



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Kind of Kingship

The French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, classifies reality in three orders. These orders, according to their increasing importance and value, are: the order of *body* (which includes visible things, money, and politics), the order of *mind* (which includes knowledge, understanding, and artistic talent), and the order of *charity* (which includes love, wisdom, and grace). The second order is infinitely higher than the first one. The third order is infinitely superior to the two other orders.

Christ's kingship belongs more to the last order of charity. His kingdom was totally of a different order and reality. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to Pilate with a mastery and a majesty which suggests a complete transcendence over the power of Rome.

The greatness of Christ in chains dominates history and universe. The reality of His kingship belongs to the highest order in the classification of Blaise Pascal. His kingship is that of love, wisdom, and grace. No kingdom has a power comparable to the power of love.

In many ways, our becoming Church is all about building this kingdom of love, wisdom, and grace on this earth.

We endeavor to love as Christ loves. He is king, but He kneels before His followers and washes their feet. He is king who was born in a stable, that is, in poverty and humility. He is king who died on a cross between two criminals to save us from sin and death. We follow His gospel values to the eternal path that will allow us to live forever.

"Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim Your glory and never cease to praise You. Amen." (Opening Prayer)

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Healing Lines

God knows that we are lovable and capable, but sometimes we don't feel that way about ourselves. We can be tempted to let our mistakes and failures define us since abusive behavior often springs from how we respect ourselves and care for the image of God in us. What is one thing you can do for yourself on a regular basis that will make you feel good about yourself and make your life more balanced and harmonious?

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, November 23 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah

Sunday, November 24 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 24 at 9:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 24 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 24 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah

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: 6:00 pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am live-stream
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 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.

Serving the following hospitals:

Alberta Children's, Foothills, Peter Lougheed, Rockyview, and South Health Campus.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24: 4:00pm, 7:00pm (live-streamed), 10:00pm
Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25: Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am (with incense and live-streamed)
Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26: Daily Mass: 9:00am
Friday, December 27: Daily Mass: 9:00 am
Saturday, December 28: Regular Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 29: Regular Masses: 9:00am, 11:00am (with incense and live-streamed), 5:00 pm
New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31: Mass: 5:00 pm
New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1: Mass: 9:00 am, 11:00am (with incense and live-streamed)

Events and Announcements

Book of Remembrance | November 2024

The Book of Remembrance, where we can write the names of beloved deceased, is now outside the Day Chapel throughout the month of November.

St. Michael's Fundraiser | High-Quality Protein Products | Order by Sunday, December 1 | Pick-up Tuesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00pm

We are launching a parish-wide fundraising sale of high-quality protein products to help support our increasing needs as a community as we continue to witness God's love and compassion in our midst. With any purchase, you contribute to our Church's finances while enjoying some delicious food over the Advent and Christmas period. There are over 60 products to choose from! Your orders must be made by Sunday, December 1. The orders can be picked up on Tuesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00pm at St. Michael's Church. Please go to this link: [St. Michael Catholic Community – Fund Forward](https://www.saintmichael.ca/fundraiser)

Altar Server Training | Saturday, November 23, 2024 | Sanctuary | 2:00-4:00pm

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? Would you like to be more involved in our Church? If so, please join us on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. This will take approximately 1.5 - 2 hours of training. If you have seen other dates posted for this training, please disregard them. For any questions or to RSVP, please send an email to altarserver@saintmichael.ca

Altar Server Celebration | Friday, December 6, 2024 | Mass 6:00pm | Pizza 7:00pm

A special Mass will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:00pm for Altar Servers and their families. After the Mass, a celebration with pizza will follow. We encourage all members of the Altar Server Ministry and their families to attend.

"And on Earth Peace" Christmas Concert with Fr. Peter Hanna | Friday, November 29, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00pm

There will be a Christmas Concert on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 7:00pm with Father Peter Hanna. Fr. Peter is a Byzantine priest belonging to the Greek Melkite Catholic Church in Lebanon. He is famous for his beautiful voice and distinguished performance of religious hymns. For years in his priestly service, Fr. Peter has used his voice to sing religious hymns, Byzantine, Maronite, and others, in more than one language, especially Arabic and English. The proceeds of the concert will go to St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church Building Fund in Calgary. Tickets are available at St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church every Sunday from 2:00-3:00pm or visit <https://linktr.ee/PeterHanna2024> or call Kinan at 587-575-9095. Doors open at 6:00pm. See you there!

The Rite of Commissioning for All Liturgical Ministers | November 30 and December 1 | All Weekend Masses

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers will be held at all the November 30 and December 1 weekend Masses. During these First Sunday of Advent Masses, Auxiliary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (who require a written mandate from the Bishop) come forward after the homily and are joined by the other liturgical ministers in their respective places for this rite. The Liturgical ministers include, among others, Ushers, Hospitality Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Musicians. Ministry means doing something on behalf of Christ Himself.

