



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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The Ascension of the Lord

Motherhood For All

Motherhood goes beyond maternity. Motherhood transcends life itself. In fact, it is far more spiritual than physical. The essence of motherhood lies in the spiritual bond between the mother and the child. Such a spiritual bond can actually exist without the biological relationship of mother and child. The task of mothering is not limited to mothers. The task of nurturing, caring, and educating is shared by all in the community. This is the reason the term 'mother' can also refer to a school as 'alma mater', to mother earth or mother church. Motherhood presents to us a reality that is beyond the physical, biological, or earthly. Motherhood reminds us of the reality of the human spirit in a culture that is presently engrossed with the purely material and physical. Motherhood is a kind of heroism that actually reminds us of spiritual redemption, re-birth, and resurrection.

Christ's ascension, which we celebrate today, deals with a reality that is beyond the earthly and physical. Like motherhood, Christ's ascension is mysterious, spiritual, and faith-oriented.

We, as a Christian community, are a living testament of a people who adheres to the power of the resurrection and ascension and the presence of the Spirit in our life. As a people, we proclaim Christ's message of love and liberation through our word and example. This is the basis of our Christian tradition. He is with us: yes to the end of time.

There is a story about a woman who saw a poorly dressed and ill-nourished little girl playing in the street. The woman became angry and said to God: "Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied: "I did do something about it: I created you". The story invites us to ask ourselves "How serious do we take the mandate of Jesus to transform our world into the kind of place God created it to be"?

Today's celebration marks the beginnings of the Church's outreach in continuing the work of Christ in our world. Motherhood is a call to transformation of this world into a more loving place. It is a vocation not only for mothers but all the rest of us.
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Healing Lines

"Arise then...women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!" (Howe, Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870) Mother's Day is celebrated to honor all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Most countries including US, Australia, Canada, and India celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May. Mother's Day came into being due to the efforts made by Ms. Julia Ward Howe and Ms. Anna Jarvis. Since then people across the world have been celebrating Mother's Day with joy and devotion. Blessings and Good Wishes on Mother's Day to all mothers, of all ages!

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, May 11 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, May 12 at 8:30am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, May 12 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, May 12 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, May 12 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino

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, and 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 a **family member** is sick and 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

Volunteerism, anyone?

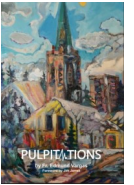
We need volunteers in most ministries. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (EME) Committee is actively campaigning for more volunteers. With the return of our Basket Collection during weekends, we need volunteers in the Hospitality Ministry to increase the number of ushers and greeters who can help with the collection baskets. With the lifting of restrictions of the Communion with the Cup and if we proceed the pre-pandemic practice, we require to double the number of Eucharistic Ministers who can help administer Holy Communion during the weekend Masses. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca

Basket Collection | Beginning May 11 - 12, 2024 | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection will be re-introduced starting the May 11-12 weekend, upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. Instead of passing the baskets at the Offertory, Hospitality Ministers will "wait" for your gift offerings to be placed in the baskets they will be holding at the exit doors after the Mass is ended. We thank you for your continuing support. God is never outdone in love and generosity.

Pulpitations | Collection of Homilies and Writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas

*"It is with great honor to introduce **Pulpitations**, a remarkable collection of homilies and writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas... to celebrate his 45th anniversary of priestly ordination. This treasure memorializes the profound impact his homilies, writings, and guidance have had on all of us that comes from his deep and unique understanding and commitment to the Gospel message." (from Foreword by Jim Jarrell)*
Copies are available at the Gift Shop.



Rosary Group | Day Chapel | Tuesdays at 6:30pm | Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 8:20am

In the month of May, the Catholic Church honors Mary, the Mother of God. One of the ways we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary is to offer her prayers of the rosary. The Rosary Group invites you to join them to pray the rosary: Tuesdays after evening mass at 6:30 pm | Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays before mass at 8:20 am

Elements of the Catholic Mass | May 11 & 12, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Bow in the Creed: There are two types of bows in the Catholic Mass: a simple bow of the head and a profound bow or bow of the body. During the recitation of the Creed, which bow does the Church ask all the faithful to make? Find out here: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-bow-in-the-creed>

44th Annual Hike For Life | Saturday, May 11, 2024 | Prince's Island Park | 8:30am-12:00pm

Please join Fr. Edmund in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to Fr. Edmund or any other team member from now until May 12. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and will be accepted online until June 30 at www.calgaryprolife.com. Please indicate that the donation will be sponsoring St. Michael Catholic Community. Pledge forms are also available at the office. All funds raised will go to support the Respect For Life program. St. Michael's CWL will be in the Narthex collecting pledges after all Masses on May 4/5 and May 11/12.

