



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Matters

As we celebrate Family Day weekend, we reflect on the role of marriage in our life. How does marriage affect you? Why does marriage matter to you and me? In a very real way, family is rooted in marriage which is the relationship that brings about children who usually have to depend on the unique care and concern of a father and a mother. Marriage has benefits which cannot be replicated by any other relationship. Marriage affects our social and public life, especially in terms of procreation and the care and education of children.

Marriage matters because God has ordained it as part of the design of creation and redemption. More than ever, we have to assert the importance and the sacredness of the institution of marriage.

In a controversial conference, the United Nations has come up with a new definition of the family, which is not necessarily composed of a father, mother and children. Children of divorced parents or adopted children are fitted into a new network of relationships. Consanguinity, or blood relationship, is no longer a common factor in family relationships.

The working principle of the Christian family is based on the higher values of love and service, as enumerated in the Beatitudes in today's gospel. It hinges on our personal relationship with our God who is at the center of our lives. The solid basis of the marital relationship is not the love of husband and wife for each other but their own respective relationship with their God. In many Church documents, the family has been described as the *domestic* Church or the *microcosm* Church. In light of the contemporary changes in the family structure, it is important to emphasize this definition of the family as a *community*, as a group of believers committed to Christ Who declared "Where two or three (or more) are gathered in My name, I am in their midst". (Matthew 18.20)

I quote the Bishops of Northern Canada in a joint letter, expressing deep concern for family violence, particularly against women: *"Let us pray that our families and communities will be known by how much each member loves, respects and supports the others."* Fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

Women in the Media: Reality versus Fantasy. Issues of violence against women in the media involve both a denial of equal access and the perpetuation of narrow gender stereotypes that portray women as sexual objects in order to sell products. Hundreds of women around the world starve themselves to death each year as a result of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Women are also sent messages by the media that their self-worth is tied to a relationship with a man. The fact that the media fails to portray the reality of women's daily life and struggles is itself a form of violence. Instead of being a tool to educate both women and men about the extraordinary contributions women make and their vast potential as human beings, the media limits their overall development and healthy visions of being. Let us strive to educate and increase awareness about all forms of family violence, abuse and homelessness.

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 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. live stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tues-Fri from 9:30 a.m. to noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is sick, 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

Columbarium Access

With the recent door control upgrade, we will be reissuing access cards. This will require us to order more cards and program them into the new system, and with many Columbarium clients, this will take some time. We estimate 2-4 weeks depending on the availability of cards from our vendor. In the meantime, as previously noted the Columbarium door will be unlocked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily to allow for visiting. When all the cards are programmed and ready to distribute, we will make an announcement on Flocknote and in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

In recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada on February 22, IWIN would like to invite you, your family, and your friends to join us for a virtual gathering. There will be a short program, including praying a Chaplet of Divine Mercy with IWIN Spiritual Advisor, Father John Nemanic. Where: Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89078351286?pwd=VTBSL1d2NGpxaHNoNnc3MTFZdmpJQT09>

Wild Goose Bible Study

Mondays, starting February 28

"The Wild Goose" is a study on the Holy Spirit. He desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable, a journey to the very heart of God. This is a 14-part series, featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. It will be via Zoom, every Monday at 7 p.m. and will go from February 28 until June 6. To register, use the Flocknote link: [register](#) or contact Augusto at abitter@telus.net.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of January we helped 24 families (38 adults and 20 children). If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the SSVP food chest in the gathering area. Currently we are looking for: cereal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and canned fish/meat.

Monetary donations can be deposited in the drop-box in the food chest or by online donations through the St. Michaels Parish web-site <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday: March 2

Mass at 9 a.m., 6 p.m.

Lenten Fridays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

Mass at 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 6

Liturgy and Confessions at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday: April 9, 10

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 14

Mass at 7 p.m.

Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 15

Liturgy at 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil: April 16

Mass at 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 17

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Parish Office: The office will be open regular hours from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. on April 12 – 14. We will be closed on April 15 for Good Friday.

*Live-streamed 11 a.m. Mass can be accessed at saintmichael.ca/Mass and on our [Facebook Page](#). Once the live-streamed Mass has finished, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page. For a list of all live-streamed Masses in the diocese, visit catholicyc.ca.

