



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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May 11, 2025: 4th Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

We have a Pope!

Pope Leo XIV



Pray for Pope Leo XIV,
our Holy Father

May the Lord preserve him, grant
him life, and bless him upon the
earth. May he serve with wisdom,
humility, and love.

Our Father..
Hail Mary..



*We have a Pope! American born
Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost
has been elected as the 267th
Roman Pontiff, taking the name
Pope Leo XIV. Please join us in
praying for our new Holy Father.*

<https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/habemus-papam>

Shepherd us, O Christ!

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." This is a favorite quotation from Psalm 23 which is an Old Testament allusion to Christ who has become our Shepherd and Savior.

In the first-century Palestine, the sheep are gathered for the night in an enclosed area with one opening where the shepherd lies across to protect the sheep from any predators. Even when several flocks are mixed together, the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice and respond to none other when called. Rather than walking behind the sheep and using dogs and other animals to keep the flock together as done today, the shepherd walks in front of the sheep and leads them.

The first-century metaphor depicts Jesus as a protector of His followers by laying down His life for them and gathering them into a unique relationship with Himself and guiding them by leading the way.

The Good Shepherd is the leader who lays down his life for his sheep, his flock. He is the caring companion who protects them, whose voice they recognize and who provides pasture and life for them. Followers are thus offered a relationship of trust and safety because of the action of the shepherd.

The imagery also indicates the intimate and close relationship among the members of the flock, the Church. It strongly suggests that faith is lived in the context of community. Redemption is realized through the common efforts of the community which listens and recognizes the voice of the Shepherd. To paraphrase the gospels, we have to shepherd one another as Christ shepherds us. The world will know we belong to Christ our Shepherd by how we shepherd one another.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us reflect on the words of St. Gregory the Great: *"Ask yourself whether you belong to Jesus' flock, whether you know Him, whether the light of His truth shines in your mind. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know Him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action..."*

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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 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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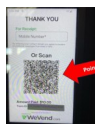
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(Howe, Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870)

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.



May 10/11th DAY 13 SISTER FAUSTINA: DON'T DELAY
 "He is alive, not dead. The bread is not bread, but the very
 life of God, sent to you out of love and mercy." Please
 read Day 13 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book.
 Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 13 Your
 Image of Jesus](#) Any questions or comments click on this
 link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Eucharistic Adoration is a continuation of the worship of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Holy Mass. Extended Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on May 2 following the morning Mass at 9:30am. 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>.



In the month of May, the Catholic Church honors Mary, Mother of God. One of the ways we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary is to offer to her the prayers of the rosary. The Rosary Group invites you to join them to pray the rosary on Tuesdays at 5:20pm before evening Mass, and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:20am before morning Mass.

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.



TOGETHER
in ACTION | 2025

Launched this Season of Lent, is the Diocese of Calgary's annual campaign to support key ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we give as we *"rejoice in hope, patient in suffering, persevering in prayer."* (Romans 12:12) The 2025 Together in Action campaign seeks to raise funds for essential initiatives, including care for retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care, diocesan ministries, and the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. 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.**



There will be roses for sale after all weekend Masses on Mother's Day, May 10 and 11. All proceeds go to supporting respect life programs in the schools and community, and respect for all human life from conception until God calls us.

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6-8 with Face-to-Face Ministries on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith! The last date before the summer is June 14.



Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park on Saturday, May 10, 2025. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or 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. St. Michael's CWL will be collecting pledges on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in the narthex after all Masses on May 3 and 4 or you can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WyRKA>

Relic of St. Faustina

A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00am to solemnly expose the newly acquired 2nd class relic of St. Faustina Kowalska from Poland for public veneration at our Church. The reliquary will be permanently placed next to the Divine Mercy image in the Day Chapel. There will be a reception following the Mass. All are welcome!



CWL Meeting

St. Michael's CWL General Meeting will be on May 13th, 2025 at 6:30 pm in St. Michael's Room (following Rosary and Mass). It will be a business meeting with devotion to Mary, Mother of God, in honor of The Month of Mary. New member and service pins will be presented. Fellowship and lunch will follow. All members and visitors are welcome to attend our final meeting before summer break.



Christians of the Holy Land

A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on May 24 and 25, 2025 in the Mezzanine (closed during Mass). All the goods come from the Holy Land, and more specifically, hand carved by local Catholics there. This is a great way to support the tiny Catholic community residing in Bethlehem. (This event was cancelled on the weekend of May 3 and 4 due to an unforeseen circumstance for the organizers.)



Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert ready to serve. This will be the last one until fall.



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>

Pastoral Council

Our next meeting will be on May 27. 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 February, or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-January-28-2025-Bulletin.pdf>



Parish Renewal

Our renewal journey continues! The next step is developing an initial draft of our Parish Renewal Plan, incorporating the insights and discernment from this gathering. We invite you to continue praying for this process as we move forward. *Parish Renewal Survey Results and Team Update* are available by the Day Chapel. Thank you for walking this journey with us!



SMCC Vacation Bible Camp 2025

"TRUE NORTH" Online Registration is now open! Online registration is required ASAP. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to register your family. Questions? Please contact our Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Mrs. Caroline Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 105.



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

The deadline for registration for the Holy Pilgrimage with Fr. Edmund to Rome on November 19-27 this Jubilee Year is May 20, 2025. Bookings after this date will not be guaranteed with the original rates, including flights. To book, please follow this link at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. For more details, contact Fr Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca or (403) 8742015.



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. May 10 - Mon. May 19, 2025):**Saturday, May 10:**

Pro-Life Hike for Life: Prince's Island Park, 8:30am-12:00pm
 Beloved Daughter's Conference: 8:30am-4:00pm
 Mother's Day Rose Sale: Narthex, After All Weekend Masses

Sunday, May 11:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass
 Mother's Day Rose Sale: Narthex, After All Weekend Masses

Monday, May 12:

Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 13:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm
 RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
 CWL Monthly Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 5:30-9:00pm

Wednesday, May 14:

Men's Ministry: Theater, 6:00-7:30am
 Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass
 Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am

Thursday, May 15:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am
 Knights of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00-9:00pm

Friday, May 16:

Eucharistic Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 9:30am-8:00pm
 Altar Serving Training for Confirmation: Sanctuary, 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, May 17:

Confirmation: Sanctuary, 1:00-3:00pm
 Face-to-Face Youth Night with Pizza Gr. 6-8: 6:30-8:30pm

Sunday, May 18:

CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy
 CANCELLED: Coffee Connection

Monday, May 19:

Victoria Day: Office Closed

Gifts to the Parish

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
General Collections Collections	\$81,129	\$93,127	\$125,860
Other Income	\$29,904	\$12,526	\$81,225
Operating Costs	\$126,188	\$122,740	\$147,862
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$15,155)	(\$17,087)	\$59,223
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage) Building Fund Collections	\$12,382	\$19,888	\$11,304
Current Loan Balance	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859	\$3,276,596
Diocesan Annual Campaign Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$52,238	\$58,525	\$64,620
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	43.1%	48%	53%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,103	\$2,320	\$1,898

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, May 10:

9 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, May 11:

9 am: Intentions Joelle Chu (Fr. Kelvin)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Franco Trotta † & Inocencia Quiambao + (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, May 13:

6 pm: Intentions Lylle Armitage (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, May 14:

9 am: Juan Ezequiel † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, May 15:

9 am: Intentions of Rolando Arballo (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, May 16:

9 am: Paulette Chu Moy Sang † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, May 17:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, May 18:

9 am: Bill Tapuska † (Fr. Edmund)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Intentions Fajardo/Carrera Families (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Scot C. Smith, Rina VandeGeer, Sylvester Joseph,
 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

For the Souls Of:**Funeral:****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**.