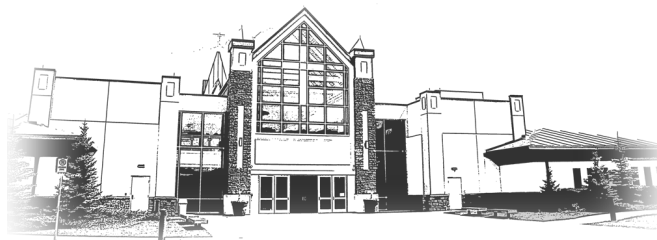




Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Second Sunday of Lent

Moments of Self-Giving

The transfiguration was an awe-inspiring experience of God's presence for Jesus and for His disciples. It was an incredible show of divine support, grace and inspiration at the time when Jesus faced the most trying period of His life: the decision to offer himself for our salvation through His own passion and death. The illumination of this experience would carry Him through the dark days of confusion, insecurity and terror that would come after this encounter with the Other. Jesus received the affirmation of His mission to give Himself up from the great figures of His tradition, representing the law and the prophets.

The transfiguration was one of those moments when Jesus took time out of His hectic ministry to go to a deserted place or a mountain to assess His relationship with His Father. It was of those breaks that proved to be a time for renewal of commitment to His Father to love and to serve. It was one of His times of prayer: to listen to God's will in His life and to resolve to give rather than receive.

All of us need some grace-filled memories or God-filled experiences to recall or return to, when faced with difficulty and challenge in our journey of faith. These graced -filled experiences or God-moments can inspire us and carry us through the darkness and difficulty of our trying periods of our journey. Our own stories of struggle in the faith can sustain us in our trials and tribulations. These God-moments may not approximate Christ's transfiguration on a mountaintop but their significance can help us in efforts to do God's will when we recognize and acknowledge it in our prayer and discernment. These moments are marked with self-giving and generosity that fulfill the deepest hunger of our soul.

All grace-filled memories or God-filled experiences are times when we realize giving ourselves to others in the spirit of self-sacrifice and true love. These are moments when we imitate God's generosity and love which embody the essence of our personal commitment to Christ who gave himself up for our freedom from sin and death. Our struggling efforts to offer ourselves to God and others can be transformed into meaningful faith experiences by returning to our graced-filled memories when we experienced God's love and presence in our lives.

Our spirit of self-giving gives us a sense of fulfillment that is rooted in the gospel value of offering our life in order to gain it, to give in order to receive, to die to oneself in order to secure our eternal life. Our acts of sharing and giving are expressive of our personal commitment to Christ who shared and gave his own life for our salvation. Christ's self-giving, which we celebrate in the Eucharistic sacrifice, is our blueprint for a life that is shared and broken for others. By sharing in Christ's brokenness in the Eucharist, we can be transfigured and transformed into God's holy people.

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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 **SMCYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyc



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

Healing Lines

As the Lord is transfigured and we are instructed to “listen to Him”, so we must change ourselves into those who have compassion and listen to our fellow human beings when they suffer from the effects of abuse and harassment. Let us become more like Christ with each passing day.

Stations of the Cross

Please note the time change for Friday's Stations of the Cross, which will start at 6:30 p.m., immediately following the 6 p.m. Mass.

Day of Prayer for Ukraine

Friday March 18

All are invited to Mass at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 18 to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Mass for St. Joseph

Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

All are invited to a special Mass for St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

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

March 24

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!

40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign

April 1

The Lenten campaign for 40 Days for Life has commenced and St. Michael is once again participating. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil held near the Kensington Abortion facility in Calgary as part of a world wide campaign of prayer for the unborn taking place during Lent. We encourage everyone to participate. If you've never done it before, we encourage you to join us this Lent in union with thousands of people around the world praying for an end to abortion. St. Michael's assigned day is Friday, April 1. To sign up for a one hour time slot please go to www.40daysforlife.com/calgary and click on the box "Sign up for Vigil Hours". If you have questions, please call Karen at 403-870-7080.

Lenten Share Sunday - Palm Sunday

Weekend of April 2/3

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having its first Share Sunday in over 2 years. Members of the Society will be distributing bags and food lists the weekend of April 2/3 to receive your Lenten offerings on Palm Sunday, April 9/10.

May the kindness and compassion of your food and monetary donations stir the hearts of those who receive and fill them with hope.

If you are providing from your home pantry, please check the Best Before date as we cannot use stale-dated items.

Urgent Request: plastic bags for hamper packing.

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 February we helped 25 families (44 adults and 35 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.

Events and Announcements

Lent & Easter Schedule

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

Mass at 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 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 catholicyyc.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
Doreen Arseneault
Alessandro Bonvicini
Tina Burian
Greg Choquette
Ray Cole
Jack Davies
Michelle Deschenes
Alden Gibson
Rick Hagel

William Hill
Joseph Javier
Sierra Knight
Jolane Maruzs
Daniela Masek
Norma Padolina
Georgina Pintaric
Leslie Pickering
Duncan Smith
Marie Sullivan

For the Soul of:

Josephine Asbreuk

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12

5 p.m.: Marcelina De Guzman †

Sunday, March 13, Second Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Graham Parsons †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Jenny Gabel

Tuesday, March 15

6 p.m.: Felicidade Fernandes †

Wednesday, March 16

9 a.m.: Max Thum †

Thursday, March 17, St. Patrick

9 a.m.: Sheila Foster †

Friday, March 18, St Cyril of Jerusalem

9 a.m.: Hilda Glaser †

Saturday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph

5 p.m.: Intentions of Jenny Gabel

Sunday March 20, Third Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Josefina Catre Estoque †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Leslie Choquette †

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			
	December	January	February
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$205,436	\$82,396	\$87,602
Operating Costs	\$94,843	\$103,444	\$100,902
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	\$110,593	(\$21,048)	(\$13,300)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$151,321	\$17,288	\$23,147
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,335,506	\$5,319,181	\$5,301,694
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$58,714	\$1,585	\$2,813
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$64,308	\$2,236	\$3,345

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