



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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May 25, 2025: 6th Sunday of Easter

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>

Christ's legacy of peace

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives..."

"Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom..." This is the prayer for peace and unity we invoke before partaking of Christ's body and blood at every Eucharistic celebration. And at the end of the celebration, we are dismissed with the parting words: *"Go in peace to love and serve the Lord..."*

The Eucharist, as the center and source of all Christian life, gives us the gift of shalom, Christ's own peace, and His other gifts. Through baptism, partaking in the Eucharist, receiving forgiveness through reconciliation and the sealing of our lives with the Holy Spirit in confirmation, we as Church pass on the same gifts that Jesus left to his followers. As these gifts connect us to God, these also draw us together as the body of Christ, calling us out into the world.

Because we are a people gifted with Christ's peace and love, we are called to action: to share the divine life that Christ has won for us through His death and resurrection. Because we are a people chosen and anointed by Christ, we are called *"to proclaim the Good News to the poor, bring freedom to captives, and announce the time of God's favor..."* We are as a priestly, prophetic, and kingly people, mandated to continue Christ's ministry of unity and healing.

God has given Himself in Jesus Christ so that we may see Him with the eyes of faith. In our respective lives, we are called to be authentic reflections of God's presence within ourselves, giving us the courage to bring Christ's peace and love to a world of hatred and indifference.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

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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Healing Lines...

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." Jesus is clear in his messages about how we should treat others. Let us also emulate this message of peace especially as we help those around us who are in need of support as they struggle with violence, abuse and discrimination in their lives.



Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 15: ALL YOU WHO NEED REST

"God rested on the seventh day because He was teaching us an essential element necessary to thrive." Please read Day 15 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 15 Time To Rest](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Eucharistic Adoration

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>.

For June 6 Only: Adoration will remain in the Day Chapel.



Christians of the Holy Land

A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on May 24 and 25 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 has been re-scheduled from the previous weekend of May 3 & 4).



St. Michael's Thanksgiving Mass for Pope Leo XIV

There will be a Mass for Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Community in the Sanctuary. All are welcome as we unite in prayer and thanksgiving for our Holy Father.



Relic of St. Faustina

A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00am to solemnly expose the newly acquired second 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 Rosary and Divine Mercy Chapel prayed before Mass at 8:15am, and a reception following the Mass. All are welcome!



Relic of St. Francis

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.

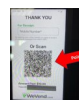


TOGETHER
in ACTION 2025

Together in Action (TIA)

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.

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.



Hospitality Team

The Saturday Hospitality Team needs 3 more people to join us. The time commitment is once every three weeks. Hospitality is a great way to meet people in our parish. It's a fun, laid back ministry and training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.



Volunteering

At times, determining where we fit in to our parish and whether we want a more active role can be a difficult exercise. Each of us has gifts that sometimes lie undiscovered. During our time of questioning, we turn to the Holy Spirit to motivate, direct, and inspire us in a way that allows us to harmoniously join together to do the Church's work effectively. By recognizing and sharing our gifts in ministry, we can create a welcoming culture for everyone. At St. Michael's we have several ministries that could be strengthened by your involvement. If you want to help but are unsure how or where to start, we'd like to get to know you. Contact Marvin (volunteer coordinator) at: mmatthews@saintmichael.ca



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.

Face-to-Face Youth Night (Gr. 6-8)



The last Youth Night, with Face-to-Face Ministries, will be June 14. The Youth Night is for Grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed.

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/1FAIpQLSfJPWuH5miVCyPU1jg75Js1GB1pddadUeKDjoyJEwZTm55eQ/viewform>

Feed The Hungry



St. Michael's parish will be supporting Feed the Hungry on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Volunteering is a beautiful way to express our care and concern for the less fortunate among us simply by helping to serve a hot, delicious, catered meal. Volunteers are needed for many roles. If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting next Sunday, May 25 after the 5:00pm Mass or contact the office at 403-249-0423.

45th Annual Hike For Life



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. You can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WYRKA>

Pastoral Council



Pastoral Council met for a final business meeting on Tuesday, May 20 before summer break. * Thank you to the dedicated men and women who have sat on council for the prescribed three-year term and who will be stepping down in June. If you or someone you know is interested in sitting on Pastoral Council, please send an email to fred-mund@saintmichael.ca. * The first draft of the Parish Renewal Plan is underway. Watch the bulletin and Flocknote for more details. * Check out Fr. Edmund's and staff interviews with Mario Toneguzzi, which cover a variety of topics including being a Catholic and the importance of confession. Interviews are available on the website by clicking "Video Interviews". 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 March, or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-March-18-2025-Bulletin.pdf>

Vacation Bible Camp 2025: "True North"



ONLINE REGISTRATION is now closed for Pre-Kindergarten (3 & 4 yrs) and Kindergarten (5 & 6 yrs) campers. We are completely full with zero spots available. Sorry for the inconvenience. The camp is run by parent-volunteers. Thank you for your understanding. See you next time! GENERAL ONLINE REGISTRATION is currently open for Grade 1-6, Grade 7-9, and Grade 10-12. This registration closes at 12:00pm noon on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Please register online ASAP to avoid disappointment: <https://forms.gle/2DCjiZcKPQDs68Vu7>. Thanks everyone!

Pilgrimage to Rome 2025



The 2025 Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr. Edmund will also be a perfect opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV in a public audience. If you are interested, please go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218> by May 20 to avail of the remaining seven (7) spaces. After May 20, all bookings will be subject availability of flights and other travel reservations.

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 24- Mon. June 2, 2025):**Saturday, May 24:**

Face-to-Face Youth Night with Pizza Gr. 6-8: 6:30-8:30pm
 Christians of the Holy Land Display/Sale: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses

Sunday, May 25:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass
 Christians of the Holy Land Display/Sale: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses

Monday, May 26:

Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:00-9:00pm
 Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 27:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm
 RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
 SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, May 28:

Men's Ministry: Theater, 6:00-7:30am
 Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass
 Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am
 Thanksgiving Mass for Pope Leo XIV: Sanctuary, 6:00pm

Thursday, May 29:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am (last one of the year)

Friday, May 30:

Eucharistic Adoration: Day Chapel 9:30-10:30am/ Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 10:30am-8:00pm

Saturday, May 31:

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: Day Chapel, 8:15-9:00am
 Mass for St. Faustina Relic: Day Chapel, 9:00am, Reception to Follow

Sunday, June 1:

Last day for Children's Liturgy
 Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass
 Potluck Sunday and Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, 6:00pm (last one of year)

Monday, June 2:

No Events

Gifts to the Parish

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
<u>General Collections</u> 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
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$12,382	\$19,888	\$11,304
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859	\$3,276,596
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> 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 24:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 25:

9 am: Intentions Patrick & Bailey Aisenkhalaye (Fr. Kelvin)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Rory Mathiesen † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, May 27:

6 pm: Melanie Spagrud † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, May 28:

9 am: Grant Schmick † (Fr. Edmund)
 6 pm: Intentions Pope Leo XIV (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, May 29:

9 am: Domenico David Antonacci † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, May 30:

9 am: Bolek Dvorak † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, May 31:

9 am: St. Faustina † (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Oscar and Stephanie Swenson † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, June 1:

9 am: Peter and Maria Phan † (Fr. Kelvin)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Antonios Papantoniou † (Fr. Edmund)

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, Carmelita Diolata

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**.