



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

A 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 suggest 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

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me". Remember all those who are in need, especially at this time of year. As we are called by Christ through all our brothers and sisters to look after their needs, we are doing this in His name.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, November 25 at 5pm - Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November 26 at 9am - Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November 26 at 11am - Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November at 5pm - Fr. Kevin 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 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8 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 noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is sick, 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

Signing Up for Flocknote

You may sign up to receive weekly updates via email or text from St. Michael's by visiting flocknote.com/SMCYC or text **SMCYC** to 514-900-0130.

Have we gone to the dogs?

We have installed "No Dogs Signs" near our grass areas in the parking lot in an effort to remind visiting dogwalkers and/or dog owners to observe the pertinent city bylaw which states: *"All dogs must have and wear a City of Calgary license as soon as they reach three months of age. All dogs must be on-leash at all times, unless posted signs indicate otherwise, or on property where the owner of the dog has the right of occupation"*. All dog wastage is the responsibility of the owners.

The WD Goodfellow Trophy

The WD Goodfellow Trophy was presented to St Michael's Catholic Community for raising the most funds for the 43rd Annual Hike for Life hosted by Pro-Life Calgary last May 13, 2023. The last time the parish won was in 2013. May your generosity be blessed by God who is never outdone in His generosity.



Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary | October 26 - December 14 (excluding November 2) | 7:00-8:30 pm.

There is a seven week video series on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in the Day Chapel. Please feel free to show up for any, or all, of the days. For more information about the series, please visit the website at saintmichael.ca/events.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! 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 Narthex. Arrangements for pick up can also be made by e-mailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. 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 that 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 emailing SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone (403) 249-0423, ext. 122.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser | November 25 & 26 | Outside | After All Masses

The Knights of Columbus are selling snow shovels as a fundraiser after all Masses this weekend November 25 and 26 outside. They are \$30 each which is a good value. Payment can be made by cash, debit/credit, or e-transfer. Please support this by buying one or two for yourself or a friend.

Christmas Hamper Program:

Angel Tree | November 25 & 26 | December 2 & 3

This weekend, November 25 and 26, you can help by selecting an Angel Gift Tag from the tree, available after Mass on Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, and Sunday 5:00 pm. Next weekend an Angel Gift Tag will be available on Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Shop for the special gift listed on the back and return it to the donation box in the gathering area by December 3 or December 10 at noon. Each tag contains a special gift suggestion for a child whose family is receiving a hamper.

Christmas Hamper Day | Monday, December 18

Many thanks for the great parish response to our call for volunteers last week! We will be in touch with details. Please update your volunteer profile - forms and information available here: <https://saintmichael.ca/volunteer/>. Questions about your paperwork? Email our hardworking volunteer coordinator, Marvin Matthews MMatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Questions about the Christmas Hamper Program? Send to christmashampers@saintmichael.ca.

Referrals: Referrals are accepted from parish schools and through the SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423, extension 122.

Donate: Monetary donations support our Hamper Program and may be made through:

- the collection box, noted for *Christmas Hampers* · depositing SSVP green envelopes located in the SSVP donation bin/lockbox in the gathering area
- online at saintmichael.ca/giving · please include your clearly printed name and address - tax receipts will be issued in January.

Altar Server Training Session | Cancelled for Sunday, November 26

The Altar Server training session is cancelled for Sunday, November 26. The next session will be January 28, 2024.

"Community Night" | Friday, December 1 | Starting at 6pm

It is now a week away! A Community Night will be celebrated on Friday, December 1, with a Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception. The Mass will be presided by Fr. Edmund who also celebrates his birthday on the day (Philippine time). The reception will be tendered by our Knights of Columbus. A free will offering is suggested. Entertainment will be provided by Ad Hoc Band with Marvin Matthews, our Volunteer Coordinator. The Ad Hoc Band has raised thousands of dollars for various charitable organizations. The Partnership of Hope, which looks after our Refugee Program, will receive what would have been their performance fee. Please register at <https://forms.gle/BqkUdeLF6kdUJYvr5>.



The Rite of Commissioning for All Liturgical Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | December 2 & 3

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at all the December 2 & 3 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.

Events and Announcements

Rev. Mr. Randy Gritter

Rev. Mr. Randy Gritter was ordained a permanent deacon with eleven others last November 18 at St Mary's Cathedral. Deacon Randy is a parishioner and has been officially assigned in our community until August 2024. He delivered his inaugural homily in all the Masses last weekend. A permanent deacon, who can also be married already like Randy, does not end up becoming a priest. Seminarians, who are ordained deacons (transitional), are ordained priests after their seminary formation. Deacons can baptize, preach homilies, distribute Holy Communion, and conduct marriages and funerals.



CSSD Advent and Christmas High School Chorus Festival "Hear the Angels Sing" | Tuesday, December 5 | 7:00pm

The Calgary Catholic High Schools will return to St. Michael's for their annual Christmas Choral Festival on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm featuring the talented voices of four hundred students. Parishioners are invited to support our Catholic students by attending this gala evening of entertainment and song.

