



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come and see..."

Christ's invitation to "come and see..." is an invitation to come home to God. Since we come from God, created in his own image and likeness, we come back to Him by heeding His Son's call to "come and see...", that is, to live the life according to His plan of salvation and redemption. Christ invites us to "come and see..." what it is like to become again God's children and heirs of His kingdom.

Just as the call of Samuel hinged on his reliance on Eli, so we rely on others to help us recognize God's invitation to "come and see...". We realize God's call through our encounter with strangers who are our brothers and sisters we have not met before. We honor God's invitation to "come and see..." through our celebration of the Eucharist and other community events, through our daily encounter with one another in love and friendship.

To "come and see..." is what Christian discipleship is all about. Becoming a disciple of Jesus is about imitating Him in His love and concern for us, His self-giving and self-sacrificing love as exemplified by his suffering and death on the cross. Christian discipleship is about complete giving of self in a personal friendship with Him. To "come and see..." inspires and leads us to stay in His love and friendship in the spirit of coming home to God. Christian discipleship is about returning to God with a renewed commitment to become Christ's disciples in mission, sent to spread His gospel of love and liberation. It is a lifestyle, a mentality that we live out in our lives. It is about being good and faithful stewards of God's gift of life and its resources.

Our Christian life, inspired and based on our faith, is our individual response to Christ's invitation to "come and see...". Faith is a movement from above, moving our hearts to believe and respond to the prompting of the Spirit. This response to this divine invitation is deeply personal, but never private. Our personal faith response is bound to affect others around us. Inevitably, our faith becomes social and communal. We are saved not alone, but together with others. Our faith cannot thrive in a vacuum. It has to spread itself in love and solidarity. Our becoming Church is our communal response to Christ's invitation to "come and see...".

May our Sunday Eucharist remind us that just as Christ is bread broken for all of us so we have to become bread broken for others through our welcoming and caring, through our sharing and serving, through our response to "come and see..." how God loves and how He expects us to relate with others in love and friendship.

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Healing Lines

"It's not an enemy who taunts me - then I could bear it; It is not an adversary who deals insolently with me - then I could hide from him. But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. We used to hold sweet converse together within God's house we walked in fellowship." (Psalms 55:12-14) The tragedy of family violence is that it is so personal. The sense of betrayal and hurt is deeply wounding. Be ready to recognize the signs of abuse and be willing to reach out, as God would, to offer refuge and shelter to those affected by this violence.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, January 13 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dec. Randy Assisting
Sunday, January 14 at 9am: Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, January 14 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, January 14 at 5pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00am to 8:45am
Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am

Office Hours:

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

2024 Contribution Envelopes | Pick Up

Next year's 2024 contribution envelopes are now available for pickup in the gathering area. Please look for your name alphabetically organized. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 403-249-0423.

Children's Liturgy of the Word | Resumed January 7, 2024

Children's Liturgy of the Word / Kids' Kingdom resumed on EPIPHANY SUNDAY, January 7, 2024.

Session A begins at 8:30 am | Session B begins at 10:30 am. | All children ages 3 years old to Grade 3 are welcome to join and celebrate in the "Guardian Angels' Room" (north wing). Customary registration and parent sign-in is required before drop-off. Please pre-register with the coordinator Caroline Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca.

Funeral Ministry | Seeking Assistance!

The Funeral Ministry is in great need of men to join our team of volunteers to assist Father during the Celebration of Funerals at St. Michael Catholic Community. "To assist at the Funeral Mass is 'A farewell to the deceased in his final 'commendation to God' by the Church. It is 'the last farewell by which the Christian community greets one of its members before his body is brought to its tomb'." (CCC1690) The commitment is 3-4 hours per month. Availability on weekdays is required and training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider assisting us to support our fellow brothers and sisters, adding dignity and reverence as they take their journey home. For more information please contact: Peter Harrison at 403-835-5955. Thank you!

Funeral Reception Ministry | Seeking Assistance!

