



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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September 21, 2025: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life is not about money...

Today's gospel features one of those *"how much more"* parables in the gospels. The dishonest manager, counting on his master's generosity he experienced in the past and acting on his behalf, reduced some of the debts of his clients which constituted the amount he would have gotten as his own commission. If the dishonest manager somehow provided for his future by his clever manipulation of wealth, *"how much more"* will we as Christian believers do the same by using our resources to build God's reign in the world and in our hearts.

The parable is a powerful exhortation to rely on God's mercy. Reliance on God disposes us to be good stewards of His resources, especially by sharing our resources with those who have less or none.

Reliance on God means not relying on material wealth which has become the almighty power of our times. Our world seems to be forever chasing the almighty dollar, transforming it to be the main goal in life and the main motivation for every business venture or any human activity, without due consideration of the good of the many who are left with little or nothing. It is not that money should be demonized and considered the absolute root of all evil. Money should not be deified and put in direct opposition to God's love and providence in our life. Money has a purpose. Money cannot be the master of our life. We cannot be a slave to money and claim to serve and love God at the same time. God's jurisdiction over us mandates that we have to share our rich resources with those who are poor and have less in terms of material wealth. This is the reason the prophets of old like Amos were protesting against the wealthy of their respective times. Jesus, in His prophetic role, denounced the insensitivity of those who made material wealth as the central force of their life, especially at the expense of the poor and the needy.

As a prophetic community, we have to be the voice that echoes the principles of Christian justice and charity which Christ and the prophets before Him proclaimed. By our own efforts, we have to show our willingness to share our wealth and resources with those who have less or none. This is what it means to a community committed to the values proclaimed by Christ in the gospels.

As a Church, we have no choice other than to show our solidarity with the poor and underprivileged and to condemn and denounce those who are insensitive to the poverty and suffering of so many in our midst. As a resource-rich community, we are exhorted to use our money and wealth to advance to our journey of faith, by assuring our spiritual wealth before the presence of God.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

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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Healing Lines

The goals of overcoming violence and building a culture of peace imply spiritual, theological, and practical challenges for our Churches, which touch us in the center of what it means to be Church. The debate about the whole spectrum of the spirit and logic of violence has started but the course we have entered requires persistence and endurance. The respect for human dignity, the concern for the wellbeing of the neighbor, and the active promotion of the common good are Gospel imperatives. Men and women are created equally in the image of God and justified by grace. Therefore, Human Rights are basic elements of preventing violence at all levels: individual, inter-personal, and collective, especially violence against women and children.

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-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 Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 32: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS

"Learn to listen deeply to the voice of God in your life."

Please read Day 32 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 32](#)

[LETS GO TO THE TEMPLE](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7> or go to [Eucharistic Adoration Ministry](#)

A Eucharist Series

A Eucharistic series is scheduled on three consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 18, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2, starting with a Mass at 6:00pm at the Day Chapel, followed by a presentation on the following themes: Eucharist as Sacrifice, Eucharist as Communion, and Eucharist as Presence. Fr Edmund is our facilitator, who holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1980) and Master of Arts in Higher Religious Studies (1980) from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Manila. All evenings culminate with a Q&A forum and a reception.

Coffee Connections

Coffee Wednesdays resumed Wed. Sept. 3, 2025 after the 9:00am Mass. Coffee Sundays resumed on Sun. Sept. 7, 2025 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. The next Potluck Sunday will be on October 5. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert to share with others. Please bring your food ready to serve. Come celebrate our community!

Men's Ministry

The St. Michael Men's Ministry is excited to announce that this year's That Man Is You program is a 2025 update of the original session, Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart. We've kept the heart of the original: the biblical message on manhood and leadership, the wisdom of the saints, the 7 Steps, a powerful Lenten Journey, delivered by multiple dynamic speakers focusing directly on the challenges men face today. We meet Wednesdays, beginning September 10, in the reception area with breakfast at 6:00am, video at 6:30am, and discussion at 7:00am. Please reach out to us at mensministry@saintmichael.ca.

Knitting Ministry

We meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the library beginning September 11. We invite everyone to join us.

Women's Bible Study

"The Beatitudes", a 9 week study, will run from September 17 to November 19, 2025. In-person sessions are on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Michael's in the Theater, and ZOOM sessions on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Register through womensministry@saintmichael.ca, or using the following link: <https://forms.gle/irgrMp9AePg9LLHV8>

Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on Sunday, September 28 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please come prepared to stay for two-hours.

Parish Renewal Plan Launch - Save the date!

Mark your calendars! On the weekend of October 4-5, we will celebrate the official launch of our Parish Renewal Plan. This will be a time for thanksgiving and prayer as we begin implementing the vision and mission of our renewal journey. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Eucharistic Consecration

Have you been preparing for Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist? Our parish consecration will occur at all Masses on the weekend of September 27 & 28. To assist with planning, please use the link to RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenYF2Ip24WC4Co8T6H5IoMY5qqfbL0aplp0zPi260-E-U5PQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Together in Action (TIA)

TOGETHER
IN ACTION 2025

This year's goal is \$121,243 and currently, we have reached 63% of this target amount. Thanks to your generosity, we reached this target amount last year. All surplus funds will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.

