here is a picture of our year-end numbers.... \$215,000 in General Donations, \$132,000 in Building Fund Contributions - really amazing! We also exceeded our \$121,000 target for our Together in Action (TIA) campaign, which was approximately fifty percent at the time of the appeal. We ended up back into black with a positive net income of \$154,937.78.

The above numbers are simply impressive.... The response is an indication of what great things we can do together, that is, when we act or contribute on behalf of others or when we think in terms of what is good for our community or for others. We thank the Lord for your amazing response of love and generosity, especially during a time of need.

May God's overflowing grace continue to be bestowed upon us, as we enter into a Jubilee Year, a year when we try to renew and transform ourselves into "Pilgrims of Hope".

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thank you

Healing Lines

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke:4-18). As churches work to become safe communities for survivors of abuse, it is vitally important to make sure that the church building, its programs and its workers are safe for vulnerable people. Let's follow the teachings of Jesus to work to ensure our Church community is a safe and nourishing one for those who are abused and oppressed, and to eradicate any abusive behavior by our members.

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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Knitting Ministry

Every year we knit and crochet items to donate to charities in December. We just donated 76 hats, 33 scarves, and 28 pairs of mitts. 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 continuing to sell the guide book "*33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*" for \$5 in the Narthex after every weekend Mass until they are all gone and they are going fast! Of course, any additional contribution is greatly appreciated! The preparation for Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist will begin February 1 and 2, 2025 with a reflection video being shown before each of the weekend Masses. Please come 10 minutes before Mass to view it with the whole community. Questions or comments, go to: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



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.



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.

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, there will be sign up sheets in the Narthex the weekend of January 25 and 26, 2025, or you may contact the parish office.

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 www.saintmichael.ca/events or pick up a form in the Narthex after Mass.

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! Upcoming Potlucks: March 2, April 6, May 4, 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, February 8, 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!

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 week-end of February 22 and 23, 2025.

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.

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.

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 26-February 1, 2025) :

Sunday:

- Children's Liturgy 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
- Pastoral Council Meeting: St. Michael Room, 7:00pm
- SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00pm
- RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Back From Christmas Celebration: 6:30pm

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 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)

Tuesday, January 28:

6 pm: Jorge Varela † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, January 29:

9 am: Intentions of Fely Ynigo & Emilio Ynigo † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, January 30:

9 am: Gerald Van Oyen † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, January 31:

9 am: Valerie Ann Napier † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, February 1:

5 pm: Intentions of Erin Bradford (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, February 2:

9 am: Trevor Halliday † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Michael Ball † (Fr. Edmund)

Gifts to the Parish

	October	November	December
<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) Year-to-Date Operating 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 Year-to-Date	\$40,428	\$60,507	\$121,243
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	33%	49%	100%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$7,333	\$30,587	\$4,868
Christmas Hamper (before expenses)			\$67,255

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 Ger-vais, Maria Duri, Pietro Duri Jr., Peitro Duri Sr., Rosa Duri, Talia Duri, Nenite Mirales, Gioia Ceccarini, Helen Gal, Pat Burchnall, Anne Arendt.

For the Souls Of:

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**.