



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synodality is our Road Map, Parish Renewal is our Blueprint

We believe in a GOD who "travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity." (1) A term that captures this belief is the word "synodality." The term comes from the Greek words "syn" meaning "together" and "hodos" meaning "way" or "journey." So, synodality is a "journey taken together"; it describes how GOD accompanies us and how we are called to accompany one another in Christ.

In October 2021, Pope Francis convened a gathering of religious, cleric, and lay persons from around the world, to discuss and discern how the Church could better embody synodality. In his opening homily, Pope Francis described synodality as having three components - an openness to encounter others and GOD, heart-felt listening to the other/Other, and spiritual discernment. He said, synodality called us to be open, courageous, and willing to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. He asked: "Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'?" (2) So, synodality refers to the involvement and participation of the whole People of GOD in the life and mission of the Church.

The blueprint for how we are called to embody synodality is what the Calgary-wide, Catholic parish renewal is all about. It is a process that creates opportunities for us to encounter GOD and one another, to empower us in the art of listening to GOD and one another, and how we, together, can discern how GOD is calling us to live by the words and deeds of JESUS.

Phase One of our synodal journey (October 2021-April 2022) has been completed. At that time, Pope Francis mandated that a process of encounter and listening be established in every diocese throughout the world, so that the People of GOD could voice their thoughts and feelings on two questions: #1: How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? and #2: What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"? (3)

As a follow up to this initiative, the Diocese of Calgary launched a parish-wide survey. In June of this year, everyone in our parish was invited to participate in the Diocesan-wide survey. Of the 1826 weekly attendees at Sunday Mass, 1288 filled in the questionnaire. Our participation rate was 70.54% - much higher than what the experts had predicted.

We are now ready to take the next step in our parish renewal journey. Our focus is shifting to three pillars that will help support and focus our efforts. These three pillars are: #1: Being missionary disciples in Christ, #2: Being a Church of encounter and witness, and #3: Strengthening family life. In the next three weeks, the three pillars of pastoral renewal will be explored.

We are part of a faith community that is deeply synodal nature. We have embarked upon an extraordinary, historic journey toward discovering how to be Church in the third millennium through a process of encounter, listening, and discernment where we celebrate that everyone is called, that everyone matters, and that everyone belongs.

Healing Lines

What methods can be used to develop a counter-culture that can transform and renew outdated (oppressive) cultural concepts and practices? What constitutes "tradition"? Where does it come from? Who transmits these traditions and customs? Who do the traditions favor? What are the effects of "cultural violence" on women in society? And on men? Explore a traditional practice of your community/country/region that is abusive to women which is imposed on them as "part of their culture".

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, August 31 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, September 1 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 1 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 1 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.**

Events and Announcements

Weekday Daily Mass | Day Chapel | South Door Entrance

Daily Mass will be held in the Day Chapel on weekdays: Tuesdays at 6pm, and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9am. Please use the South entrance doors to attend.

Prayer Book | Friday Daily Mass Intentions | Beginning September 20, 2024

Personal prayer intentions may be written in the Prayer Book that is located outside the Day Chapel. The prayer book will be replacing the Prayer Basket that was previously used.

Basket Collection | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection has been re-introduced upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council.

Coffee Thursdays Moved to Wednesdays | Beginning Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Beginning September 4, 2024, Coffee Thursdays will be moved to Wednesdays. See you there!

CWL General Meeting | Tuesday, September 10, 2024 | St. Michael's Room | 6:45pm

St. Michael's CWL will reconvene after the summer break with a General Meeting at 6:45pm (following Daily Mass) in the St. Michael's Room. Members and visitors are invited to join us as we plan the upcoming year based on our pillars of Faith, Service, and Social Justice.

Grief Share Program | Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm | September 10 - October 29, 2024 | Room 143 and 144

Have you lost a loved one recently? Or do you know someone who has? The Grief Support Ministry invites individuals who have experienced the loss of loved ones and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program for 2 hours every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks. This program consists of a **video seminar** (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), **group support discussions** with facilitators, and a **personal workbook**. This program will run from September 10 - October 29, 2024 on Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the booklet.

For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423 or email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca.

