



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sunday Reflection

by Deacon Randy Gritter

Pope Francis declared this Sunday to be devoted to the Word of God. None of the readings mention the Word of God directly. So, I thought I would look at a hard-to-understand verse from the first reading and then reflect more broadly on how we should approach scripture.

The verse is Jonah 3:10. It says God changed His mind and did not bring about the calamity on the people of Nineveh. People sometimes ask, how can that be? How can God change His mind?

The answer is that it is only to be understood as an analogy. That God does not really change. It just appeared like he was changing. When the people of Nineveh changed from being sinful and rebellious to being contrite and begging for mercy, then God seemed to change. Yet, it was them that changed. God's mercy was available all along.

Still the question remains. How do we know this verse should be interpreted in this way? Maybe the verses that say God never changes should be interpreted as analogy and this one could be telling us the actual nature of God.

The answer is tradition. We look at what previous generations of Christians thought, and we can be led by that. In this example, we can see that the fact that God does not change is something the tradition has been firm on.

Now we need to switch gears for a moment and talk about the gospel. We have the calling of the disciples. It is important because God is still calling each and every one of us.

There is a strong connection between who we are and what we are called to be. St. Joan of Arc famously said, I am not afraid. God is with me. I was born for this. So, your calling does not cause you to lose your identity. It causes you to understand your identity.

It does not matter how big or how strange your calling is. God has made you with that calling in mind. He will be with you. So, you can succeed. In fact, if you are faithful to your calling, you will succeed.

Yet, you need to be clear about what success is. St. Joan was amazingly successful in driving the English out of many strongholds. Then there was the time she was captured and later burned at the stake. Both those things were successes. Just because something looks like a failure does not mean it is not what you are called to do.

We are talking about giving the gift of yourself. We give ourselves away in response to love. The apostles had had a few encounters with Jesus by this point. We can imagine that our Lord would radiate love. In Luke's account of this, Peter says Jesus should depart from him because of his sin. Maybe some of us are there. We do not feel worthy of God's love. Jesus' response to Peter was, "*Do not be afraid. From now on you will be a fisher of men.*" He wants to tell us that today. I know who you are. I know what you can become. "*Do not be afraid. I have always loved you. I will always love you. Follow me.*" rgritter@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) As we are invited by Jesus to spread the Good News, so we are asked to look after those that we encounter in our daily lives. Those effected by bullying and abuse are especially in need of our help and love. Remember a time when you felt alone and helpless. Wouldn't you have felt relieved to be given a kind word or some direction from those in your Church community? There may be someone sitting next to you right now who could use your reaching out to them.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, January 20 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dec. Randy Gritter
Sunday, January 21 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dec. Randy Gritter
Sunday, January 21 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dec. Randy Gritter
Sunday, January 21 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dec. Randy Gritter

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.instagram.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

Daily Mass | Friday, January 26, 2024 | Day Chapel | 9:00 am

Daily Mass for Friday, January 26 will be held in the Day Chapel, not the Sanctuary, for this day.

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.

Last Year's Palms

Since the palms for last year's Palm Sunday Liturgy were blessed, they are now sacramentals which should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. If you would like to dispose of your palms, please bring them to the Church and deposit them in the containers labelled as "Palms" located in the Narthex or outside the Parish Office. Once collected, the palms will be burned to be used on Ash Wednesday.

SSVP 2023 Annual Report to the Community.

Please visit <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023-Annual-Report-to-the-Community.pdf> if you would like to read Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2023 Annual Report to the Community.

Christmas Hampers 2023 Report

Please visit [Final-Report-2023-Hampers.pdf \(saintmichael.ca\)](#) if you would like to read the Christmas Hampers 2023 Report.

Coffee Sundays and Coffee Thursdays | Narthex | After Mass

Come and join your fellow parishioners for a cup of coffee and friendly visit after the 9am Mass on Thursdays and after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sundays. The coffee gathering is a free event. If you would like to make a donation to the Coffee Fund, please drop off your donation directly to the Parish Office or make your donation out directly to St. Michael's Catholic Community.

Elements of the Catholic Mass Series | January 20 and 21, 2024 | Before All Masses

The altar is the central feature of every Catholic church. It is the most significant element in the Church building. See this link for the video on the Altar: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-altar>.

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 crotchet, 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.

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.

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.

Events and Announcements

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.)

Altar Server Training | Sunday, January 28, 2024 | Sanctuary | After 11:00am Mass

Are your children interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry? The next Altar Server training session will take place on Sunday, January 28 after the 11:00am Mass in the Sanctuary. This occurs on the fourth Sunday of every month. If you or your children are interested, please send an email to altarservers@saintmichael.ca, request access to the Altar Server group on Flocknote, or just show up on Jan. 28.

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. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86332252851>

A Healing Mass | Friday, February 9 | Sanctuary | 9:00am

A Healing Mass will be held on Friday, February 9 at 9:00am in anticipation of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on February 11. During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Anointing of the Sick will be administered for those who are sick and those who feel the need for healing. The celebration will be concluded with the Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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/409054EA8A623A7FD0-46860946-film>.

Art Walk 2024 | March 2 and 3, 2024 | Mezzanine | After All Masses

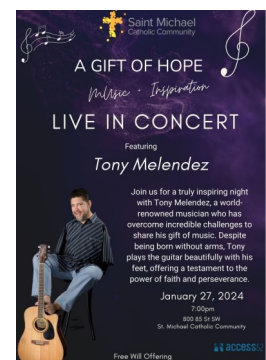
We invite artists and photographers from beginners to professionals to register to showcase their works at the upcoming Art Walk 2024. Cut off date to register is Feb 18, 2024. For more information, pick up a form after Mass or go on line to www.saintmichael.ca/events.

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 | Grief Share | Rooms 143 & 144 | 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays | Bible Study: Wild Goose | 10:00am-12:00pm | St. Nicolas Room | or Zoom 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 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 | SSVF Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm
January 24 | Sacrament for Teens Session 1 | Library | 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
January 28 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | After 11:00am Mass



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:

Deacon Frank Peta	Jojo Deleon	Demy Navarro
Eileen Peta	Rosa Duri	Bill Dingman
Judy Ivanski	Elizabeth Chandless	Joey Stevenson
Mara Neely	Josh Helman	Kathy Salzl
Alessandro Bonvicini	Helen Gal	

For the Souls of:

Gladys Zerr

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 20

5 pm: Intentions of Jennifer Pinto †

Sunday, January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Ana De Mogollon †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Marlene Serra †

Tuesday, January 23

6 pm: Intentions of Pulgarin Villasmil Family

Wednesday, January 24

9 am: Intentions of Jojo Deleon

Thursday, January 25

9 am: Rand Tyler Stevenson †

Friday, January 26

9 am: Intentions of Noel & Grace Balazon †

Saturday, January 27

5 pm: Dominic & Lucy D'Acenzo †

Sunday, January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Mary Walchuk †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Emilio LoGullo †

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