



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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October 12, 2025: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Think & Thank

The British philanthropist, Moses Montefiore, has this motto in his home: "Think and thank." It reflects the linguistic fact that the word "thankfulness" comes from the old Anglo-Saxon term which means "*thinkfulness*". "*Think*" and "*thank*" come from the same root. To "*think*" of God's blessings is to "*thank*" Him for them. We "*think*", therefore, we "*thank*". A thinking creature should be naturally and spontaneously "*thankful*".

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day, a holiday in our country, is a testament of a people that is thankful for the bountiful blessings we now enjoy. The natural symbols we have in our sanctuary express our spirit of gratitude to God for His gift of life and its resources. We offer back to God what He has given us as gifts. When we offer up the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory Rite, the priest prays on our own behalf: "*Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, they will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.*"

We imagine that everybody is naturally thankful, at least for the good things of life. But this may not be true. Many people go through life complaining and grumbling. They never say "*thank you*" to God or to anybody else. Perhaps, because they have never been taught to be grateful. As children, we are told to say "*thank you*" when somebody gives us something. Otherwise we would as children take the good deed for granted and say nothing. We are taught to express gratitude, to say "*thank you*" when somebody gives us something. Gratitude is a learned habit. It is incumbent on us to teach this virtue of gratitude to our children and our children's children. We have to become a grateful people. Gratitude is a memory of the heart. Our children will learn and remember the various words and acts of gratitude we extend to others.

The Mass we attend and celebrate is a Eucharist. And Eucharist comes from the Greek verb "*eucharisto*" which means "*I thank*". Each Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer begins with these words: "*Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks.*"

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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?

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 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 8:00 pm

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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Hospital; South Health Campus

Office Closed

Monday, October 13, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - Pastoral Zone Meeting



Cancellations

Children's Liturgy: Sunday, October 12, 2025
Coffee Sunday: Sunday, October 12, 2025
Bible Study: Monday, October 13, 2025
Grief Share: Tuesday, October 14, 2025



Rescheduled - One Time Only

Tuesday, October 14: Rosary Group at 6:30pm
Monday, October 20: Bible Study in Theater



Contribution Envelopes

We have several 2025 envelope boxes that have not been picked up. Please pick up your envelope box before October 31, 2025. If you do not pick up, your box number will be re-assigned. Please ensure you are only using the envelope box for the current year. We have reduced envelope boxes over the last several years which has resulted in changing of envelope numbers.



Children's Sacraments

Registration for all children's Sacraments are now open! If you would like more information, or would like to register your children for Baptism, First Reconciliation/ First Communion, or Confirmation, please visit the Sacrament section of our website.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com to learn more about RCIA.



RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA began on Tuesday, September 9 at St. Michael's, and we are looking for Sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates. In order to be a Sponsor, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. If married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors are asked to attend sessions every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, and accompany their candidate to Mass on Sundays. If you feel called to be a Sponsor, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com.

World Mission Sunday | October 18 and 19, 2025

October 18 and 19 will be World Mission Sunday, and we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests in mission dioceses and throughout the world. Pray and Give Generously. You can donate to World Mission Sunday through our regular donations with a note that indicates it is for World Mission Sunday or [click here](#) to donate online.

Monday Bible Study

(New Start Date: Mon. Oct. 6)



In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life" bible study will be drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - where you will learn how to grow in wisdom and experience the joy it brings to life. It will begin on October 6 with 8 in-person sessions starting at 6:30pm in the St. Nicholas Room. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter, abitter@telus.net. *Please note: the bible study will be in the St. Nicholas Room for the classes, except for Monday, October 6 it will be in the St. Michael's Room and Monday, October 20 it will be in the Theater.*



Righteous Sounds Concert

There will be a live concert called "The Righteous Sounds of Autumn" with The Inspiration Band (from the Sunday Evening Mass) on Friday, October 17 at 7:30pm in the Mezzanine. A live performance of powerful music selections for this Fall Season will be offered for your enjoyment. This is a free event.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 2025/2026

Thank you for being a vital part of SMCC at large! A heartfelt thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer for their shifts to serve during Mass, and to those who have already registered their children (Kindergarten to Grade 3) for Children's Liturgy of the Word 2025-2026.



Beginning Sunday, October 19, 2025, Children's Liturgy of the Word Session "A" 8:30am will resume as requested. If you haven't already done so, please register your child online [HERE](#). Questions? Concerns? Please contact the Children's Liturgy Coordinator (Mrs. Dixon) at cdixon@saintmichael.ca

We are still in need of ADULT/ PARENT VOLUNTEERS for both sessions of Children's Liturgy of the Word (Session "A" 8:30am and Session "B" 10:30am). Parents/Adults: please continue to sign up for your shift (and/or for your YOUTH VOLUNTEER Gr. 7 to 12) in the "Guardian Angels Room" (weekly) as needed [HERE](#).

Are you a NEW, or prospective Kids Kingdom Volunteer? Welcome to the team! Please contact our Volunteer Screening Coordinator Gladys Doh at gdoh@saintmichael.ca regarding any volunteer requirements (i.e. forms, training modules, protocols & procedures) ASAP.

On behalf of the children, we sincerely *Thank You* in advance for your offering of time, prayers, and care in *caritas*.

October: The Month of the Rosary

The Catholic Church dedicates October as the month of the Rosary when Catholics honour Mary as the mother of Jesus and our mother. We invite family and friends to pray the rosary during this special month for devotion to Blessed Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. At St. Michael's Parish, please join us to pray the rosary: Weekdays at 8:20am before daily Mass, and Tuesdays at 5:20pm before evening Mass.