Bible Study "Bread of Life" | Wednesdays: Sept. 11 - Oct. 23, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room and Theater 10:00am - 12:00pm | or Zoom 7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women's Ministry will be offering a bible study called the "Bread of Life". This is a seven week study beginning September 11. "Bread of Life" is a five-part video series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, culminating with Eucharistic consecration. There will be in-person morning sessions at St. Michael's (St. Nicholas Room and Theater) from 10:00am-12:00pm, and evening Zoom sessions from 7:00-9:00pm, on Wednesdays. The study is free, however a book for the consecration preparation is needed (\$25/paper copy or \$10/online kindle). To register please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca

Men's Ministry (formerly known as That Man is You) | Day Chapel and Narthex | Wednesdays | September 11 - December 4, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:30am

The study "Apostles of the New Springtime" begins. Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to billions proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Through the presentations of ten different internationally recognized speakers, we witness the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death itself. We journey through the Glorious Mysteries to see the infinite goodness of God triumph over evil. This journey takes us to Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, and Paris; we see the struggle, toil, hesitation, and eventually the transformation of St. Augustine. How this call to sainthood and apostleship continues throughout the ages to our very day and our own calling and personal mission. How does this all fit together for us? May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship, and faith, weekly starting Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 6:00-7:30am in the Narthex and Day Chapel. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiv.org.



Knitting Ministry | Thursdays | Beginning September 12, 2024 | Church Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

The Knitting Ministry will resume meeting on Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Church Library starting September 12. If you knit or crochet, please join us for fellowship as we work on our projects for various charities. No registration needed.

Children's Liturgy | Sundays | Beginning September 15, 2024 | Guardian Angel Room | Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am

* Children's Liturgy of the Word/Mass Preparation for young children entering Kindergarten to Grade 3 will commence on Sunday, September 15, 2024. We require all families to register at the start of each program year to ensure we have an up-to-date database of attendees. Please note that registration from last year does not carry over to this session. * Continuing with the Mass Preparation Program introduced last year (2023-2024), doors will open at 8:15am for Session "A" and at 10:15am for Session "B". Registration and sign-in will take place at the front desk of the Guardian Angel's Room (north entrance). Session times are as follows: Session "A" at 8:30am and Session "B" at 10:30am Sunday Mornings. * Program Registration / Waiver Forms for the 2024-2025 goes LIVE, ONLINE on our parish website under the "Children's Ministry" webpage on Sunday, September 7, 2024 at 5:00pm. Please email Mrs. Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca if you have any questions or concerns. Forms will be due as soon as possible! Children's Liturgy is FREE. Thank you, everyone! We look forward to another great school year!

ATTENTION: All Current and New Kids' Kingdom Volunteers

We are also on a quest to find some volunteer teachers! If you love children and are willing to share your time to spread God's love to our little ones, we would love to hear from you. No experience is necessary, and there is no planning involved! With super simple lesson plans, you'll enjoy an hour of seeing smiling faces and having a lot of fun! We need approximately 15 Adult/ Parent Volunteers for the entire year. Please consider assisting the little ones during Mass by contacting Mrs. Caroline Dixon via email at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423, ext. 105.

Feast of St. Michael and Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, September 29, 2024 | Mass 11:00am and Narthex 1:00-3:00pm

Michaelmas, September 29, is the Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. At the 11:00am Mass, we will bless the new statue of St. Michael the Archangel by Timothy Schmalz, followed by a reception and the Parish Renewal Gathering from 1:00-3:00pm in the Narthex. Please mark your calendar for this important parish celebration.

Bible Study "Daring to Walk the Talk: Putting Your Faith Into Practice" | Mondays: Sept. 30 - Dec. 2, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00 - 9:00pm

"Daring to Walk the Talk" is an inspiring study designed to help participants live their faith more fully. It introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. Participants will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. It will begin on Monday, September 30 with 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas' meeting rooms and will occur every Monday at 7:00 pm. There will be no class on Monday, October 14 and Monday, November 11, 2024. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Auditions for Sunday 5pm Music Group

Auditions are being taken for the following positions with The Inspiration Band ("inspiration" + "in the spirit") for the Sunday 5pm Mass: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals. You must be 18 years of age or older. Experience in a band setting and music knowledge an asset. If you are interested, please contact Demetrio (band leader) at demetrio@shaw.ca or call/text 403-605-4592.

