



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Widow's Mite

It is said that there are three types of givers: grudge givers, duty givers, and thanks givers. Grudge givers say "I hate to give." Grudge givers give reluctantly and with a certain feeling of resentment. Duty givers say "I ought to give..." Duty givers also give reluctantly and with a certain feeling of obligation. Thanks givers say "I want to give." They give from the heart, without a feeling of resentment or obligation. "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion" (referring to the grudge and duty givers), "for God loves a cheerful giver" (referring now to thanks givers). Jesus refers to thanks givers when He asserts: "Give and gifts will be given to you. Good measure, packed together, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap..." Luke 6:38)

It is commonly said that because we receive everything from God, including every breath we take, God can never be in our debt. We are always indebted to God because we owe Him everything we are and have. There is an exception: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be paid in full." (Proverbs 19:17). If we want God to be indebted to us, we have to give to the poor and the needy. That way we lend to God. No loan can ever be safer. And it will be repaid many times over...

Rabindranath Tagore wrote in his Gitanjali the following: "I had gone, begging from door to door, on the village road, when your golden chariot appeared in the distance, like a splendid dream. And I was admiring who was that King of all kings. My hopes soared and I thought: 'My bad days are over' and already I stood anticipating spontaneous alms and riches scattered everywhere in the dust. The chariot stopped where I was standing. Your eyes fell on me and you dismounted with a smile. I felt that the chance of a lifetime had finally come my way. Then, suddenly you extended your right hand and said to me: 'What have you to give me?' Oh, what royal sport was that? Put out a hand to beg from a beggar? I was embarrassed and lost. Finally, from my beggar's bag I slowly took out a tiny grain of wheat and gave it to you. But how great was my surprise when, at the day's end, I found a tiny grain of gold among the heap of ordinary grains. Then I wept bitterly and thought: If only I had had the heart to give everything..."

The story of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44) speaks about the a heart to give everything. The widow's act reflects the Church's mission, rooted in the Eucharist as the total self-giving of Christ. Her act embodies Christian giving, which is not measured by the amount given, but by the spirit of generosity and love behind the act. Christian giving is giving from our need rather than our abundance. fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

A person who is being abused is not easily identifiable. They may be your neighbor. They may sit with you on a committee at Church. Maybe they are the parent of one of your children's friends. They may be the tenant downstairs, the older person who you visit at the park, or your sibling. Many who are abused try to let people know what is happening. They may not come out and say the words, but they may drop hints that all is not well. Be aware that violence against anyone is not just a statistic, but may be happening to people you know.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, November 9 at 5:00 pm: Guest Priest - Fr. Michael Picard
Sunday, November 10 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 am: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 10 at 11:00 am: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 10 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.**

Serving the following hospitals:

Alberta Children's, Foothills, Peter Lougheed,
Rockyview, and South Health Campus.

Events and Announcements

Book of Remembrance | November 2024

The Book of Remembrance, where we can write the names of beloved deceased, is now outside the Day Chapel throughout the month of November.

St. Michael's Fundraiser | High-Quality Protein Products | Order by Sunday, December 1 | Pick-up Tuesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00pm

We are launching a parish-wide fundraising sale of high-quality protein products to help support our increasing needs as a community as we continue to witness God's love and compassion in our midst. With any purchase, you contribute to our Church's finances while enjoying some delicious food over the Advent and Christmas period.

There are over 60 products to choose from! Your orders must be made by Sunday, December 1. The orders can be picked up on Tuesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00pm at St. Michael's Church. Please go to this link: [St. Michael Catholic Community – Fund Forward](#)

St. Michael Statue Fundraiser

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.

Bible Study: "The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary" | Oct. 30 - Dec. 18, excluding Nov. 20 | St. Nicholas Room & Theater | 10:00-12:00pm

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.

CWL Memorial Service for Deceased Members | Tuesday, November 12, 2024 | Columbarium | 6:30pm

There will be a Memorial Service for Deceased CWL Members on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 following the 6:00pm Mass in the Columbarium. The General Meeting will follow the Memorial Service in the St. Michael's Room. All members and visitors are invited to attend.

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!

Altar Server Training | Saturday, November 23, 2024 | Sanctuary | 2:00-4:00pm

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? Would you like to be more involved in our Church? If so, please join us on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. This will take approximately 1.5 - 2 hours of training. If you have seen other dates posted for this training, please disregard them. For any questions or to RSVP, please send an email to altarservers@saintmichael.ca

"And on Earth Peace" Christmas Concert with Fr. Peter Hanna | Friday, November 29, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00pm

There will be a Christmas Concert on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 7:00pm with Father Peter Hanna. Fr. Peter is a Byzantine priest belonging to the Greek Melkite Catholic Church in Lebanon. He is famous for his beautiful voice and distinguished performance of religious hymns. For years in his priestly service, Fr. Peter has used his voice to sing religious hymns, Byzantine, Maronite, and others, in more than one language, especially Arabic and English. The proceeds of the concert will go to St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church Building Fund in Calgary. Tickets are available at St. Basil's Melkite Greek Catholic Church every Sunday from 2:00-3:00pm or visit <https://linktr.ee/PeterHanna2024> or call Kinan at 587-575-9095. Doors open at 6:00pm. See you there!

CSSD Advent and Christmas High School Chorus Festival | Monday, December 2, 2024 | 7:00pm

The Calgary Catholic High Schools will return to St. Michael's for their annual Christmas Choral Festival on Monday, December 2 at 7:00pm featuring the talented voices of almost four hundred students. Parishioners are invited to support our Catholic students by attending this gala evening of entertainment and song.

