



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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The Epiphany of the Lord

Of Givers & Gifts

The early Church told the story of astrologers who noticed a new star they were sure belonged to a very special person. This story was one way of explaining that Jesus has come not only for the Chosen People, but for all peoples, as St. Paul writes to the Ephesians in our second reading. The magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh as gifts to the child Jesus. These were material gifts that were symbolic of inner gifts. Gold was a sign that the child was king. Frankincense was a sign of reverence for God and symbolic of the child's priesthood. Myrrh, a spice for burials, is sign of humanity and the child's prophetic mission.

The age-old tradition of giving gifts is related to the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord when the wise men gave gifts to the new-born king as symbols of homage. In a way, we give gifts during this Christmas season because we believe that gifts given to others are given to Christ himself. Hopefully, we have come to realize that the greatest gift we receive at Christmas is Christ Himself.

At the end of this giving season, it is time to reflect on the inner gifts we can continue to offer to God and share with one another. We also have to think and reflect about volunteer work which expresses our gratitude to God who has gifted us with our respective talent, time, and treasure. Becoming faithful and generous stewards of God's gifts is in keeping with our paying homage to our King and Saviour.

Epiphany is a time to celebrate the truth of God's presence in our midst. Fully aware of God's presence in our midst, we invoke God's presence in our lives as we begin a new year.

"Lord, God of heaven and earth, You have revealed Your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless our homes and all the members of our parish community. Fill us all with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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Healing Lines

Christmas time is time to remember Jesus as a baby who, like other babies, was completely vulnerable and at the mercy of the adults in his life. Significantly, God did not take any chances with this child. God takes drastic measures to ensure the safety and protection of the child. As far as the safety of the child Jesus, God acted decisively and timelessly. In our societies today, children (like women and the elderly) remain one of the most vulnerable groups. How do we respond in this Christmas Season to protect those who are vulnerable?

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, January 6 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino

Sunday, January 7 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, January 7 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, January 7 at 5pm: Fr. Kevin Chukwurah with Dec. Randy Assisting

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

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 | Resumes January 7, 2024

Children's Liturgy of the Word / Kids' Kingdom resumes on EPIPHANY SUNDAY which is 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/>

The Elements of the Catholic Mass | Starting January 6 and 7, 2024 | Before All Masses

This weekend, January 6 and 7, we start the series "The Elements of the Catholic Mass". You will find these short videos to be clearly articulated and very informative. They have been organized so the videos start at the entrance of the Church and we work our way through the Mass to the dismissal - you will not want to miss even one of them. Be sure to come at least 10 minutes before Mass so you don't miss out!

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

Bible Study: "Lectio Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible" | Mondays: January 8 - March 18, 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 11 "in-person" sessions (no zoom) in the St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Knitting Ministry | Thursdays - Starting January 11, 2024 | 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 beginning January 11, 2024.

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

Moms and Tots will resume this week.

Lectio Devina 2024 & Bake Sale | Narthex | Jan. 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.

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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.

That Man Is You (TMIY) | Wednesdays: January 17 - April 10, 2024 | Theater | 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.

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.

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

The Daily Mass on Friday, January 26 will be held in the Day Chapel for this day.

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.)

January Regular Events:

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

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 8 | Bible Study: Lectio Eucharist First Session | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

January 9 | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 5:30-9:00pm

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

January 11 | Knitting Ministry Begins Thursdays | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

January 13 & 14 | Bring Your Phone to Mass

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

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 17 | TMIY First Session | Theater and Narthex | 6:00-7:00am

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

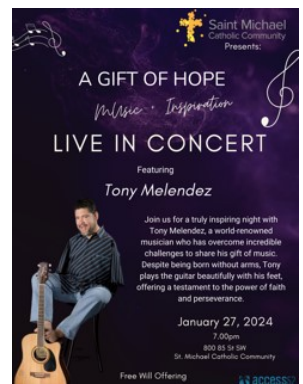
January 23 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm

January 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



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

For the Souls of:

Rosa Scalise

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 6

5 pm: Robert and Joan Baxter †

Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

9 am: Bill and Olive Rose †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Aurelia Melodia †

Tuesday, January 9

6 pm: Christa Richardson †

Wednesday, January 10

9 am: Intentions of Marlene Mudry †

Thursday, January 11

9 am: Marie LaRoque †

Friday, January 12

9 am: Fred Escobar †

Saturday, January 13

5 pm: Elikutty Varkey †

Sunday, January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Audrey Shelton and Howard Lyons †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Maria Abas and Concepcion Abas †

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