



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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June 29, 2025: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's with name changes?

In Scriptures, names are more than superficial titles given without any particular purpose. They are carefully and deliberately chosen to denote something, a quality or a mission, on the part of the person who would bear the name. Hence, it is not unusual for God Himself to impose names on important personages or to change their names. So, when Jesus changed the name of Simon to "Peter", we are almost sure that the change was not in name only but in the person itself of Simon. The same is true with Saul who was designated Paul after his conversion. The change in the persons of Simon or Saul may be gleaned from comparing the kind of men they were before they became disciples of Jesus and the kind of persons they later became.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Peter and Paul, it would be a good thing to reflect on the transformation of a cowardly Simon into a committed Peter, and of a cruel Saul to a dedicated Paul. It is said that saints, like Peter, Paul and others, have their past and that sinners, like ourselves, have our future. In a way, we can also look at how we, as sinners, can become saints by following their own respective journeys of faith.

What Jesus did to Simon thus transforming him to Peter is known today as affirmation or stroking. The transformation of Saul into Paul was brought about by the affirmation that Christ gave him through the Christian community.

In our life's journey, we need the affirming values of Christ to recognize Christ in all those we encounter in this pilgrimage of faith. To be an authentic sign of God's tenderness and love in our lives, we have to be open to the needs of others, to offer acts of kindness to others, to listen to the pain of others, to acknowledge the giftedness of others, to affirm the efforts of others, to wish others a good day or to give peace to one another.

Our sense of God's love and tenderness can build and strengthen our rather fragile personal relationships in the almost impersonal context of our liturgical gatherings. May the Eucharist, in which Christ affirms us through His self-sacrificing love, inspire us to affirm one another through our loving and caring relationships.

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Church Schedule:

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am Morning Prayer
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 8:00 pm

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...

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you. Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep...Follow me." (John 21:15-21) In our love for Jesus let us look after those who need us most; the hungry, the abused, and the homeless. Seek out opportunities to make your faith active.



Fundraising, repairs, maintenance and upgrades.

As a Jubilee initiative, the diocese, with help of Calgary-based ViTreo Group, offers a fundraising scheme to help with our loan repayment by matching the funds we raise (up to \$500,000 with an outstanding loan of a little more than 3M) in the next three years. This program doubles the impact of our fundraising efforts. We expect to launch this program in the Fall, together with other fundraising initiatives. After consultation with the Properties Manager of the diocese, a new OTIS GLIDE door operator will upgrade our aging elevator. The cost is \$43,458.69 +tax and a 50% deposit upon agreement. We have also introduced remote access of our HVAC system, costing up to \$25,000. We also have ongoing repairs with our roofing, more work in our parking and landscaping. As we go through these physical plant issues, we continue to rely on your ongoing support. We are also exploring with Telus fibre-optic Internet connection for our complex. We depend heavily on Internet connectivity for our communications, including our Internet-based Microsoft Systems for our phone lines.

Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 20 LOVE REARRANGES OUR PRIORITIES

"Love rearranges our priorities. And our priorities reveal who and what we love." Please read Day 20 in your 33 *Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 20 What Matters Most?](https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7> or go to [Eucharistic Adoration Ministry](#). For July and August please go to: [Eucharistic Adoration Ministry](#) for weekly reflection video links of Fr. Jonathan and Friday Adoration signup. This will encompass Weeks 21 - 29. Bulletin announcements will return in September. The Lord is waiting for us - we can visit, study and pray even during the Summer months! Trust. Surrender. Believe, Receive!



Eucharistic Adoration

Extended Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is available on Fridays at 10:30am. Jesus will be moved into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Exposition will continue until 8:00pm. Please sign up for an Adoration time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/stmichaelsadoration>.



Stampede Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 13 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Everyone is welcome!



Together in Action (TIA)

TOGETHER
in ACTION 2025

This year's goal is \$121,243 which is the same as the previous few years. Thanks to your generosity, we reached the target amount last year. All surplus funds this year will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.

