



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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4th Sunday of Lent

Together in Action 2024

Together in Action (formerly the annual bishop's appeal) has been launched this Lenten season. This year's theme is "God will satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) Indeed, embracing God's divine plan empowers us not only to enrich our own lives, but also positively impact those in need. Together in Action (TIA) supports key ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. "Together in Action: the power of our faith at work" recognizes our need as missionary disciples to give and share of ourselves. As Christ's missionary disciples, we are called to receive God's gift gratefully, to cultivate them responsibly, to share them lovingly in justice with others, and to return them with increase to the Lord. This attitude of stewardship recognizes that God is the origin of life and that He gave us His Son to redeem us. We praise and thank God by prayer, ministry, and sharing.

Working together in action enables us to create a future with horizons of hope, restore equality, offer new possibilities, and proclaim God's favor. May this campaign help us express our common hope of building a stronger community in our parish.

"Instruct those who are rich in this world's goods that they should not be proud and should set their hopes not on money, which is untrustworthy, but on God who gives richly all that we need for our happiness. They are to do good and rich in good works, generous in giving, and always ready to share – this is the way they can amass a good capital sum for the future if they want to possess the life that is real." (1 Timothy 6:17-19) God is never outdone in love and generosity.

This year's campaign aims to raise \$2 million for crucial causes such as caring for retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care, diocesan ministries, and the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Last year's campaign fell short of our parish goal of \$121,243.00. Our target goal for this year remains the same. Whatever is in excess, if any, will be contributed to our Building Fund to cover our loan amortizations. *Magda Aguillon is our new designated TIA coordinator.*

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Healing Lines

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him..." God is available to forgive all our transgressions and heal us. If we have been the aggressive one in our families, we can seek out the resources available in our community and God's help will support us in our journey. Take responsibility and be the model for your children and others around you. Seek help.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, March 9 at 5pm: Fr. Kevin Chukwurah with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, March 10 at 8:30am: Morning Prayer with Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, March 10 at 9am: Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, March 10 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, March 10 at 5pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas



Lent Schedule

Lent Fridays: Feb. 16 - Mar. 22 | Mass 6:00pm | Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Holy Thursday: Thursday, March 28 | Mass 7:00pm | Adoration 8:00pm - 12:00am
Good Friday: Friday, March 29 | Services 12:00pm and 3:00pm
Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30 | Mass 9:00pm
Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 31 | Mass 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