The Funeral Reception Ministry has been reinstated and we need volunteers. This is a ministry of serving those in their grief and being present as part of the Church community. Our primary responsibilities include serving refreshments and cleaning up. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Quinn at tquinn@shaw.ca for more information.

Sacraments for Teens

Sacraments for Teens is a new program at St. Michael's for tweens and teens who wish to receive their Sacraments and may have missed them at the regular age. The program is open to all in grades 7-12 (ages 12-17) who are missing two or more Sacraments (whether that be Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation). This program allows them to prepare for some or all of the Sacraments in one program, rather than joining the multiple programs offered for the younger kids. For more information, and to register, please visit our website at: <https://saintmichael.ca/sacraments-for-teens/>

Elements of the Catholic Mass Series | January 13 and 14, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Catholic Church is a sacramental Church which means deeper realities are expressed in perceptible signs. The church building is not a neutral place; it is not simply a skin for liturgical action. It is a *place* where prayer happens; it is a temple where sacrifice is offered." See this link for the video on the Church Building: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-church-building>. This week we focus on the doors into the church - "the door of every church is a sacramental sign that reminds us of our future entry into paradise". See this link for the video on the Church Doors: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-church-doors>.

Make Sure to Bring Your Phone to Mass This Weekend | January 13 & 14, 2024

Bible Study: "Lectio Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible" | Mondays: January 8 - March 18, 2024, Excluding Monday, February 19, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

Monday's Bible Study for Winter 2024 is "Lectio Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible". Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. It will start on January 8, 2024 with 10 "in-person" sessions (no zoom) in the St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. Please note there will not be a session on Monday, February 19, 2024. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Knitting Ministry | Thursdays | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm noon

We've been very busy knitting and crocheting and have just donated 147 lovely hats and scarves plus 55 pairs of knitted slippers to several charities. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us on Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm noon in the Church library.

Moms & Tots | Thursdays | January 11 - May 30, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

Moms and Tots are invited to join us for coffee, social and play every Thursday morning.

Lectio Devina 2024 & Bake Sale | Narthex | January 13 & 14 | After All Masses

Lectio Devina 2024 books, provided by Seeds of the Word Community, will be available for sale after all Masses on the weekend of January 13 & 14 along with baked bread and cookies for sale. The Lectio Devina is a great opportunity for a daily experience with the word of God. Each copy is \$20.

That Man Is You (TMIY) | Wednesdays: January 17 - April 10, 2024 | Day Chapel | 6:00-7:30am

That Man Is You (TMIY) will run for 13 sessions beginning January 17 until April 10, 2024 from 6:00-7:30am. Please note the room change from the Theater to the Day Chapel.

Events and Announcements

Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Wild Goose" | Wednesdays: January 17 - May 1, 2024 | Excluding February 14 and March 27 | St. Nicholas Room & Theater | 10:00am-12:00pm | Zoom 7:00-9:00pm

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This Bible Study is a 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, the "Wild Goose" invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. If you are interested, please show up for any or all of the sessions.

Grief Share Ministry | Tuesdays: January 23 - March 12, 2024 | Rooms 143 & 144 | 7:00-9:00pm

Have you lost a loved one recently? Or do you know someone who has? The grief support ministry invites individuals who have experienced loss of loved ones and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program for 2 hours every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks. 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 program will run from January 23-March 12, 2024 every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the booklet. For registration, please contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423.

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | January 26 | March 16 | April 19 | June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

Youth Rally "Impact Nights" at St. Michael's Church are scheduled on the following nights from 7:00-9:00pm: | Friday, January 26 | Saturday, March 16 | Friday, April 19 | and Friday, June 14 | The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. The first "Impact Night" will feature Tony Melendez as special guest. (See the poster below.) Please register for free tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/impact-nights-jan-26-tony-melendez-access52-tickets-772546676907>.