CSSD Advent and Christmas High School Chorus Festival | Monday, December 2, 2024 | 7:00pm

The Calgary Catholic High Schools will return to St. Michael's for their annual Christmas Choral Festival on Monday, December 2 at 7:00pm featuring the talented voices of almost four hundred students! Parishioners are invited to support our Catholic students by attending this gala evening of entertainment and song.

Diocesan Advent Renewal Mission | Dec. 3, 4, 5, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm

Please join us for parish in-person gatherings in the Sanctuary on Dec. 3, 4, and 5 from 7:00-8:30pm. Each session will be led by various presenters: Tuesday, December 3: Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) "*Form Missionary Disciples*". Wednesday, December 4: Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) "*Be a Church of Encounter and Witness*". Thursday, December 5: Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) "*Strengthen Family Life*". The Mission is free. See you there!

Hamper Delivery Day | Monday, December 16, 2024

Hamper Day is Monday December 16 when we prepare and deliver 170 hampers. **Volunteers** are needed for preparing and wrapping gifts, setting up the hall, assembling, restocking, hamper loading, and delivery to recipients. You can sign up for your preferred volunteer slot here any time after 4 pm Saturday, November 23rd. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BA8AC22A7FEC52-53266514-christmas> Volunteers are asked to ensure they have completed the necessary paperwork required by the Diocese. To check if your volunteer requirements are up to date, please contact Marvin Matthews, MMatthews@saintmichael.ca. **Gifts for children:** The Angel Tree will be available in the gathering area after select Masses this weekend, and again on November 30/December 1. Help us by signing out an Angel and provide a child's special gift to be included with their family's hamper. **Referrals:** Referrals for a hamper are accepted from parish schools, and through the SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423 extension 122. **Donate:** We can provide this program through the generous financial support of our parishioners. Donations may be made via: * the collection box, noted for Christmas Hampers, * depositing SSVP green envelopes (located in the SSVP donation bin/lockbox in the gathering area), * online at Giving - St. Michael Catholic Community. Tax receipts will be issued in Jan 2025. **Questions?** Send to christmashampers@saintmichael.ca.



"Immerse" Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries for Gr.6-8 | Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 5:30-7:30pm

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6, 7, and 8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30-7:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith!

Parish-Wide Advent Reconciliation Night | Thursday, December 19, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

There will be a parish-wide Reconciliation Night on Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 7:00-9:00pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions.

Events and Announcements

"One Starry Night" Children's Christmas Nativity Pageant | Friday, December 20, 2024 | Sanctuary | Mass 6:00pm | Pageant 6:30pm

Do you have a child between the ages of 3-12 years old? Does your child like to pray, sing, dance, perform, and dress up? Are they willing, and available, to participate in our Annual Children's Nativity Pageant? If so, great! Please sign up ASAP to participate in this delightful, parish-wide, family-friendly event by clicking the link to our online sign up here: <https://forms.gle/WYrqstZEKRZt5VVL6>. Your child does not have to be registered in Kid's Kingdom to participate. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact Drama Director at KidsChristmasSMCC@gmail.com.

Simbang Gabi Meeting | Sunday, December 1, 2024 | St. Michael's Room | After 11:00am Mass

There will be a Simbang Gabi meeting on Sunday, December 1st, 12:00pm noon (after the 11:00am Mass) in St. Michael's Room (SW Corner of the church) in preparation for the December 21 Simbang Gabi Mass. Those interested to help, particularly our Filipino families, are encouraged to attend. Please bring lunch to share (optional). For details, please contact Fr Edmund by email FrEdmund@saintmichael.ca or by text 4038742015.

Simbang Gabi | Saturday, December 21, 2024 | Sanctuary | Carols 6:30pm | Mass 7:00pm | Reception 7:30pm

Simbang Gabi Mass will be celebrated at our parish on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 7:00pm, preceded by Carols at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a reception. Filipino families are encouraged to email Fr. Edmund at FrEdmund@saintmichael.ca or text him at 403-874-2015 if you are interested to help contribute to the reception.

Catholic Women's League | Membership Drive and Family Fun Raffle | Tickets Available until December 16 | Prizes Drawn on December 17

The CWL is now accepting membership renewals and new members for 2025. Membership fees are \$35/year and can be paid by E-transfer to: smcwltr@smcwltr@gmail.com with the word "membership" in the details, or by cheque payable to St. Michael's CWL, or cash to the parish office. Please include your contact details. Thanks to those who have already renewed their memberships, and a special welcome to our new members! We also recently kicked off our "Family Fun" themed raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and are available through December 16 by E-transfer to: smcwltr@smcwltr@gmail.com. Please include your name and phone number. Prizes will be drawn on December 17. / 1st Prize: "Family Fun" themed gift basket valued at \$300 / 2nd Prize: Promix Stand Mixer with baking accessories and mixes valued at \$110 / 3rd Prize: \$50 Visa gift card AGLC Raffle Licence #715200.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