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.**

~~~ Lenten Insights ~~~

Lenten Insights (1-3): All Previous "Lenten Insights" are available here: <https://saintmichael.ca/bulletin-4th-sunday-lent-2/>

Lenten Insights (4): *Making the Sunday Eucharist a priority...* The Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324-1327*). All we do during the week should culminate with our Sunday Mass where we offer our sacrifices, joys, frustrations, faults, and petitions as an oblation to the Father. All the other days of the week should lead to Sunday which we make holy with our worship and thanksgiving. We have to plan in advance to comply with our Sunday obligation. It is an act of justice, giving back to God what we have received from His love and forgiveness. As a worshipping community, we are the incarnate Church. We pray together in person, encountering God in real time in His sanctuary. The Eucharist gives us spiritual sustenance and strength. The Eucharist unites us as a family and as a community. Our coming to Church is our solidarity with our fellow believers. When we skip the Sunday Eucharist, we separate ourselves from communion with the Church. *The Sanctuary is our worship space.* As we sign ourselves with Holy Water from the Baptismal Font, we enter into God's holy ground. We observe prayerful silence as our expression of reverence for God and respect for others. *Posture during Mass...* Our altar servers show us how to observe the reverent postures during Mass. In Canada, we all kneel at the start of the Eucharistic Prayer until consecration. We stand as we proclaim the Mystery of Faith together. During Holy Communion, we all remain standing until the last communicant is done. As God's family, we respectfully wait for everyone to finish the Eucharistic banquet (meal).

Events and Announcements

Handling Panhandling at SMCC and Other Places

What do we do? Respectfully acknowledge the person asking for money and politely say "no". Panhandling is illegal (Calgary by-law 3M99). Panhandlers may not be homeless or may panhandle as part of a larger syndicated operation. Our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul also distributes groceries to needy families in the area throughout the year. Or you may contact one of the city's social agencies that help, including the Drop-in Centre (263-6217), Mustard Seed Street Ministry (269-1319), Salvation Army (410-1111), CUPS (221-8781), Alpha House (234-7388), and EXIT (262-9953). Let us help our Church and other organizations help street people help themselves and re-discover their sense of human dignity and respect. If you see a panhandler in need or trouble, or if you have encountered an aggressive panhandler, you may call the Panhandling Outreach Worker (221-8788) or the Police (403-266-1234).

Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours | Starting Sunday, February 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 8:30am

Every Sunday morning, starting on Sunday, February 18, we invite you to join us for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 am, just before the 9:00am Mass, in the Sanctuary. You may visit ebreviary.com to follow along for the prayers. All are most welcome to attend!

2023 Tax Receipts

2023 tax receipts have been mailed. If you have not received your receipt, please check with the office.

Elements of the Catholic Mass Series | March 9 and 10, 2024 | Before All Masses

Intelligent Workshop: The Second Vatican Council, in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, called for "active participation" on the part of the Faithful. It also called for a participation that would be full and conscious. In this episode we learn the importance of worshipping intelligently. <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/intelligent-worship>

Christians of the Holyland Display and Sale | Saturday, March 9 and Sunday March 10, 2024 | Mezzanine | After All Masses

A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend masses (closed during Mass). All the goods come from the Holyland, and more specifically, hand carved by local Catholics there. This is a great way to support the tiny Catholic community residing in Bethlehem.

Presentation: Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | Tuesday, March 12, 2024 | Day Chapel | 7:15pm

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. A presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:15pm in St. Mary's Day Chapel. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining, please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Daily Mass and Adoration | Friday, March 15, 2024 | Day Chapel | 9:00am –10:30am

The Daily Mass, followed by Adoration, for Friday, March 15 will be moved to the Day Chapel for this day only.

40 Days for Life | Friday, March 22, 2024 | Kensington Abortuary

St. Michael's Parish has been assigned to pray at the Kensington Abortuary for the 40 Days for Life on Friday, March 22. Those interested can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/calgary>.

Collection Baskets are back this Easter...

Those interested to volunteer for this undertaking, please contact the office. After all March 16-17 weekend Masses, the Finance Council will report on our finances and members will be available for queries and clarifications after each Mass. "Wealthy" in capital assets with a loan to amortize, more cash can help us to keep up with our growing expenses and needs. A big church requires considerable payroll, repairs, and maintenance. For the past few years, we have not reached our Together-in-Action (TIA) goal which means that our General Fund covers the shortfall. We also share our contributions with SSVP, Christmas Hampers, Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program), and other charities.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

We hope that you are having a holy and blessed Lent, in preparation for Easter. We worked our way through a full agenda at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27. Highlights include: * A presentation by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. A parish-wide presentation will be made at all Masses March 16 & 17.

* Re-introduction of collection baskets at Easter Masses. Volunteers will be needed. * Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7, from 2- 3 pm, with a reception to follow. More details to be provided. / The meeting in March is cancelled as it falls in Holy Week. Our next meeting will be on April 16. 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 January, or any past meeting, please go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes-january-23-2024/>

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2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | 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: | 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. An evening of music and inspiration with Joe Melendrez is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 7:00pm for youth in Grades 7-12. Please sign up using the QR Code on the side. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.



Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | Thursday, March 21, 2024 | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

The Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting has been moved from Monday, March 18 to Thursday, March 22 in the St. Michael's Room at 7:00pm.

Parish Wide Reconciliation Night | Thursday, March 21, 2024 | Reconciliation Rooms and Surrounding Rooms | 7:00pm

There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions prior to Holy Week.

Lectio Divina Workshops: Encounter Christ the Living Word | Wednesday, April 17 | Day Chapel | 7:30pm

The Seeds of the Word Community is glad to participate in the Pastoral Renewal by providing a Lectio Divina Workshop: 'Praying with the Word of God: Encounter Christ the Living Word' for the Parishes of the Diocese of Calgary. A workshop will be offered at St. Michael's on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30pm in the Day Chapel. (Please note: the workshop previously scheduled for April 10 has been cancelled). All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://forms.gle/y1zSixLpthjMk6Gg7>

40 Hours of Adoration and Vocations Rally | Friday, April 19, 3:00pm to Sunday, April 21, 8:00am

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, April 19 until Sunday, April 21. The devotion will begin at 3:00pm Friday, and conclude at 8:00am Sunday, to prepare for the 9:00am Mass. Following this, beginning with the 11:00am Mass, we will launch our diocesan wide Vocations Rally. More information to follow in the coming weeks. To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-48428431-40hours>

Beloved Daughter's Ministry: Women's Conference | Sanctuary | Friday, May 3, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday, May 4, 8:30am-4:00pm

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled "Worthy and Made New." The conference will be held from May 3-4, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. For more information visit: www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! If you have lost your job, please contact us for food support. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.** If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. **DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the church Gathering Area or you can arrange for a pick-up, by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, and conditioner. **MONETARY DONATIONS** can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the Parish website: <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Mezzanine | Various Times

SAVE THE DATES! The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition is coming to St. Michael Catholic Community beginning May 24 and continuing through June 2, 2024. This is an awesome display of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to deepen their faith. More details to follow after Easter.

March Regular Events:

Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Narthex | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
Mondays | Bible Study: Lectio Eucharist | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm
Tuesdays | Grief Share | Rooms 143 and 144 | 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays | TMIY | Day Chapel | 6:00am
Wednesdays | Bible Study: Wild Goose | 10:00am-12:00pm | St. Nicolas Room | or Zoom 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

March 2024:

March 9 | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas Room | 9:00am
March 9 and 10 | Christians of the Holy Land Display and Sale | Mezzanine | After All Masses | Closed During Mass
March 12 | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 6:30pm
March 12 | Grief Share: Last Session | Rooms 143 and 144 | 7:00pm
March 12 | Presentation: Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | Day Chapel | 7:15pm
March 14 | First Communion Session 2 | Various Rooms | 6:00pm
March 15 | Daily Mass | Moved to the Day Chapel | 9:00am
March 15 | Confirmation Session 4 | Various Rooms | 7:00pm
March 16 | Youth Rally Impact Night | Grades 7-12 | Guest: Joe Melendrez | Sanctuary | 7:00pm
March 18 | Bible Study Lectio Eucharist: Last Session | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00pm
March 20 | Sacrament for Teens Session 5 | Library | 7:00pm
March 21 | Parish Wide Reconciliation Night | Reconciliation Rooms and Surrounding Rooms | 7:00pm
March 21 | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm
March 22 | 40 Days for Life | Kensington Abortuary
March 23 | Sacrament for Teens | Pizza Party and Retreat, St. Nicholas Room, 12:00pm | Reconciliation, Reconciliation Rooms, 3:00pm
March 24 | Cancelled: Altar Server Training
March 26 | Cancelled: SSVP Monthly Meeting
March 26 | Cancelled: PPC Meeting
March 28 | Holy Thursday | No Daily Mass at 9:00am | Sanctuary Mass at 7:00pm | Day Chapel Adoration 8:00pm
March 29 | Good Friday | Services at 12:00pm and 3:00pm
March 30 | RCIA Retreat | Day Chapel and St. Nicholas Room | 8:00am
March 30 | Easter Vigil | Sanctuary | 9:00pm
March 31 | Easter Sunday | Mass at 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm



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:

Mara Neely	Helen Gal	Pietro Jr. Duri
Alessandro Bonvicini	Demy Navarro	Aaron Armstrong
Jojo Deleon	Bill Dingman	Rina VandeGeer
Rosa Duri	Joey Stevenson	Bert Saunders
Elizabeth Chandless	Kathy Salzl	Cecile Manning

For the Souls of:

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

	October	November	December
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$97,285	\$89,909	\$148,442
Other Income	\$29,506	\$58,358	\$57,002
Operating Costs	\$164,849	\$135,449	\$119,954
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$38,058)	\$12,819	\$85,491
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,724	\$18,512	\$129,611
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,698,763	\$3,675,809	\$3,653,177
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action YTD	\$55,760	\$62,408	\$74,471
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	46%	51%	61%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,473	\$6,455	\$25,278

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, March 9

5 pm: Alvaro Fernandez †

Sunday, March 10: 4th Sunday of Lent

9 am: Morris and Mary Gabrush †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Deceased Members of Furtado Family †

Tuesday, March 12

6 pm: Mary Simpson †

Wednesday, March 13

9 am: Phyllis Clancy †

Thursday, March 14

9 am: Intentions of the Gutierrez Family

Friday, March 15

9 am: Mariano De Los Reyes Jr. †

6 pm: Rosa Rino Sr. †

Saturday, March 16

5 pm: Alfred Champagne †

Sunday, March 17: 5th Sunday of Lent

9 am: Adelaida Balazon †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Aurora Cruz †

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