Now available... at the right side of the Sanctuary Entrance, you can now simply tap your bank card or device to give your desired contribution for the Church's maintenance and programs. The **Tap and Give** device prompts you to provide a mobile number for a text receipt and/or a QR code. If you require a tax receipt at year's end, **we need copies of your receipts and the last four (4) digits of the card(s) used.** As a standard practice, tap machines do not access any personal information, except the last four (4) digits of the bank card.



Parish Renewal

We are happy to share that the Parish Renewal Plan was submitted for to the Diocese for review on June 12, a few days in advance of the June 15 deadline. If you would like to read the renewal plan, kindly click on this link <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Saint-Michael-Catholic-Community-Parish-Renewal-Plan-June-12-2025.pdf> or on the Parish Renewal link on the website. Thank you for your prayers and support!



A Eucharist Series

A Eucharistic series is scheduled on three consecutive Thursdays, September 18 & 25 and October 2, starting with a Mass at 6pm at the Day Chapel, followed by a presentation on the following themes: Eucharist as Sacrifice, Eucharist as Communion and Eucharist as Presence. Fr Edmund is our facilitator, who holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1980) and Master of Arts in Higher Religious Studies (1980) from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Manila. All evenings culminate with a Q&A forum and a reception...



Relic of St. Francis

St Francis of Assisi, Confessor, is with our community in relic form until June 30. Described as second class and *ex cingulo* (of the girdle), the relic reminds us of the saint's renewal efforts during his time as we journey towards our own parish renewal. The relic will be present at all weekend Masses Saturday (5pm) and Sunday (9am, 11am & 5pm) and available for veneration after. We encourage our families and parishioners to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be and the Prayer of St. Francis for the intention of our parish renewal.



Vandalism Alert!

Disabled and other signs have been vandalized over the years. The growing disruptions in our church complex is a concern. Please report all suspicious activities or persons to the office or directly to the police authorities.



45th Annual Hike For Life



You can make a donation to St. Michael's Catholic Community (on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin) or any other team member from now until June 30. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life programs. You can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WyRKA>

Hospitality Team



The Hospitality Ministry is in need for volunteers for all Masses. This is a scheduled Ministry, once every 3 - 4 weeks with flexibility for holidays and family needs. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow Parishioners during your desired Mass time. If you are 18 years of age or older, we would love to have you join our Ministry, our youth are so important at St. Michael Catholic Community. If interested, please contact Marvin Matthews, Volunteer Coordinator at MMatthews@saintmichael.ca or Deana Helton, Hospitality Team Lead at deana.helton@gmail.com for any questions.

Altar Servers Alb Laundering



Behind the scenes is very important work that needs to happen in order for the Altar Servers to serve according to the Catholic guidelines, and to look clean and uniform. We are in need of 1 or 2 volunteers who can wash and iron the Albs approximately every 2nd month. If you are called to help with this, please send an email to altar-servers@saintmichael.ca, or let the office know.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



It is so wonderful to see large numbers of the faithful at the weekend Masses! With increased attendance, comes the need to have additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) to assist our Priests with the distribution of Holy Communion. At present, the greatest need is at the **Sunday 11:00am Mass**. EMHCs must be a minimum of 18 years of age, be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (i.e., have received the Sacraments), strive to live the Christian life, and be devoted to the great mystery of the Eucharist. This is a scheduled Ministry; at present serving once every 3 weeks. Training is provided. If you are interested in joining the Eucharistic Ministry, please contact Marvin Matthews, Volunteer Coordinator at MMatthews@saintmichael.ca, or Kris Renger, Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator, at Eucharist@saintmichael.ca.

Coffee Connections



The last day for Coffee Wednesdays will be Wed. June 25, 2025 and will resume Wed. Sept. 3, 2025 after the 9:00am Mass. The last day for Coffee Sunday will be Sun. June 29, 2025 and will resume Sun. Sept. 7, 2025 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. See you in the fall!