If you have lost your job, or you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. DONATIONS of non-perishables and monetary can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the Church' Gathering Area. MONETARY DONATIONS can also be done online through <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/>. WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. You may visit us at <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/>. You can follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566475437004>

Pulpitations by Fr. Edmund Vargas

Check out this article featuring our beloved Pastor and his recent publication, Pulpitations. The book is excellent and thoughtful work! <https://www.catholiccyc.ca/blog/pulpitations>



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](#)

Weekly Events:

Sundays: *Children's Liturgy:* Guardian Angel Room, Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am/ *Coffee Connection:* After 9am and 11am Mass
Mondays: *Bible Study:* St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays: *Rosary Group:* Day Chapel, 6:30pm / *RCIA:* St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays: *Coffee Connection:* 9:30am / *Men's Ministry:* Theatre, 6:00-7:30am / *Women's Ministry Bible Study:* St. Nicholas Room and Theatre, 9:30am-12:00pm
Thursdays: *Moms and Tots:* St. Nicholas Room, 9:30-11:30am / *Knitting Ministry:* Library, 10:00am-12:00pm

November 2024:

November 23 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 2:00pm
November 23 & 24 | Volunteer Sign Up for Christmas Hampers & Angel Tree Gift Tag Distribution | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses
November 24 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
November 26 | Pastoral Council Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm
November 26 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | Room 145 | 7:00pm
November 29 | "And On Earth Peace" Christmas Concert with Fr. Peter Hanna | Sanctuary | Doors Open 6:00pm | Concert 7:00pm

December 2024:

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 | Volunteer Sign Up for Christmas Hampers & Angel Tree Gift Tag Distribution | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses
December 1 | Fundraiser: Orders Close
December 1 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 2 | Calgary Catholic School District Advent & Christmas High School Choral Festival 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00pm
December 3, 4, 5 | Diocesan Advent Renewal Mission | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm
December 6 | Altar Server Celebration | Mass 6:00pm | Pizza 7:00pm
December 8 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 8 | Potluck Sunday | Narthex | 6:00pm
December 10 | Fundraiser: Pick Up Orders | 4:00-5:00pm
December 10 | CWL Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 6:30pm
December 12 | CANCELLED: Moms & Tots
December 15 | CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday
December 15 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 16 | Christmas Hamper Delivery Day
December 18 | Face-to-Face Ministries for Gr. 6-8 | 5:30-7:30pm
December 19 | Parish Wide Reconciliation Night | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm
December 19 | CANCELLED: Knights of Columbus Meeting
December 20 | Children's Nativity Pageant | Sanctuary | Mass 6:00pm | Pageant 6:30pm | Cookies & Juice 7:30pm
December 21 | Simbang Gabi | Sanctuary | Caroling 6:30pm | Mass 7:00pm | Reception 7:30pm
December 22 & 29 | CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy
December 29 | CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday
December 24 - January 1 | Office Closed

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 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	Allison George	Talia Duri
Lenore Youngberg	Julian Dumanski	Nenite Mirales
Susan Neri	Maria Duri	Gioia Ceccarini
Leo Pelletier	Pietro Duri Jr.	Helen Gal
Elizabeth Myers	Pietro Duri Sr.	Pat Burchnall
Maddy Azalea	Rosa Duri	Tate Tipper

For the Souls of:

Anna Maria Palombi (Tiberio) Conrad Aben

Funeral:

Conrad John Aben Friday, November 29, 2024 11:30am, Day Chapel

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.

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

	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024
General Collections			
Collections	\$75,187	\$81,345	\$120,684
Other Income	\$27,514	\$26,566	\$32,644
Operating Costs	\$127,350	\$119,780	\$124,803
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$24,649)	(\$11,869)	\$25,525
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,057	\$16,674	\$16,540
Current Loan Balance	\$3,467,753	\$3,444,039	\$3,420,620
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$34,565	\$37,456	\$40,428
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	28.5%	30.8%	33%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,928	\$3,733	\$7,333

Mass Intentions

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

Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to accommodate urgent pastoral needs.

Saturday, November 23:

5 pm: Lourdes Javier † and Renato Aguilar †

Sunday, November 24: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Chris and Ada Okoli

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's

5 pm: Paz Alciso †

Tuesday, November 26:

6 pm: Caror Romano † and Salvatore Lucente †

Wednesday, November 27:

9 am: Intentions of Aaron Poirier

Thursday, November 28:

9 am: Phyllis Clancy †

Friday, November 29:

9 am: Valerie Ann Napier †

Saturday, November 30:

5 pm: Deceased Members of Brisinda and Tallerico Families †

Sunday, December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent

9 am: Mirko Ilic †

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's

5 pm: Marie Rocha †

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