The Living Rosary

The Rosary Group and the CWL group would like to invite you to join us to pray the Living Rosary by candlelight on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm after daily Mass (this will replace the regularly scheduled rosary time of 5:20pm for this day only). In a Living Rosary, each person stands in the place of a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer when it is their turn. Each person will be holding a torch candle and will light the candle when it is his or her turn. We will be in a circle shaped like a rosary. Please feel free to pray in your own language when it is your turn. We look forward to you to joining us and to pray the rosary together as a parish. Light refreshments will follow provided by the CWL group.



CWL Meeting

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have a short general meeting on Tuesday, October 14 in the St. Michael's Room following Mass and the Living Rosary. All members and guests are welcome to attend.



Family Adoration

Hour of Family Adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's will be on Saturday, October 25 at 10:00am-11:00am in the Sanctuary. All families, especially those with young children, are invited to come and adore Jesus in an atmosphere of welcome and openness to the lively spirit that children bring. Jesus said, "Let the little children come!"



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version):

[Diocesan Info for Parishioners - Sunday Updates - Google Docs](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version):

[Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Saturday Night Lights

Youths in grades 7-12 are invited to an evening of music, food, friendships, and talks hosted by Access 52. Dates for the evenings are October 25, November 29, January 10, February 14, and April 25. This is a free event. You may register by scanning the QR Code or visiting the website <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-night-lights-youth-group-october-25-tickets-1708730341449?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



Christmas Hampers

Christmas Hamper Program: Mark your calendars! Saint Michael Catholic Community's annual *Christmas Hamper Assembly and Delivery Day* will be Monday, December 15. Watch for volunteer sign up in the Narthex after all Masses on the last two weekends of November. Questions? Email christmashampers@saintmichael.ca



Pastoral Care Ministry Training

When: Saturday, October 18 (Modules 1 & 2) and October 25 (Modules 3 & 4)

Where: St. Peter's Parish (541 Silvergrove NW, Calgary, AB)

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm (both Saturdays)

Fee: \$45 per person (If the fee is an issue, please contact our office to make other arrangements. No one will be turned down from participating)

Register and review information: [LINK HERE:](#)

Deadline to Register: October 15



Parish Renewal Plan

Our Parish Renewal Plan was launched last weekend! This is a time for thanksgiving and prayer as we begin implementing the vision and mission of our renewal journey. In the coming weeks, we will share ways that you can become involved in renewal at SMCC. Paper copies of the plan are available in booklet form by the office, or an ecopy at <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Saint-Michael-Catholic-Community-Parish-Renewal-Plan-June-12-2025-Booklet-format-for-printing.pdf>

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Please support the SSVP Share Sunday Food Drive this month for families in need. Pick up shopping lists and donation envelopes after mass on Oct 18 & 19 and return grocery items and donations on Oct 25 & 26. Kindly note that we are not able to accept items past their best-by date, or donations of any non-grocery items. 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: ssvp@saintmichael.ca. Annual Report: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>



Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Oct. 11 - Mon. Oct. 20, 2025):

Saturday, October 11:

2025 Municipal Advanced Voting Last Day, St. Nicholas Room

Sunday, October 12:

Cancelled Coffee Sunday

Cancelled Children's Liturgy

Monday, October 13:

Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

Cancelled Bible Study

Tuesday, October 14:

Cancelled Grief Share

Living Rosary: Day Chapel, 6:30pm

CWL Meeting: 7:00pm-8:30pm

RCIA: Theater, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, October 15:

Men's Ministry: Theater and Narthex, 6:00-7:30am

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, 9:30am-10:00am

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room, 10:00am-12:00am

Thursday, October 16:

Moms & Tots: St. Nicholas' Room, 9:30am-11:30am

Knitting Ministry: Library Room, 10:00am-12:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm

Friday, October 17:

Righteous Sounds Concert: Mezzanine, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday, October 18:

No events.

Sunday, October 19:

SSVP Share Sunday, Catholic Education Sunday, World Mission Sunday

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9am Mass & 11am Mass

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am session added and 10:30am session continues

Monday, October 20:

2025 Municipal Voting Day, St. Nicholas Room

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, October 11:

5 pm: Renato Aguilar † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, October 12:

9 am: Juan Francisco Vega Jimenez † (Fr. Kelvin)

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: Antonietta Veltri † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, October 14:

6 pm: Ralph Steeves † (Fr. Edmund)

Int. Caroline & Christine (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, October 15:

9 am: Giovanni Papaiani † (Fr. Edmund)

Don Watson † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, October 16:

9 am: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, October 17:

9 am: Henry Noronha † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, October 18:

5 pm: Joseph Rodriguez † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, October 19:

9 am: William DeSouza † (Fr. Kelvin)

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: Fred Williams † (Fr. Edmund)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Elizabeth Slade, Leon Giroux, Luce Chandless, Elizabeth Chandless-Kane, Helen Gal, Annette L., Julian Park, Ernesto, Roberto Cantillo, Duri Family, Cyril Boudreau, Brenda Arseneault, Peter Ciavarella, Justin Hewitt, Lina C. Weber.

For the Souls Of:

Angela Marra, Joshua Hill

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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$122,203	\$87, 509	\$104,710
Other Income	\$42,890	\$20,917	\$15,356
Operating Costs	\$123,017	\$124,903	\$113,471
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$42,076	(\$16,477)	\$6,595
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$40,532	\$11,322	\$11,754
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,204,035	\$3,179,800	\$3,155,140
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$74,611	\$77,040	\$79,665
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	61%	63%	65%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$856.00	\$1056.00	\$1968