Events and Announcements

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, Confirmation, or Sacraments for Teens, 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 is beginning on Tuesday, September 17 here 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 Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3-12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. Final registration is still open until September 4, 2024. Please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. 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 or you can arrange for a pick-up by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. MONETARY DONATIONS can also be done online through the Parish website: <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu. WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Pantry Needs :
syrup,
canned ham,
canned chili or
canned stew,
Hamburger Helper,
shampoo,
and conditioner.

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): [Beyond Bulletin - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

Weekly Events:

Sundays	Coffee Connection: After 9am and 11am Mass (Begins September 8) Children's Liturgy (Begins September 15)
Mondays	Bible Study (Begins September 30)
Tuesdays	Rosary Group Grief Share Program (Begins September 10) RCIA (Begins September 17)
Wednesdays	Coffee Connection: After Mass (Begins September 4) Men's Ministry (Begins September 11) Women's Ministry Bible Study (Begins September 11)
Thursdays	Knitting Ministry (Begins September 12)

September 2024:

September 02	Labor Day Office Closed
September 03	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 10	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 10	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 and 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 10	CWL General Meeting St. Michael's Room 6:45pm
September 11	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 11	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 12	Knitting Ministry (Begins) Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 12	First Reconciliation Parent Gathering Sanctuary and Narthex 6:00-8:00pm
September 15	Children's Liturgy (Begins) Guardian Angel Room Session A: 8:30am Session B: 10:30am
September 17	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 17	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 & 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 17	RCIA (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 18	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 18	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 18	Face-To-Face Ministries Session Sanctuary 7:00-9:00pm
September 19	Knitting Ministry Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 21-22	Ministries Fair Narthex Before and After all Masses
September 22	Altar Server Training Sanctuary 12:00-2:00pm
September 23	Sacraments for Teens Session 1 (Begins) Library 7:00-8:30pm
September 24	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 24	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 & 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	PPC Meeting St. Michael's Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	RCIA St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	SSVP Monthly Meeting St. Gabriel Room 145 7:00-9:00pm
September 25	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 25	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 26	Knitting Ministry Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 26	First Reconciliation Session 1 Sanctuary and Narthex 6:00-7:15pm
September 27	SSVP Mass for 30 Year Celebration Sanctuary 6:00pm
September 29	St. Michael Feast Day and Parish Renewal Gathering Mass 11:00am Reception 12:00-2:00pm
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Office Closed
September 30	Bible Study: "Daring to Walk the Talk" (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm

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:

If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one, please email the office with your request, noting consent.

Evelyn Dumanski
Annette LaMarca
Pat Burchnall
Michael Park

Cecilia Bausa Legaspi
Helen Gal
Karen O'Brien
Rosemary Pangilinan

Kelvin Holitski
Deacon Vivian Pinto
Rina VandeGeer
Lenore Youngberg
Susan Neri

For the Souls of:

Funeral:

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

	May	June	July
General Collections			
Collections	\$106,018	\$126,858	\$114,707
Other Income	\$11,765	\$9,790	\$10,715
Operating Costs	\$153,823	\$114,753	\$165,123
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$36,040)	\$21,896	(\$39,701)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,765	\$9,790	\$10,751
Current Loan Balance	\$3,537,676	\$3,514,192	\$3,491,012
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$29,689	\$31,103	\$33,241
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	24%	26%	27%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,915	\$1,048	\$3,711

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, August 31:

5 pm: Mary Fitzpatrick †

Sunday, September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Kochersia Antony †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of Edwin and Evin George †

Tuesday, September 3:

6 pm: Elias Gomez †

Wednesday, September 4:

9 am: Rady-Minda Buning †

Thursday, September 5:

9 am: Pierre Toussaint †

Friday, September 6:

9 am: Intentions of the Toussaint Family

Saturday, September 7:

5 pm: Intentions of Ernie & Jhernelyn Parinas

Sunday, September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Gerald Mudry †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of Kevin Uzomechine

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