



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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June 8, 2025: Pentecost Sunday

We are the Church!

While the word 'Church' indicates a special building designated for worship, as in St. Michael Church, it also refers to an assembly, a congregation, gathering together of people or a community. The Second Vatican Council defines the Church as the People of God, who are constituted in Christ by the Holy Spirit. The Latin term for Church '*ecclesia*' derives from the Greek which means '*to call out of*'. It is a people set apart, a people called out of darkness into Christ's wonderful light.

The Church as an organized society existing in our world and history is a visible reality. We call this the Church, an institution, a hierarchy. The Church is also spiritual reality that transcends our world and our history. This is also referred to as the charismatic aspect of the Church. The Church is a mystery and a sacrament. It is a sign and instrument of a spiritual reality. The Church as a sacrament contains within itself, as well as communicates, God's power and presence.

The purpose of the Church is to make holy the members of Christ's body through the love given by Christ. By our baptism, we become part of the Church. We share in God's grace through the Church which is built on the foundation of Christ who is our way, the truth, and the life. We are the Church.

"It is necessary that in the light of faith, all rediscover the true meaning of the parish, that is, the place where the very 'mystery' of church is present and at work... The parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, 'the family of God', 'a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit', 'a familial and welcoming home', 'a community of the faithful'. Plainly and simply, the parish is founded on a theological reality because it is a Eucharistic community." (Saint John Paul II)

As we continue with our parish renewal initiative, let us transform our efforts into wonderful opportunities to relate with one another in a personal way, to encounter one another on behalf of Christ who works in our midst and to strengthen the bonds that ties us together as one people, sharing the one bread in the Eucharist and worshipping the one Lord of all.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

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 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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Healing Lines...

Our goal remains to move the search for reconciliation and peace “from the periphery to the Centre of the life and witness of the Church.” Peace-building in non-violent ways is a Christian core virtue and an imperative of the gospel message itself. We are determined to become what we are called to be: “ambassadors of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5). This is the mission of healing, including responsible accompaniment for those who are voiceless as well as speaking truth to those in power. We will reject every attempt to use violence and fear as tools of politics.

Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 17 IS SACRIFICE THE ANSWER?

“Love and sacrifice are inseparable. Suffering and salvation are inseparable.” Please read Day 17 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 17 What Do You Offer?](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7> or go to [Eucharistic Adoration Ministry](#)

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>. For June 6 Only: Adoration will remain in the Day Chapel.

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. Masses for St. Francis are scheduled in the Day Chapel on May 21 and June 25 at 6:00pm, followed by a Holy Hour. A reception follows at 7:30pm. Starting immediately, 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.

Auditions for Sunday 5pm Music Group

Auditions are being taken for the following positions with The Inspiration Band for the Sunday 5pm Mass: Guitarists, Bassists, and Vocalists. You must be 18 years of age or older. Experience in a band setting and music knowledge an asset. If you are interested, please contact Demetrio (band leader) at demetrio@shaw.ca or call/text 403-605-4592.



Together in Action (TIA)

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.



Volunteering

At times, determining where we fit in to our parish and whether we want a more active role can be a difficult exercise. Each of us has gifts that sometimes lie undiscovered. During our time of questioning, we turn to the Holy Spirit to motivate, direct, and inspire us in a way that allows us to harmoniously join together to do the Church's work effectively. By recognizing and sharing our gifts in ministry, we can create a welcoming culture for everyone. At St. Michael's we have several ministries that could be strengthened by your involvement. If you want to help but are unsure how or where to start, we'd like to get to know you. Contact Marvin (volunteer coordinator) at: mmatthews@saintmichael.ca



Parish Renewal

Thank you to all parishioners who submitted feedback and comments to the draft of the Parish Renewal Plan. The Parish Renewal Team will consider all suggestions when completing the final draft of the document which is due at the Diocese by June 15. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue our renewal journey!

