



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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May 4, 2025: 3rd Sunday of Easter

The Humanity of the Papacy & the Priesthood

As we await for a new Pope, we reflect on the humanity of popes and priests. In the gospel today, Christ's divine affirmation of Peter as the first Pope also highlights Peter's human weakness. Indeed, the darker component of our human nature is not taken away even with the permanent character bestowed by sacramental ordination. Priests remain human, subject to human meanness and frailty. When priests are mistakenly placed on a God-like pedestal, our failures can be seen as God's failures. They are also subjected to an unbearable burden as they struggle with their own human weaknesses as does every mortal on this earthly pilgrimage.

One area of our being and becoming Church where we all need to work on is our mandate to collaborate, in the various ministries. We have to go out of our ourselves and work together more and more as a community. We cannot continue to live in terms of our own personal or family or organizational domain. We have to reach out in support and solidarity with those who are newer, younger, and weaker in various ways. Church is about becoming more *welcoming and caring*...

Years in ministry have made me realize more and more that it is imperative to work in unity with others than alone, no matter how capable we may feel. Communion is far more fulfilling than action. I have also realized more and more the importance of having a soul open to the needs of the Universal Church than a soul fixed on particular interests, no matter how important they may seem.

In a letter, the late Bishop Frederick Henry underscores our role as priests in making our communities healthy and alive in our time: *"to draw a diverse and sometimes fractious community into the unity of prayer and faith, to preach the Gospel with power and clarity, to live the exemplary life that inspires the people of God, to work with skill and sensitivity with lay-workers in building up the community, to be a source of unity and not division, to publicly represent the mission of the church with integrity..."*

Pastoral ministry can be truly empowered with our sense of dependence on God and one another. In his homily on a Holy Thursday, Pope Francis appeals to the faithful: *"Dear lay faithful, be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart!"*

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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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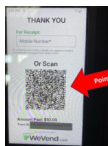
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Healing Lines...

"Yes, Lord, You know that I love You...Feed My lambs...Tend My sheep...Feed My sheep...Follow Me." (John: 21)
In our love for Jesus, let us look after those who need us most—the hungry, the abused, and the homeless. Seek out opportunities to make your faith active.

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.



Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

May 3/4: DAY 12 THOMAS AQUINAS: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
"Two important truths: The longest journey we make is from the head to the heart. It is a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage of prayer...There is a vast difference between knowing about God and knowing God." Please read Day 12 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 12 Your Hidden Talents](https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>

Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers Needed! Eucharistic Adoration is a continuation of the worship of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Holy Mass. It is an occasion of abundant grace and a special way of showing devotion to Him. Come and Adore our Lord; His presence and Love is there waiting for you. 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>.

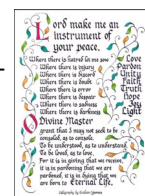
Women's Ministry

"The Glorious Mysteries", a 7 week study bible study by Paradisus Dei, will be offered from April 30-June 11. In person sessions will be on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm at and ZOOM sessions will be on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Please register at womensministry@saintmichael.ca.



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 (TIA)

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.**



The Month of May

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.



Christians of the Holy Land

A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on May 3 and 4, 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.

Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert ready to serve. Last one is June 1.



Beloved Daughter's Conference

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their third annual women's conference entitled, "*Come and Stay: Relationships Rooted in Love*". The conference will be held from May 9-10, 2025 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Debbie and Rachel Herbeck. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com



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

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.



45th Annual Hike For Life

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>



Mother's Day Rose Sale

There will be roses for sale after all weekend Masses on Mothers 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.



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.



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 403-249-0423, ext. 122. 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 3 - Sun. May 11, 2025):



Saturday, May 3:

Christians of the Holy Land Sale: Mezzanine, After All Weekend Masses
Hike for Life Pledges: Narthex, After All Weekend Masses

Sunday, May 4:

Christians of the Holy Land Sale: Mezzanine, After All Weekend Masses
Hike for Life Pledges: Narthex, After All Weekend Masses
Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass
Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, 6:00pm

Monday, May 5:

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

Tuesday, May 6:

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

Wednesday, May 7:

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

Thursday, May 8:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Friday, May 9:

Eucharistic Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 9:30am-8:00pm
Beloved Daughter's Conference: 7:00-9:00pm

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:

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

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 3:

9 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 4:

9 am: Fajardo Family † (Fr. Kelvin)
11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)
5 pm: Catherine S. Thiel † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, May 6:

6 pm: Intentions Rutchel Lumen (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, May 7:

9 am: Placido and Filomena Lechuga † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, May 8:

9 am: Alex Fulgenzi † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, May 9:

9 am: Mario Jamila † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, May 10:

5 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 † (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

For the Souls Of:

Lenore Youngberg

Funeral:

Lenore Youngberg: Wed. May 7 at 1:00pm Sanctuary

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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$107,778	\$81,129	\$93,127
Other Income	\$11,865	\$29,904	\$12,526
Operating Costs	\$118,929	\$126,188	\$122,740
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$714	(\$15,155)	(\$17,087)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$112,737	\$12,382	\$19,888
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,349,592	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$49,900	\$52,238	\$58,525
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	41%	43.1%	48%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$8,462	\$1,103	\$2,320