



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist is Giving Thanks

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day, a holiday in our country, is a testament of a people that is thankful for the bountiful blessings we enjoy. We can ask ourselves how we spend Thanksgiving Day or weekend.

We imagine that everybody is naturally thankful, at least for the good things of life. But this may not be true. Many people go through life complaining and grumbling. They never say "thank you" to God or to anybody else. Perhaps, because they have never been taught to be grateful. As children, we are told to say "thank you" when somebody gives us something. Otherwise we would as children take the good deed for granted and say nothing. We are taught to express gratitude, to say "thank you" when somebody gives us something. Gratitude is a learned habit. It is incumbent on us to teach this virtue of gratitude to our children and our children's children. We have to become a grateful people... Gratitude is a memory of the heart. Our children will learn and remember the various words and acts of gratitude we extend to others.

For thinking creatures, gratitude is supposed to be a natural reaction. The British philanthropist, Moses Montefiore, has this motto in his home: "Think and thank". It reflects the linguistic fact that the word "thankfulness" comes from the old Anglo-Saxon term which means "thinkfulness". "Think" and "thank" come from the same root. To "think" of God's blessings is to "thank" Him for them. We "think", therefore, we "thank". A thinking creature should be naturally and spontaneously be "thankful".

The Mass we celebrate is a Eucharist. And Eucharist comes from the Greek verb "eucharisto" which means "I thank". Each Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer begins with these words: "Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks". Our duty and our salvation... Why salvation? Because, in a way, we cannot be grateful and unhappy at the same time. Thanking God saves us from unhappiness. When we are grateful, we create a space in ourselves for God and others. When we are thankful, we become loving and generous of the gifts that God has given us. When we are grateful, we are more forgiving of the weakness and failures of others. We share more of ourselves when we realize that our life is a gift.

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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 respect for human dignity, the concern for the well-being of the neighbor and the active promotion of the common good are imperatives of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goal remains to move the search for reconciliation and peace "from the periphery to the center of the life and witness of the Church". Peace building in non-violent ways is a Christian core virtue and an imperative of the gospel message itself. This is the mission of healing.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, October 12 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, October 12 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, October 13 at 9:00 am: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, October 13 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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.**

Serving the following hospitals:
Alberta Children's, Foothills, Peter Lougheed,
Rockyview, and South Health Campus.

Events and Announcements

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: Before Daily Mass at 8:20am, and Tuesdays: After Evening Mass at 6:30 pm.

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.

St. Michael Statue Fundraiser

Now available... Smaller replicas of the new St Michael's statue at \$165.00 each are now available at the Gift Shop. All proceeds help cover the costs of the artwork by Timothy Schmalz.

A Note from the Parish Renewal Team

We would like to thank all parishioners who attended our first ever Parish Renewal Gathering! Approximately 130 parishioners attended the event which began with music, followed by a time of prayer and silent reflection, and finished with a chance to discuss in small groups the three pillars of Parish Renewal, these being, becoming Missionary Disciples in Christ, becoming a Church of Encounter and Witness, and Strengthening Family Life. The Parish Renewal Team is committed to carefully consider all parishioners' inputs and discussion points when formulating our Parish Renewal Plan. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League for preparing and serving a delicious lunch, the Love One Another Community for providing the beautiful music, and finally, our priests and parish staff who supported us in preparing for and hosting the renewal gathering.

SSVP Share Sunday | October 12 and 13, 2024 | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please remember we are always accepting food and financial donations.

Lectio Devina 2025 Fundraiser and Bake Sale | October 12 and 13, 2024 | Narthex | After All Masses

The Seeds of the Word Community will be selling their baked and homemade goods after each of the Masses on the weekend of October 12 and 13. Our "famous" bread and cookies, as well as icons and journals, all made by the Seeds of the Word Community, will be available for sale. All proceeds will be used to help cover the cost of printing the 2025 Lectio Divina Compendium. We accept cash, debit, and credit card. Thank you for your generous support of our Community and its mission in spreading the Word of God!