Mother's Day Rose Sale | Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12, 2024 | Narthex | After All Masses

Mothers' Day roses will be on sale after all Masses on May 11 and May 12 for \$5.00 per rose. All proceeds from the rose sales go towards pro-life education.

Pentecost Sunday | Sunday, May 19, 2024

Everyone is encouraged to wear red for Pentecost Sunday on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at any of the Masses.

CANCELLED: Coffee Connection | Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition will be held at St. Michael Catholic Community between May 24 and June 2. It will be an awesome display of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, but **we need YOUR help**. Volunteers are needed to assist in this spiritually impactful opportunity. A message regarding the Exhibition will be announced at each weekend Mass and members of the organizing committee will be in the Narthex after each Mass, easily identifiable by the red sashes that they are wearing. To volunteer, or to get more information, please visit our website via the link or the QR code. <https://saintmichael.ca/eucharistic-miracles-exhibition/>



Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, June 9, 2024 | Sanctuary Mass 11am | Narthex Gathering 1:00-3:00pm

A Parish Renewal Gathering will be held on Sunday, June 9 starting with the 11:00am Mass, followed by lunch in the Narthex. The Parish Renewal Gathering proper starts at 1:00pm and concludes at 3:00pm. In preparation for the gathering, a 40-hour Adoration begins on Friday, June 7, 3:00pm and ends on Sunday, June 9, 8:00am. Details will be announced later.

Events and Announcements

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | Friday, June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

The final Youth Rally "Impact Night" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church is scheduled on Friday, June 14 from 7:00-9:00pm. The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3-12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. Registration is still open. Please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program)

We are pleased to let you know our newest sponsorship family will be arriving mid May. Our financial commitment for this family is for one year. According to the Refugee Sponsorship Program the estimated amount needed to support this family for one year is approximately \$40K. Your help is needed, to help us achieve this goal. Financial Donations can be made out to St. Michael's earmarked "Partnership of Hope". Tax receipts will be issued. This family is from Iran originally but have been in Turkey for many years as refugees praying for a way out. St. Michael's has given them a way out. Life in Turkey has been very, very hard. The family consists of Mom, Dad, and three boys aged 16, 14, and 7 years. For more information to help, please contact Jocelyn Fitzgerald at 403-650-9741 or cefitz@shaw.ca. For information on volunteering, please [click here](#).

Art Walk 2024 | Cancelled

Art Walk 2024 will not be held this year due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be back in 2025! Details to follow at a later date.

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.



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): <https://mailchi.mp/8b05d03d9186/beyond-bulletin-insert-solemnity-of-all-saints-6237392?e=6937123d2f>

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

Sundays | After Morning Masses | 10:00am and 12:00pm

Children's Liturgy:

Group A: start time 8:30am - ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Group B: start time 10:30am - ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Regular Events:

Mondays | Bible Study: "Galatians: Set Free To Live in the Spirit" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:0-9:00pm

Wednesdays | Into the Breach | Day Chapel | 6:00-7:30am

Thursdays | Moms and Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

May 2024

May 11 | Hike for Life | Prince's Island Park | 8:30am-12:00pm

May 11 | Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Volunteer Training | Day Chapel | 11:00am-12:30pm

May 11 & 12 | Mother's Day Rose Sale | Narthex | After All Masses

May 14 | CWL Social | 6:45-9:00pm

May 14 | RCIA Last Session | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

May 16 | Knights of Columbus | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm

May 20 | CANCELLED: Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free To Live in the Spirit"

May 23 | CANCELLED: Coffee Connection

May 24 to June 2 | Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Mezzanine | Various Times

May 26 | CANCELLED: Altar Server Training

May 26 | Confirmation 2024 | Sanctuary | 2:00pm

May 28 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm

May 28 | SSVP Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm

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 Seminarists:

Peter An, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregbe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one, please email the office with your request, noting consent.

Rina VandeGeer
Bert Saunders
Cecile Manning
Duncan Smith
Evelyn Dumanski

Annette LaMarca
Bill Tapuska
Pat Burchnell
Chester Wisniewski

Father Greg Coupal
Michael Park
Cecilia Bausa Legaspi
Helen Gal
Karen O'Brien

For the Souls of:

Karen Arseneault

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.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please visit the office.

Saturday, May 11

5 pm: Antonio Garcia †

Sunday, May 12: Ascension of the Lord

9 am: Intentions of Leo Pelletier †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Franco Trotta †

Tuesday, May 14

6 pm: Josphine Olympio †

Wednesday, May 15

9 am: Intentions of Fely Ynigo

Thursday, May 16

7 pm: Mary Patrick †

Friday, May 17

9 am: Jothi and Christopher Miranda †

Saturday, May 18

5 pm: Braz Athaide and Nina Burford †

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

9 am: John and Betty Schnitzler

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: John Furtado †

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