"One Starry Night" Pageant | Friday, December 8 | Starting at 6:00 pm

There will be a Children's Nativity Pageant on Friday, December 8 beginning with a Mass at 6:00pm, Pageant at 6:30pm, and a cookies and juice Reception to follow. There will also be family friendly activities in the Narthex (Gathering Area). A free will offering is gratefully accepted or simply donate online. If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP <https://forms.gle/feVcPxtps5GR69qH6>.

Catholic Christmas Market | Sunday, December 10 | Mezzanine | After 9am & 11am Masses until 4pm

St. Michael's is excited to host a Catholic Christmas Market featuring local Catholic and Christian goods from all sorts of wonderful vendors. This will take place on Sunday, December 10 in the Mezzanine after 9:00am and 11:00am Masses until 4:00pm. If anyone is interested in being a vendor, or a volunteer, please contact Colleen Joy at pcjoy@shaw.ca.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon 50+ Years | Friday, December 15 | 11:00am

There will be a Seniors Christmas Luncheon for 50+ years on Friday, December 15 at 11:00 am sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Community. If you are interested in attending, please register prior to Wednesday, December 13 with Bob Choquette at camaro11@shaw.ca or 403-804-3268. Free Will Offering.



Changes at the Sunday 9am Mass

Changes at the Sunday 9am Mass will be introduced in the new liturgical year. The Mass will be choir-less, with Jim Howells as instrumentalist and lead singer. This means our choir for the Saturday 5pm, and Sunday 9am & 11am, will no longer join Jim Howells at the Sunday 9am Mass, giving a bit of a break from the early Mass. This choir is composed of four teams that rotate on a weekly basis.

November - Regular Events:

Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Narthex | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
Mondays | Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm
Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays | TMIY | Narthex | 6:00-7:30am
Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9:00am Mass
Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00-11:30am
Thursdays | Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary | Day Chapel | 7:00-8:30pm

End of November - Special Events:

November 25 | Saturday | Angel Tree Begins | Narthex
November 25 | Saturday | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas Room | 9:00am-12:00pm
November 26 | Sunday | Cancelled: Altar Server Training Session for today
November 26 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Rehearsal for Choir, Narrators, Primary Actors, Secondary Actors | Sanctuary, St. Nicholas Room, Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm
November 27 | Monday | Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting | St. Gabriel Rooms 144 & 145
November 28 | Tuesday | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm
November 28 | Tuesday | SVPD Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm
November 30 | Thursday | Christmas Hamper Food Sorting Day

Beginning of December - Special Events:

December 1 | Friday | Community Night | Mass at 6pm, Entertainment 6:30pm, Reception to Follow
December 3 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Rehearsal for Everyone | Sanctuary, St. Nicholas Room, and Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm
December 5 | Tuesday | CSSD Advent & Christmas High School Festival "Hear the Angels Sing" | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm
December 6 | Wednesday | Children's Nativity Pageant Dress Rehearsal for Everyone | Sanctuary, St. Nicholas Room, Guardian Angel Room | 6:00pm
December 7 | Thursday | First Reconciliation Session 3 | 6:00-7:30pm
December 8 | Friday | Children's Nativity Pageant | Mass at 6:00pm, Pageant at 6:30pm, Reception to Follow
December 10 | Sunday | Christmas Market | Mezzanine | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

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 Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Froilan Edillon	Kevin Thorvaldson	Judy Ivanski
Josh Helman	Antoinette Vincent	Mara Neely
Helen Gal	Chester Wisniewski	Alessandro Bonvicini
Lily Kalmar	Deacon Frank Peta	Jojo Deleon
James Martin	Eileen Peta	Rosa Duri

For the Souls of:

Marie Geeraert Olivine Hughes

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.

Gifts to the Parish

	August	September	October
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$71,009	\$80,404	\$97,285
Other Income	(\$1,928)	\$13,570	\$29,506
Operating Costs	\$120,402	\$209,168	\$164,849
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$51,321)	(\$115,194)	(\$38,058)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$24,190	\$17,879	\$13,724
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,744,046	\$3,721,240	\$3,698,763
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action YTD	\$47,782	\$54,212	\$55,760
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	39%	45%	46%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,328	\$3,623	\$3,473

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, November 25

5 pm: Frank & Helen Gal †

Sunday, November 26, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Nemesio Desales †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Salvador Mangacat †

Tuesday, November 28

6 pm: Mary Simpson †

Wednesday, November 29

9 am: Yan Machalka †

Thursday, November 30

9 am: All Souls in Purgatory †

Friday, December 1

9 am: Louis & Doreen O'Shaughnessy †

Saturday, December 2

5 pm: Andy-Dick Niyintunze †

Sunday, December 3, 1st Sunday of Advent

9 am: Mirko Ilic †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Paz Alciso †

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