Children's Liturgy | Cancelled for Sunday, October 13, 2024

Coffee Sunday | Cancelled for Sunday, October 13, 2024

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign | Wednesday, October 16, 2024 | Kensington Abortion Clinic | 8:00am - 1:00pm

St. Michael is once again part of this prayer campaign. Over 5000 babies are killed at the Kensington abortion facility every year. 40 Days for Life is a prayerful, respectful campaign that seeks to bring awareness to the inconvenient truth that abortion kills innocent human beings. Our prayerful presence during 40 Days at abortion centres around the world draws attention to the plight of preborn children and seeks God's help through intercessory prayer. Will you join us? Sign up and be a loving, prayerful voice for the preborn babies who have no voice but ours. We know from the testimonies of many that these campaigns save lives. St. Michael's day to pray this campaign is Wednesday, October 16. Our team will be there between the hours of 8:00am to 1:00pm that day. Please join us by signing up online at [40 Days for Life](https://40daysforlife.org). Click on the "SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS" box and choose an hour or more on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Up to four persons can sign up for each one hour time slot. Signs are provided and you will not be alone. Questions? Call Karen at 403-870-7080.

Catholic Education Sunday | October 19 and 20, 2024

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on October 19 & 20, 2024 as we launch Catholic Education Week. Together with our community, let us unite to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. There are three ways we can show our support for publicly funded Catholic education: Donate today. Your financial gift supports the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation which supports the Calgary Catholic School District's with equity in fundraising. Franco-Sud School Board which has Catholic francophone schools in Calgary and Cochrane. St Joseph's Seminary at Newman Theological College which helps in the formation of our seminarians and St-Mary's University offering undergraduate degrees in liberal arts, education, and science. Your financial stewardship impacts over 64,000 students right here in Calgary and area. Share your Catholic education story with friends and family. Show how meaningful Catholic education has been for you. Pray for our students, staff, and schools. We are grateful for your continued support of Catholic education through your prayers and donations. Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit <https://theccef.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>



World Mission Sunday | October 19 and 20, 2024

October 19 and 20 will be World Mission Sunday, and we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests in mission dioceses and throughout the world. Pray and Give Generously. You can donate to World Mission Sunday through our regular donations with a note that indicates it is for World Mission Sunday or donate online at catholicyc.ca/worldmissionsunday.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training | High River: Oct. 26, Nov. 16, 8:30am-3:30pm | or Calgary: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, 6:30-9:30pm

There will be a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, or bereaved members. If you feel called, please choose from one of the following two sessions: 1) High River: Saturdays Oct. 26 and Nov. 16, 8:30am-3:30pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, 206 9 Avenue SW, OR 2) Calgary: Mondays Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18, 6:30-9:30pm, St. Cecilia's Parish, 321 90 Avenue SE.

Please register by Wednesday, October 16 at www.catholicyc.ca/pastoralcare or scan the QR Code: High River:



Calgary:



For any additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Events and Announcements

Bible Study: "The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary" | October 30 - December 18, excluding November 20 | St. Nicholas Room & Theater | 10:00am-12:00pm
Women's Ministry's next study will be "The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary" presented by Paradisus Dei. Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and rediscover the Power of the Rosary. This 7-week video series, concluding the Year of Prayer, focuses on the events of Christ's birth through Mary and the rosary. A profound and impactful way to enter into Advent. Let us be joyful together as we pray for all those we have promised to pray for over the last year, the renewal of our parish and families, and for the conversion of the world to faith in Christ! The study will run from October 30 - December 18, no class on November 20, in-person Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm noon or via Zoom Wednesdays 6:45pm - 9:00pm. To register please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca.

Steve Bell Concert | Friday, October 25, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:30pm

St. Michael's is pleased to host an evening of story and song with The Steve Bell Band, with special guest Mike Janzen, in concert on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. featuring music from Steve's 23rd solo release, The Glad Surprise, as well as classics and favorites. Tickets are \$30 each, and will be available after Masses on October 12 and 13, and 19 and 20, and at www.stevebell.com/events.

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League Membership Drive | November 16 & 17, 2024 | Narthex | Before and After All Masses

The Catholic Women's League is a national organization operating at the parish level with more than 60,000 members across Canada and with a history of more than 100 years. All women aged 16+ are welcome to join us in service, faith, and social justice. Please stop by our table in the Narthex during the weekend of November 16 and 17 before or after Mass, to renew your membership for 2025 or to join us as a new member. We look forward to meeting you!

