



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pillar #2: Church as Encounter and Witness

The phrase “joyful encounter” suggests an experience filled with delight, pleasure, happiness, and yes, joy. It describes bumping into an old teammate, reuniting with a loved one, or perhaps meeting someone for the first time. Whether the encounter is serendipitous or planned, a joyful encounter is an experience that leaves a lasting impression upon us. We enjoy the encounter, putting a smile on our face and warming our heart.

In the gospel narratives, we have countless stories of persons having a joyful encounter with Jesus. The story of the “Samaritan Woman at the Well” (John 4:4-42), for example, describes this joyful encounter. She arrives at the well at the hottest part of the day while the other women of the town would go in the morning to avoid the hot sun. She goes at that time because she is not well liked and is seen as living a scandalous life. Jesus is aware of her brokenness, does not shun or shame her, but invites her into a relationship with Him and offers her “living water”. She leaves the well filled with joy to announce her encounter with Jesus to anyone in town who will listen. Because of her encounter and witness, Jesus stays several days in that town to share with them the Good News of the Kingdom.

This story paints a picture of what parish renewal Pillar#2 is getting at...becoming a “Church of Encounter and Witness”. When someone encounters God, he or she discovers a “whispering voice, an invisible hand” that wants to inspire and guide the person on a path toward healing, growth, and wholeness. This is a joyful encounter. One realizes that he/she is called, that he/she matters, and that he/she belongs. This joy touches every aspect of everyday life. It bears witness to the wonderful things God desires to do in each and every human life.

To be “a Church of encounter and witness” is about encouraging one another to develop a deep and personal relationship with God. From the mentoring and guidance provided in the parish, acts of compassion, love, and service flow. By focusing on these and similar aspects of the Christian way of life, our parish becomes a beacon of hope and a living testimony of God’s power to transform lives. Thus, this pillar helps to create a vibrant, faith community that not only nurtures its members, but also reaches out to the wider world. As an African proverb says: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”.

Finally, this focus on the three pillars will culminate in a parish gathering to be held Sunday, September 29th directly after the 11:00 am Mass. It will begin with a sit-down lunch followed by a short conversation to help us all get on board with the launch of our parish renewal. So, please save Sunday, September 29th in your calendar so that you can participate in our first ever “Parish Renewal Gathering”. fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” God is available to forgive all our transgressions and heal us. If we have been the aggressive one in our families we can seek out the resources available in our community and God’s help will support us in our journey. Take responsibility and be the model for your children and others around you. If we and our children have been harmed by interpersonal violence, our responsibility is to our and their safety, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Seek help.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, September 14 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, September 15 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 15 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.facebook.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

Missa Pro Populo (Latin for "Mass for the People")

Our Sunday 11:00am Mass intention is usually celebrated for "the People of God at St. Michael's". Canon Law, no 534.1 requires the pastor to celebrate a Mass for all the people entrusted to his care on Sundays and holy days of obligation. This is partly why the pastor celebrates this particular Sunday Mass. He is also able to fulfill his obligation by applying the Mass intention on another day or delegating it to another priest.

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 | 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.

Parish Renewal

Over the next three weeks and at the Parish Renewal Gathering, we will explore the three Pastoral Priorities (Pillars) that will support and focus our efforts on our renewal journey. These three pillars are: #1: Being missionary disciples in Christ, #2: Being a Church of encounter and witness, and #3: Strengthening family life. Members of the team will be available in the Narthex after all Masses. Please stop by, grab a postcard, and share your reflections on each of the pillars. You can drop your postcard in the box at our table or bring it to the gathering on September 29.

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 tmiy.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 crotchet, 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! (Please note: Children's Liturgy will be cancelled for Sunday, October 13, 2024.)

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.

Architectural Poster Boards | Mezzanine | September 14/15, September 21/22 & September 28/29

Over the next few weeks, in honor of St. Michael's Feast Day, we will display the Architectural Poster Boards of the building of St. Michael's Church so you can see how intentional the design was from its very beginning creation, aligning to the tradition and sacrament of our Catholic faith. Please take the time to view the posters after all weekend Masses in the Mezzanine.

"Immerse" Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries | Wednesday, September 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6, 7, and 8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Sanctuary. Snacks will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith!

Ministries Fair | Weekend of September 21 and 22, 2024 | Narthex | Before and After All Weekend Masses

We will be hosting a Ministry Fair the weekend on September 21-22 after all the services. This is a great opportunity for you to enrich your parish life and community by volunteering in a ministry that interests you. If further information is required, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews, mmatthews@saintmichael.ca

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.

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Events and Announcements

Feast of St. Michael and Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, September 29, 2024 | Mass 11:00am, Reception 12:00-1:00pm, Gathering 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 from 12:00-1:00pm in the Narthex, and the Parish Renewal Gathering from 1:00-3:00pm in the Sanctuary. 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.

Christmas Hamper Delivery Day | Monday, December 16, 2024

Our 2024 Christmas Hamper Assembly Day is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024. Please watch the website or bulletin for updates and come visit us at the SSVp booth at the upcoming ministry fair before and after all weekend Masses on the weekend of September 21 and 22, 2024.

Blessing of Pets

In honor of St. Francis' feast on October 4, all are invited to bring your pet(s) for a blessing on Saturday, October 5 at 12 pm, outside the Church's main entrance. To ensure their safety, please make sure your pets are leashed.

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

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

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): [Beyond Bulletin - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Weekly Events:

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

September 2024:

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	Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries 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 and 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 12:00-1:00pm Sanctuary Gathering 1:00-3:00pm
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 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.

Cecilia Bausa Legaspi	Rina VandeGeer	Bill and Darlene Taylor
Helen Gal	Lenore Youngberg	Elizabeth Myers
Karen O'Brien	Susan Neri	Maddy Azalea
Rosemary Pangilinan	Roberta Hickey	Allison George
Deacon Vivian Pinto	Leo Pelletier	Julian Dumanski

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, September 14:

5 pm: Elpidio & Regina Pagdanganan †

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Vince Helton †

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

5 pm: Marie Rocha †

Tuesday, September 17:

6 pm: Helen Craig †

Wednesday, September 18:

9 am: Intentions of the Toussaint Family

Thursday, September 19:

9 am: Malvina and Fausto Skific †

Friday, September 20:

9 am: Hector Guerra †

Saturday, September 21:

5 pm: Carmelina Labrador Vitelli †

Sunday, September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Juan Francisco Vega Jimenez †

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

5 pm: Christel Schunicht †

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