Pastoral Council



Pastoral Council met for a final business meeting on Tuesday, May 20 before summer break. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at 403-249-0423. To read the minutes from our meeting in March, or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-May-20-2025-Bulletin.pdf>

Vacation Bible Camp 2025: "True North"



ONLINE REGISTRATION is now closed for Pre-Kindergarten (3 & 4 yrs) and Kindergarten (5 & 6 yrs) campers. We are completely full with zero spots available. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you next time! GENERAL ONLINE REGISTRATION is currently open for Grade 1-6, Grade 7-9, and Grade 10-12. This registration closes at 12:00pm noon on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Please register online ASAP to avoid disappointment: <https://forms.gle/2DCjiZcKPQDs68Vu7>. Thanks everyone!

Rome 2025



The 2025 Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr. Edmund will also be a perfect opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV in a public audience. If you are interested, please go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. Deadline of final payments is August 20, 2025.

Catholic Women's League Book Sale



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be holding a sale of gently used books, puzzles, and board games the weekend of September 20 and 21. Please consider donating fiction, non-fiction, children's books, cookbooks, etc. as long as they are free of explicit content. We ask that you collect items over the summer and we will determine times in September when these items can be dropped off for the sale. Proceeds from this sale will allow St. Michael's Catholic Women's League to continue our commitment to programs at SMCC and provide donations to local charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



NEED ASSISTANCE? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 825-417-1720. DONATIONS of non-perishables and monetary: drop off at SSVP Food Chest in the Narthex. MONETARY DONATIONS: go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/>. NEW MEMBERS: contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca. ANNUAL REPORT 2024: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>

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](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. June 28– Sun. July 13, 2025):**Saturday, June 28:**

No Events

Sunday, June 29:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass (last)

Monday, June 30:

No Events

Monday, July 1:

Canada Day: Office Closed

Mass: Day Chapel, 6:00pm

Sunday, July 13:

Stampede Breakfast-K of C: Narthex– After 9:00 and 11:00am Mass

Tuesday, July 15-Thursday, July 17:

Vacation Bible Camp: St. Nicholas Room-8:00am-12:00pm

Friday, July 18:

Altar Server Summer BBQ Party: Narthex– 5:00pm

**Gifts to the Parish**

	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
General Collections			
Collections	\$93,127	\$125,860	\$110,521
Other Income	\$12,526	\$81,225	\$37,009
Operating Costs	\$122,740	\$147,862	\$133,434
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$17,087)	\$59,223	\$14,096
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$19,888	\$11,304	\$10,667
Current Loan Balance	\$3,300,859	\$3,276,596	\$3,252,608
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$58,525	\$64,620	\$67,223
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	48%	53%	55%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$2,320	\$1,898	\$1,193

Mass Intentions:*Mass Intentions are booked in person at the office.**Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to accommodate urgent pastoral needs.***Saturday, June 28:**

5 pm: Beatriz & William Poveda † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, June 29:

9 am: Antonio Garcia † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Fernando Nova † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, July 1:

6 pm: Gary Pearce † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, July 2:

9 am: Francis Umole † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, July 3

9 am: Sandra True † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, July 4:

9 am: Emilio Ynigo † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, July 5:

5 pm: Emilio Ynigo † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, July 6:

9 am: Intentions Sevilla Family (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Intentions Julie Parinas & Evan Parinas Bauer (Fr. Edmund)

Please Pray For:*Please contact the office with your request.*

Scot C. Smith, Rina VandeGeer, Duri Family,
Helen Gal, Elizabeth DeCoste, Alice Flamand,
Carlos Jensen, Martha Gonzalez, Maria Rubi de Vera,
Peter C., Yvon Arseneault, Maria Riza Gardoce,
Justin Hewitt, Carmelita Diolata, Frederik V.

For the Souls Of:

Dietlinde Jankowski, Aggie Bentley,
Sharon Hawkins, Andrew Caguitla, Ann O'Connell

Funeral:

Ann O'Connell

Thurs. July 10, 2025 - 11:00am - Sanctuary

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

Eternal Springs Columbarium:

For pricing or more information,
please email: columbarium@saintmichael.ca.

E-Transfer:

Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the
amount to: isupport@saintmichael.ca.

Text to Donate:

To set up your account, text **give** to **833-768-0514**
and follow the prompt.

Sexual Abuse in the Church:

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**.