Blessing of Pets



All are invited to bring your pet(s) for a blessing on Saturday, October 4 at 12:00pm noon outside the Church's main entrance in honor of St. Francis' Feast Day. To ensure their safety, please make sure your pets are leashed.

Monday Bible Study



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 start on September 29 with 8 in-person sessions in St. Nicholas Room at 7:00pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter, abitter@telus.net

Altar Servers Alb Laundering



Behind the scenes is very important work that needs to happen in order for the Altar Servers to serve according to the Catholic guidelines, and to look clean and uniform. We are in need of 1 or 2 volunteers who can wash and iron the Albs approximately every 2nd month. If you are called to help with this, please send an email to altarservers@saintmichael.ca

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



At present, the greatest need for Eucharistic Ministers is for the Sunday 11:00am Mass. EMHCs must be a minimum of 18 years of age, be fully initiated in the Catholic Church - have received the Sacraments, strive to live the Christian life, and be devoted to the great mystery of the Eucharist. This is a scheduled Ministry; at present serving once every 3 weeks. Training is provided. If you are interested in joining the Eucharistic Ministry, please contact Kris Renger at Eucharist@saintmichael.ca.

Children's Liturgy of the Word 2025/2026



KIDS' KINGDOM is pleased to offer a Mass Preparation and Children's Liturgy of the Word session, every Sunday at 10:30am. Sessions include the traditional prayers of the Mass, good music, Church building activities, mini-reflections, and demo's geared toward young children in K to Gr.3 before and during the Liturgy of the Word portion of the Mass. Please click [HERE](#) to register online now for SMCC's Children's Liturgy of the Word. Volunteers needed! Please contact Mrs. Caroline Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or call the office 403-249-0423.

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version):

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

Parish Pastoral Council



The Parish Pastoral Council is set to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 7:00pm at the St Michael's Room. The council is now composed of the following: Brina D'Souza, Claudia P. Dutoit, Michael Fitzimmons, Keefer Gibson, Deana Helton, Sean Thomas Kelly, Marilyn Nasse (chair), Ken McKinnon, Gabrielle Puhl, Margaret Tapuska (secretary) and Usaze Uwagboe. Michael McGee (Finance chair), Fr Edmund & Fr Kelvin are ex-officio. The council membership has been selected after due consultation and prayerful reflection.

Catholic Women's League Book Sale



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be holding a sale of gently used books, puzzles, and board games the weekend of September 20/21. Please consider donating your books long as they are free of explicit content. Items may be dropped off at the Church on September 13/14. For more information please contact Edie Lozinsky at smcwl-president@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign



40 Days for Life is a prayerful, respectful campaign that seeks to save babies from being killed in abortion. Sign up and be a loving, prayerful voice for the preborn babies who have no voice. St. Michael has two days to pray this campaign: Fri. Sept. 26 and Fri. Oct. 3. Our team will be there between the hours of 8am to 1pm each of those days. Please join us by signing up online at [40 Days for Life](#). Signs are provided and you will not be alone. Call Karen at 403-870-7080.

2025 Worship Conference

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THE CHURCH
AT WORSHIP

There will be Worship Conference on October 3-4, 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's High School. Expected attendees are all liturgical ministers and those who are interested in liturgical ministry. Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the body of Christ. Please click on the following link: <https://www.catholiccy.ca/worshipconference.html> Registration deadline is Fri. Sept. 24, 2025.

Moms and Tots



Moms and Tots meet every Thursday morning 9:30-11:00am in the St. Nicholas Room. This is a great opportunity for Moms to gather together, network, and support one another while their children play. We invite all Moms and Tots to join us.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



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](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Sept. 20 - Sun. Sept. 28, 2025):

Saturday, September 20:

CWL Book Sale: Mezzanine, 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday, September 21:

CWL Book Sale: Mezzanine, after all Masses

Coffee Connection: after 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy: Guardian Angel Room, 10:30am

Monday, September 22:

No Events

Tuesday, September 23:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

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

SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, September 24:

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

Coffee Connection: after 9:00am Mass

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am

Thursday, September 25:

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

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

Eucharistic Series #2: Day Chapel, Mass 6:00pm, Talk to Follow.

Friday, September 26:

No events.

Saturday, September 27:

No Events.

Sunday, September 28:

Coffee Connection: after 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy: Guardian Angel Room, 10:30am

Altar Server Training: Sanctuary 12:00-2:00pm

Monday, September 29:

St. Michael Feast Day: Mass Sanctuary 6:00pm, Reception to Follow.

Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 6:30pm

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, September 20:

5 pm: Intentions Shirley Mathias (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, September 21:

9 am: Malcie MacPhee † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Ricardo Gutierrez † (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, September 23:

6 pm: Yvonne Beaubien † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, September 24:

9 am: John McGerr † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, September 25:

9 am: Malvina & Fausto Skific † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, September 26:

9 am: Anne Grieve † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, September 27:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, September 28:

9 am: Intentions Joseph Vayalamukal (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: George Nwarache † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Helen Sanderson, Mary Anne Harach, Clint Walsh,
John McClintock, Uly Hart, Harry Clark, Andrea Gonzalez,
Elizabeth Slade, Leon Giroux, Luce Chandless, Elizabeth
Chandless-Kane, Helen Gal, Annette L., Julian Park, Ernesto.

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