SSVP Share Sunday Food Drive

June 14/15 & June 21/22

Please help the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) to provide food hampers to struggling families by participating in our Share Sunday Food Drive. After all Masses on June 14/15 members of SSVP will be handing out food lists, bags, and donation envelopes. Please return your purchases on June 21/22. Financial donations will be gratefully accepted after Masses on both weekends. Thank you.



Feed The Hungry

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer at Feed the Hungry on Father's Day, June 15. All volunteer spots have been filled. Thank you for supporting this endeavour!



Face-to-Face Youth Night (Gr. 6-8)



The last Youth Night, with Face-to-Face Ministries, will be June 14. The Youth Night is for Grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed.



40 Hours for Vocations

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, June 6 at 3:00pm until Sunday, June 8 at 8:00am (note: there will be no Adoration during the 5:00pm Saturday Mass). To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-56772726-40hours>



Vocations Rally

The entire Diocese of Calgary is invited to join us for our second annual Vocations Rally here at St. Michael's on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 from 11:00am-4:30pm. The Vocations Rally begins with the 11:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop McGrattan, followed by lunch, speakers, a panel, and much more! Admission and lunch are free, but registration is required. Please register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJPWuH5miVCyP-U1jg75Js1GB1pddadUeKDjoyJEwZTm55eQ/viewform>



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 altarservers@saintmichael.ca, or let the office know. Thank you!

Pastoral Council



Pastoral Council met for a final business meeting on Tuesday, May 20 before summer break. * Thank you to the dedicated men and women who have sat on council for the prescribed three-year term and who will be stepping down in June. If you or someone you know is interested in sitting on Pastoral Council, please send an email to fred-mund@saintmichael.ca. * The first draft of the Parish Renewal Plan is underway. Watch the bulletin and Flocknote for more details. * Check out Fr. Edmund's and staff interviews with Mario Toneguzzi, which cover a variety of topics including being a Catholic and the importance of confession. Interviews are available on the website by clicking "Video Interviews". 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/2025/05/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-March-18-2025-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. The camp is run by parent-volunteers. Thank you for your understanding. 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!

Pilgrimage to 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> by May 20 to avail of the remaining seven (7) spaces. After May 20, all bookings will be subject availability of flights and other travel reservations.

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 7- Mon. June 16, 2025):**Saturday, June 7:**

40 Hours Adoration for Vocations (Fri. 3pm to Sun. 8am): Day Chapel

Sunday, June 8:

40 Hours Adoration for Vocations (Fri. 3pm to Sun. 8am): Day Chapel

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Vocations Rally: Mass 11:00am, Lunch and Speakers 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, June 9:

No Events

Tuesday, June 10:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Wednesday, June 11:

Men's Ministry: Theater, 6:00am (last session)

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am (last session)

Thursday, June 12:

No Events

Friday, June 13:

No Events

Saturday, June 14:

Face-to-Face Youth Night with Pizza Gr. 6-8: 6:30-8:30pm

SSVP Share Sunday Food Appeal: Before and After all Masses

Sunday, June 15:

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Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Vocations Rally: Mass 11:00am, Lunch and Speakers 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, June 16:

No Events

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 7:

5 pm: William Hall † (Fr. Janick)

Sunday, June 8:

9 am: Yolanda Urbina † (Fr. Edmund)

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's

(Bishop McGrattan, Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: Corazon Andres † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, June 10:

6 pm: Antony Kurian † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, June 11:

9 am: Julie Beatriz † and Family (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, June 12:

9 am: Dave Paley † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, June 13:

9 am: Yolanda Beltran † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, June 14:

5 pm: Renato and Gemma Martini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, June 15:

9 am: Teodulo Rodriguez Lara † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Modesto and Anita Martin † (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:

Sylvester Joseph Joan Ladouceur

Funeral:

Sylvester Joseph: Thurs. June 12, 2025 at 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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
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
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$19,888	\$11,304	\$10,667
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,300,859	\$3,276,596	\$3,252,608
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
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