Pastoral Council Update

Greetings to all our parishioners! We hope your summer was restful and rejuvenating. Our first meeting of autumn was held on Tuesday, September 24 and we have a few highlights to share: - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A committee will be formed to explore the creation of an Adoration Ministry at SMCC. - The Parish Renewal Team is excited to host the Parish Renewal Gathering on Sunday, September 29. This is a key step in developing a Pastoral Renewal Plan for our parish. - Potluck Sundays are returning on November 3! Watch the bulletin for further details. Thank you for your interest in our work. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (403) 249 0423. To read the minutes from our meeting in May, please go to: [PastoralCouncilMeetingMinutes-May28,2024-St.MichaelCatholicCommunity\(saintmichael.ca\)](https://www.saintmichael.ca/pastoralcouncilmeetingminutes-may28-2024-st-michael-catholic-community-saintmichael.ca)

Social Committee

Social committee is returning! The Social committee provides and fosters a sense of community through social gatherings in our parish. Potluck Sunday Returns November 3! Volunteer opportunities are needed and available, for all ages and on a flexible schedule. Please contact Tammy Ringstad at 403-978-9285 or tammyringstad@gmail.com

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ssvp@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. You may visit us at <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/>



Pantry Needs :
syrup,
canned ham,

SSVP 30th Anniversary Presentation: <https://saintmichael.ca/ssvp-30th-anniversary-update/>

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

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): [Beyond Bulletin - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Weekly Events:

Sundays **Children's Liturgy:** Guardian Angel Room, Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am | **Coffee Connection:** After 9am and 11am Mass
Mondays **Bible Study:** "Walking Toward Eternity", St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays **Rosary Group:** Day Chapel, 6:30pm | **Grief Share Program:** Rooms 143 and 144, 7:00-9:00pm | **RCIA:** St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays **Coffee Connection:** After Daily Mass | **Men's Ministry:** "Apostles of the New Springtime", Theatre and Narthex, 6:00-7:30am | **Women's Ministry Bible Study:** "Bread of Life", St. Nicholas Room and Theatre, 9:30am-12:00pm
Thursdays **Moms and Tots,** St. Nicholas Room, 9:30-11:30am | **Knitting Ministry:** Library, 10:00am-12:00pm

October 2024:

October 12 & 13 | SSVP Share Sunday | Narthex | After All Masses
October 12 & 13 | Seeds of the Word Community Fundraising | Narthex | After All Masses
October 13 | Cancelled: Children's Liturgy
October 13 | Cancelled: Coffee Sunday
October 14 | Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
October 14 | Cancelled: Bible Study "Walking Towards Eternity"
October 16 | Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries | Sanctuary | New Time 5:30-7:30pm
October 17 | First Reconciliation Session #2 | Sanctuary and Narthex | 6:00-7:15pm
October 17 | Knights of Columbus Meeting | Theater | 7:00-9:00pm
October 19 & 20 | Catholic Education Sunday
October 19 & 20 | World Mission Sunday
October 21 | Sacrament for Teens Session #3 | Library | 7:00-8:30pm
October 22 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm
October 25 | Steve Bell Concert | Sanctuary | 7:30-9:30pm
October 27 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
October 29 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's 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.

Helen Gal
Rosemary Pangilinan
Rina VandeGeer
Lenore Youngberg
Susan Neri
Leo Pelletier

Bill and Darlene Taylor
Elizabeth Myers
Maddy Azalea
Allison George
Julian Dumanski
Maria Duri

Pietro Duri Jr.
Peitro Duri Sr.
Rosa Duri
Talia Duri
Nenite Mirales

For the Souls of:

Alessandro Bonvicini Maria Tallerico

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**.

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

	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024
General Collections Collections	\$114,707	\$75,187	\$81,345
Other Income	\$10,715	\$27,514	\$26,566
Operating Costs	\$165,123	\$127,350	\$119,780
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$39,701)	(\$24,649)	(\$11,869)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage) Building Fund Collections	\$10,751	\$11,057	\$16,674
Current Loan Balance	\$3,491,012	\$3,467,753	\$3,444,039
Diocesan Annual Campaign Together in Action YTD	\$33,241	\$34,565	\$37,456
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	27%	28.5%	30.8%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,711	\$1,928	\$3,733

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, October 12:

5 pm: Intentions of Tony & Jane Uzomechine

Sunday, October 13: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Patricia Chang †

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

5 pm: Intentions of Cyril & Telima Nwachukwu

Tuesday, October 15:

6 pm: Elsamma George †

Wednesday, October 16:

9 am: Henry Noronha †

Thursday, October 17:

9 am: Joseph Rodrigues †

Friday, October 18:

9 am: Intentions of Pinto Family

Saturday, October 19:

5 pm: Gloria & Felix Corpuz †

Sunday, October 20: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: William Desouza †

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

5 pm: Braz Athaide † & Nina Burford †

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