



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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October 05, 2025: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life as Stewardship

We sometimes tend to think that the world owes us a living. This sense of entitlement weakens or even destroys our ability to be thankful or grateful. If we feel or think that we deserve everything we get or want, there is no room for gratitude.

The slave in the gospel story stands for ourselves and the field or sheepfold stands for the world we live in. Seeing ourselves as mere slaves who owe the fruit of our labors to a landowner puts our lives in a wholly new perspective. We always like to think we really own things. We speak of my car, my house, my bank account, or even my St. Michael Church. In a narrow or legal sense, this can be true. The right to private property is fundamental and rightly protected by our civil laws. But in an even more fundamental sense we own nothing, not even our lives or the material things that make our lives possible. Like the slave in the parable, we are only a slave or a servant or a custodian...

God is our Creator and the world we live in is His creation. For a borrowed period of a lifetime, we are stewards of a property not our own. The problems of this world and most of its crimes can be traced our human urge to cling to what we think we "own". If we are all convinced that our tenancy here is only temporary, if all begin to use the world we inhabit in a way pleasing to its true owner, humanity would be transformed. We would have no excuses for war. The roots of poverty would be eliminated and the riches of the world would be more equitably divided among humankind. But the truth that we really own nothing and we are answerable to God for what we do with "our" property, is not easy to accept. It upsets our innate acquisitiveness. We have to realize the truth of life's fragility and the fleeting nature of our own days.

The parable highlights the theme of life as a stewardship. It underlines a system of managing our affairs in anticipation the Lord's return after a period of absence which is in direct contradiction to our current tendency to use our gifts and resources in a spirit of absolute ownership, domination and superiority. Stewardship is service-oriented. It is life-affirming. It is inspired by a closeness to our Creator. It expresses an active organization of our life in the light of the priorities required by God's kingdom. It considers the needs of others and the requirements of the future generations. It believes that we borrow this earth from our children's children.

At the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, we declare "It is right and just" to give God thanks and praise. Are we in this spirit as we become together in solidarity with fellow believers? What prayers of thanksgiving do we bring along to this Eucharist? What gifts do we bring to share with one another and with the world? As we approach Thanksgiving weekend, let us be more convinced that nothing is ours but time, that we are mere slaves in the Lord's field or sheepfold and that it is right give God our thanks and praise.

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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:

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Healing Lines

Being abused can be the most traumatic times of our lives. We are not able to manage on our own so it is the time to call on God. Trust that God knows more about what way that is best for us to escape these situations and make a better life for ourselves and our children. He is always there to carry us in times of need and comfort us in times of despair. Of course we also need to take some steps ourselves and reach out to resources that work with abused adults and children. We have our work to do and God can guide us, making the impossible possible.



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 bryant-don40@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-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.



Parish Renewal Plan Launch

We are excited to celebrate the official launch of our Parish Renewal Plan! Please join us in the Narthex on October 4 and 5 and pick up your copy of the plan. 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. <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Saint-Michael-Catholic-Community-Parish-Renewal-Plan-June-12-2025-Booklet-format-for-printing.pdf>



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.



Daily Mass Cancellations

Daily Mass will be cancelled on Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8 due to priest study days.

Cancellations

Tuesday, October 7, 2025:

*Rosary Group

*Daily Mass

Wednesday, October 8, 2025:

*Daily Mass

*Coffee Wednesday

*Women's Ministry

Thursday, October 9, 2025:

*Moms & Tots



Rescheduled - One Time Only

Monday, October 6: Bible Study in St. Michael's Room

Tuesday, October 7: RCIA in Theater

Tuesday, October 14: Rosary Group at 6:30pm

Monday, October 20: Bible Study in Theater



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*.



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 in the St. Nicholas' Room at 6:30pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter, abitter@telus.net. *Please note: the bible study will be in the St. Michael's Room on Monday, October 6 and in the Theater on Monday, October 20 - for these days only.*



Why We Celebrate Catholic Education Sunday

Catholic education is a gift for all. More than 64,000 students in 120 schools across the Calgary Catholic School District are learning in faith-filled communities where Christ is at the center. Through your support of the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF), we can continue to provide resources and opportunities that shape students as disciples of Christ. Let us cherish this legacy of 140 years and commit to building its future. Your gift will make a difference today: bit.ly/CCEFCES



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 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 October 14 in the St. Michael's Room following Mass and the Living Rosary. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

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> or by scanning the QR code.

Parish Library Donations



The parish library is unable to accept any further donations at this time. Also, please note that we cannot accept donations of textbooks, CDs, DVDs, magazines, pamphlets, or any materials from other languages, or books written by non-Catholic authors. Should you require any further information, please contact Joan Dvorak at 403-286-4981.

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!*



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/>

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](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Oct. 4 - Mon. Oct. 13, 2025):**Saturday, October 4:**

Parish Renewal Plan Launch

Blessing of Pets: Outside Main Entrance, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Sunday, October 5:

Parish Renewal Plan Launch

Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, after 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, October 6:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

Bible Studies: St. Michael's Room, 6:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, October 7:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

Cancelled Rosary Group

Cancelled Daily Mass

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

Grief Share: Rooms 144 & 145, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, October 8:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

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

Cancelled Daily Mass

Cancelled Coffee Wednesday

Cancelled Women's Ministry

Thursday, October 9:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

Cancelled Moms & Tots

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

Friday, October 10:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

Saturday, October 11:

2025 Calgary Municipal Advanced Voting, St. Nicholas Room

Sunday, October 12:

Cancelled Coffee Sunday

Monday, October 13:

Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 6:30-9:00pm

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 4:**

5 pm: Christina Schuh † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, October 5:

9 am: David Rose † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Laval Alain Chu Moy Sang † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, October 7:

6 pm: Mass Cancelled

Wednesday, October 8:

9 am: Mass Cancelled

Thursday, October 9:

9 am: Stella Bergen † (Fr. Michael Picard LC)

Friday, October 10:

9 am: Marion Bast † (Fr. Edmund)

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. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:*Please contact the office with your request.*

Andrea Gonzalez, 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

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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$101,987	\$122,203	\$87,509
Other Income	\$55,409	\$42,890	\$20,917
Operating Costs	\$160,700	\$123,017	\$124,903
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$3,304)	\$42,076	(\$16,477)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,708	\$40,532	\$11,322
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,228,187	\$3,204,035	\$3,179,800
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$71,395	\$74,611	\$77,040
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	58%	61%	63%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,293	\$856.00	\$1056.00