An Evening of Inspiration: Tony Melendez | Live in Concert | Saturday, January 27 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

Join us for a truly inspiring night with Tony Melendez, a world-renowned musician, who has overcome incredible challenges to share his gift of music. Despite being born without arms, Tony plays the guitar beautifully with his feet, offering a testament to the power of faith and perseverance. This special concert is for all of St. Michael's Community and is brought to you by Access52. We welcome everyone to experience this unforgettable evening of music and hope. The event is free, and while there is no admission fee, a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. (See the poster below.)

IWIN Initiative | February 8, 2024 | Zoom | 7:00pm

IWIN invites you to an evening of prayer in recognition of the International Day of Prayer against human trafficking. Please join us for a Zoom Meeting. [Meeting ID: 810 0992 0611](https://www.zoom.us/j/81009920611). [Passcode: 470780](https://www.zoom.us/j/81009920611).

IWIN Initiative | February 22, 2024 | Sanctuary | 6:30pm

On National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, IWIN invites you to a screening of the movie "Sound of Freedom" at St. Michael's Catholic Community. It is free of charge, but please RSVP to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD-4686946-FILM>.

January Regular Events:

Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Narthex | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

Mondays | Bible Study Lectio Eucharist | 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Narthex | After 9:00am Mass

Thursdays | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

January 2024:

January 13 & 14 | Bring Your Phone to Mass

January 13 & 14 | Lectio Devina 2024 Books and Baked Sale | Narthex | After All Masses

January 17 | TMIY First Session | Day Chapel & Narthex | 6:00-7:00am

January 17 | Women's Ministry Bible Study: Wild Goose First Session | St. Nicholas Room & Theater | 9:30am-12:00pm | Zoom 7:00-9:00pm

January 18 | First Reconciliation Session 4 | 6:00-7:30pm

January 19 | Confirmation Session 2 | 7:00-8:30pm

January 23 | Grief Share First Session | Rooms 143 & 144 | 7:00-9:00pm

January 23 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room 136 | 7:00-9:00pm

January 23 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm

January 24 | Sacrament for Teens Session 1 | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-8:30pm

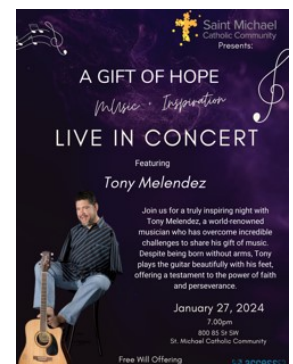
January 26 | Daily Mass moved to Day Chapel | 9:00am

January 26 | Youth Rally Impact Night Featuring Tony Melendez | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

January 27 | Tony Melendez Live Concert | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

January 27 | Baptism Preparation | St. Nicholas Room | 9:00am-12:00pm

January 27 | Tony Melendez Concert | Sanctuary | 7:00pm-9:00pm



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, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Chester Wisniewski	Alessandro Bonvicini	Helen Gal
Deacon Frank Peta	Jojo Deleon	Demy Navarro
Eileen Peta	Rosa Duri	Bill Dingman
Judy Ivanski	Elizabeth Chandless	Gladys Zerr
Mara Neely	Josh Helman	

For the Souls of:

Pasqualina Durante

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.

Gifts to the Parish

	September	October	November
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$80,404	\$97,285	\$89,909
Other Income	\$13,570	\$29,506	\$58,358
Operating Costs	\$209,168	\$164,849	\$135,449
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$115,194)	(\$38,058)	\$12,819
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$17,879	\$13,724	\$18,512
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,721,240	\$3,698,763	\$3,675,809
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action YTD	\$54,212	\$55,760	\$62,408
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	45%	46%	51%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,623	\$3,473	\$6,455

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, January 13

5 pm: Elikutty Varkey †

Sunday, January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Audrey Shelton & Howard Lyons †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Maria & Concepcion Abas †

Tuesday, January 16

6 pm: C. Allan Richardson †

Wednesday, January 17

9 am: Boyd Curley †

Thursday, January 18

9 am: Joe Torres †

Friday, January 19

9 am: Intentions Jose Pangilinan Family †

Saturday, January 20

5 pm: Intentions Jennifer Pinto †

Sunday, January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Ana De Mogollon †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Marlene Serra †

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