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, Mark Kostecky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Wesley Almond
Doreen Arseneault
Alessandro Bonvicini
Tina Burian
Ray Cole
Jack Davies
Michelle Deschenes
Alden Gibson
Rick Hagel

William Hill
Joseph Javier
Sierra Knight
Daniela Masek
Norma Padolina
Georgina Pintaric
Leslie Pickering
Lawrence Raffin
Duncan Smith

For the Soul of:

David Hamilton

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19

5 p.m.: Dennis Hemeryck †

Sunday, February 20, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Avaro Fernandez †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Father John Rose †

Tuesday, February 22, Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6 p.m.: Intentions of the Survivors of Human Trafficking

Wednesday, February 23, Memorial of St. Polycarp

9 a.m.: Intentions of Sean & Christine Dooley

Thursday, February 24

9 a.m.: Stephanie Swenson †

Friday, February 25

9 a.m.: Bruce Francis †

Saturday, February 26

5 p.m.: Daniella Nicoletti †

Sunday February 27, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Intentions of Joe & Erin Bradford

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Fabian & Katica Valyan †

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



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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.

Contact us

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	November	December	January
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$99,356	\$205,436	\$82,396
Operating Costs	\$103,871	\$94,843	\$103,444
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$4,515)	\$110,593	(\$21,048)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$20,987	\$151,321	\$17,288
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,355,479	\$5,335,506	\$5,319,181
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$50,717	\$58,714	\$1,585
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$40,025	\$64,308	\$2,236

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at finance@saintmichael.ca.



WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN

BISHOP of CALGARY

February 15, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace on this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I have asked the parishes to read this pastoral letter at all the Masses this weekend to inform you of our participation as a diocese in the national, regional, and local efforts of the Bishops of Canada and to seek your support in addressing the enduring impact of the Canadian Residential School system on Indigenous Peoples, their families, communities, culture, and identity.

Over the years, the various parties, the government, and other religious denominations including the Catholic entities who were involved in the operation of these schools have extended their apologies for the damage and harm caused by the system, the schools, and more importantly for their participation in it.

The Bishops of Canada at the Plenary in September of last year extended an unequivocal apology for the participation of the religious communities and dioceses in the system “which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples” and the “grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community.” (*Statement of Apology*, September 24, 2021)

Among other initiatives, as a concrete expression of solidarity and the commitment to the process of justice and reconciliation, the Bishops of Canada announced a \$30-million national pledge for an *Indigenous Reconciliation Fund* that will support the following priorities

- healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
- culture and language revitalization;
- education and community building; and
- dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture.

As a contribution to the national pledge, the Diocese of Calgary is committed to raising \$600,000 each year for the next five years through the annual diocesan campaign, Together in Action. The total amount of \$3 million will be designated to support indigenous-led initiatives in the Diocese.

In addition, I am committed to allocating \$500,000 this year to support our Canadian northern mission dioceses in the healing and reconciliation initiatives within their own Indigenous communities. This will bring the total financial contribution of the Diocese to \$3.5 million over the period of five years.

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The introduction of this new priority in the diocesan campaign reminds us of our mission as a local church to support the path of justice and healing with Indigenous Peoples. It will raise our awareness and move us to recognize that this is one of our important pastoral priorities as Catholics and as Canadians.

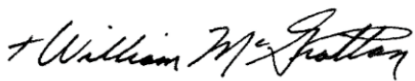
To promote transparency, a local Diocesan Reconciliation Committee will be established in the Diocese with Indigenous representation. The committee will oversee and manage the applications for funding in coordination with the Board of Directors of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund on the national level.

This commitment of the Church involves fundraising but must not be limited to it. Such financial support is necessary to facilitate justice and healing through our formal relationships and partnerships with the Indigenous Peoples.

As the Bishop of Calgary, I encourage you to participate in our work as a diocese towards reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters firstly through solidarity in prayer, through involvement in initiatives that promote justice and healing, through friendships with Indigenous Peoples on a personal level, and through financial donations made to Together in Action.

As always, we turn to Mary, Patron of our Diocese, to intercede for us in these efforts and to open for us the true path of healing and reconciliation through the Spirit, which is at the heart of being a synodal church of communion, participation, and mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



†William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary