



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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First Sunday of Lent

Approaching the Paschal Mystery

It is said that we make a living with what we get but we make a life with what we give. In Christian life, we live by dying to ourselves. We receive by giving.

During our Lenten journey, our liturgy invites us to come forth from our spiritual grave to the overflowing grace of God's liberating love through our own imitation of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. During this Lenten observance, we prepare for our celebration of Christ's paschal mystery: his sacrificial death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. In our own faith journey, this means that we have to be more self-giving and self-sacrificing in our relationship with one another, in imitation of Christ's self-giving sacrifice on the cross if we expect to join him in our own resurrection.

The Paschal Mystery is the mystery involving the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord. The term "paschal" has Old Testament significance. It is related to the Jewish idea of sacrifice which is the predecessor of the Sacrifice of the Mass. "Paschal" refers to the lamb that is offered as a burnt sacrifice for the reparation of sins. Christ is the "Lamb of God", the New Testament sacrifice that has replaced all sacrifices.

In the Old Testament, the priest is distinct from the sacrifice. The priest offers the sacrifice. In the New Testament, the priest becomes the sacrifice at the same time. With Christ, priest and sacrifice become identical. The idea of sacrificial giving is important in approaching the Paschal Mystery. It is essential to understanding the core of Christian spirituality. This is to say that Christ's death on Calvary is central to the understanding of God's reality. It demonstrates in an experiential and human way the depth of God's life and love.

The Eucharist embodies the main operating principle of the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of life by dying. May our observance of the Lenten discipline help us in approaching the Paschal Mystery with the right disposition of body, mind and spirit.

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Healing Lines

Tuesday, March 8, is International Women's Day. It is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality. For more information about International Women's Day and events happening near you, visit: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>.

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 **SMCYYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyyc



Church Schedule

Subject to change

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. live stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 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

Weekday Masses

Please note, daily Mass (Tuesday—Thursday) will now be celebrated in the Day Chapel. Friday daily Mass and Holy Hour will continue in the Main Sanctuary. Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the Day Chapel.

God Squad

March 18 & 19

All men 14+ are invited to God Squad's 25th annual men's conference held at St. Michael Church on Friday March 18 and Saturday March 19. For times, information and to register, please visit: www.godsquad.ca.

IWIN Raffle

Help support IWIN by purchasing raffle tickets (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10). All proceeds go towards supporting survivors of human trafficking. Tickets can be purchased by emailing your name, address and phone number to iwincalgary@gmail.com. Payment is by e-transfer to iwincalgary@gmail.com (password IWINcalgary). There are 4 great prizes valued at \$1,300, including Hillberg & Berk jewelry, a one night stay at the Hampton Inn, a charcuterie board, wine and original artwork from a survivor of human trafficking. Draw date is March 24. Thanks for supporting IWIN!

Gift Shop

St. Michael's Gift Shop is now open after all the Sunday Masses. Bibles, Rosaries, and gifts for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are in need of volunteers. If you can spare some time after Mass, please contact Marvin at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of January we helped 24 families (38 adults and 20 children). If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the SSVP food chest in the gathering area. Currently we are looking for: cereal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and canned fish/meat.

Monetary donations can be deposited in the drop-box in the food chest or by online donations through the St. Michaels Parish website <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Lenten Fridays: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

Mass at 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 6

Liturgy and Confessions at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday: April 9, 10

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 14

Mass at 7 p.m.

Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 15

Liturgy at 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil: April 16

Mass at 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 17

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Parish Office: The office will be open regular hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on April 12 – 14. We will be closed on April 15 for Good Friday.

*Live-streamed 11 a.m. Mass can be accessed at saintmichael.ca/Mass and on our [Facebook Page](#). Once the live-streamed Mass has finished, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page. For a list of all live-streamed Masses in the diocese, visit catholicyy.ca.

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, Mark Kostecky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Wesley Almond	William Hill
Doreen Arseneault	Joseph Javier
Alessandro Bonvicini	Sierra Knight
Tina Burian	Jolane Maruzs
Greg Choquette	Daniela Masek
Ray Cole	Norma Padolina
Jack Davies	Georgina Pintaric
Michelle Deschenes	Leslie Pickering
Alden Gibson	Duncan Smith
Rick Hagel	Marie Sullivan

For the Soul of:

Ernesto Benacchio

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

5 p.m.: Yolande Motiuk †

Sunday, March 6, First Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Nguyen Tuyet †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Philomena Rodrigues †

Tuesday, March 7

6 p.m.: Trina Monsalve †

Wednesday, March 8

9 a.m.: Giovanni Straface †

Thursday, March 9

9 a.m.: Vidalina Rodriguez †

Friday, March 10

9 a.m.: Teresina Bitonti †

Saturday, March 11

5 p.m.: Marcelina De Guzman †

Sunday March 12, Second Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Graham Parsons †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Jenny Gabel

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.

Contact us

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	November	December	January
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$99,356	\$205,436	\$82,396
Operating Costs	\$103,871	\$94,843	\$103,444
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$4,515)	\$110,593	(\$21,048)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$20,987	\$151,321	\$17,288
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,355,479	\$5,335,506	\$5,319,181
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$50,717	\$58,714	\$1,585
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$40,025	\$64,308	\$2,236

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at finance@saintmichael.ca.