Diocesan Advent Renewal Mission | Dec. 3, 4, 5, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm

Please join us for parish in-person gatherings in the Sanctuary on Dec. 3, 4, and 5 from 7:00-8:30pm. Each session will be led by various presenters: Tuesday, December 3: Brett Powell (Archdiocese of Vancouver) "*Form Missionary Disciples*". Wednesday, December 4: Bishop Scott McCaig (Military Ordinariate of Canada) "*Be a Church of Encounter and Witness*". Thursday, December 5: Mary Rose Bacani Valenti (Salt + Light TV) "*Strengthen Family Life*". The Mission is free. See you there!

Altar Server Celebration | Friday, December 6, 2024 | Mass 6:00pm | Pizza 7:00pm

A special Mass will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:00pm for Altar Servers and their families. After the Mass, a celebration with pizza will follow. We encourage all members of the Altar Server Ministry and their families to attend.

Hamper Delivery Day | Monday, December 16, 2024

"Immerse" Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries for Gr.6-8 | Wednesday, December 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 5:30-7:30pm

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6, 7, and 8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30-7:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith!

Parish-Wide Advent Reconciliation Night | Thursday, December 19, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

There will be a parish wide Reconciliation Night on Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 7:00-9:00pm. There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions.

"One Starry Night" Children's Christmas Nativity Pageant | Friday, December 20, 2024 | Sanctuary | Mass 6:00pm | Pageant 6:30pm

Do you have a child between the ages of 3-12 years old? Does your child like to pray, sing, dance, perform, and dress up? Are they willing, and available, to participate in our Annual Children's Nativity Pageant? If so, great! Please sign up ASAP to participate in this delightful, parish-wide, family-friendly event by clicking the link to our online sign up here: <https://forms.gle/WYrqsTZEKRZt5VVL6>. Your child does not have to be registered in Kid's Kingdom to participate. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact Drama Director at KidsChristmasSMCC@gmail.com.

Simbang Gabi | Saturday, December 21, 2024 | Sanctuary | Carols 6:30pm | Mass 7:00pm | Reception 7:30pm

Simbang Gabi Mass will be celebrated at our parish on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 7:00pm, preceded by Carols at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a reception. Filipino families are encouraged to email Fr. Edmund at FrEdmund@saintmichael.ca or text him at 403-874-2015 if you are interested to help contribute to the reception.

Events and Announcements

Pastoral Council

Your Pastoral Council continues its work with our Pastor, Fr. Edmund. We held a meeting on October 29, 2024. A few of the items we discussed were:

* A presentation of the parish finances was given to Pastoral Council. A parish-wide presentation will be made soon. * Results of the parish survey were provided to the Parish Renewal Team. These will help the team to form the Parish Renewal Plan and will be shared over the coming weeks and months. * Immerse Youth Nights with Face-to-Face Ministries for students in grades 6-8 were held in September and October. More to come – watch the bulletin for 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. All Saints, pray for all parishioners of SMCC! To read the minutes from our meeting in September, please go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes-september-24-2024/>

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. MONETARY DONATIONS can also be done online through <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/>. WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. You may visit us at <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/>. You can follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566475437004>



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): [Diocesan Info for Parishioners - Sunday Updates - Google Docs](#)

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: 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

November 2024:

November 9 | Fundraiser: Orders Open | [St. Michael Catholic Community – Fund Forward](#)
November 10 | CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday
November 11 | OFFICE CLOSED - Remembrance Day
November 11 | Bible Study: "Walking Towards Eternity" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
November 12 | CWL Memorial Service for Deceased Members | Columbarium | 6:30pm
November 12 | CWL Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm
November 14 | Parish Renewal Team Meeting for Team Members | Boardroom | 6:15pm
November 16 & 17 | CWL Membership Drive | Narthex | Before and After All Weekend Masses
November 17 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
November 20 | CANCELLED: Coffee Wednesday
November 20 | CANCELLED: Women's Ministry
November 21 | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | Theater | 7:00pm
November 23 & 24 | Volunteer Sign Up for Christmas Hampers & Angel Tree Gift Tag Distribution | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses
November 24 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
November 26 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm
November 26 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | Room 145 | 7:00pm
November 29 | "And On Earth Peace" Christmas Concert with Fr. Peter Hanna | Sanctuary | 7:00pm

December 2024:

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 | Volunteer Sign Up for Christmas Hampers & Angel Tree Gift Tag Distribution | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses
December 1 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 1 | Fundraiser: Orders Close
December 2 | Calgary Catholic School District Advent & Christmas High School Choral Festival 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00pm
December 3, 4, 5 | Diocesan Advent Renewal Mission | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm
December 8 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 8 | Potluck Sunday | Narthex | 6:00pm
December 10 | Fundraiser: Pick Up Orders
December 10 | CWL Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 6:30pm
December 12 | CANCELLED: Moms & Tots
December 15 | Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm
December 16 | Christmas Hamper Delivery Day
December 18 | Face-to-Face Ministries for Gr. 6-8 | 5:30-7:30pm
December 19 | Parish Wide Reconciliation Night | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm
December 19 | CANCELLED: Knights of Columbus Meeting
December 20 | Children's Nativity Pageant | Sanctuary | Mass 6:00pm | Pageant 6:30pm | Cookies & Juice 7:30pm
December 21 | Simbang Gabi | Sanctuary | Carolling 6:30pm | Mass 7:00pm | Reception 7:30pm
December 22 & 29 | CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy
December 25 - January 1 | Office Closed

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
Conrad Aben

For the Souls of:

Alfred Barkauskas

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

	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024
General Collections			
Collections	\$75,187	\$81,345	\$120,684
Other Income	\$27,514	\$26,566	\$32,644
Operating Costs	\$127,350	\$119,780	\$124,803
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$24,649)	(\$11,869)	\$25,525
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,057	\$16,674	\$16,540
Current Loan Balance	\$3,467,753	\$3,444,039	\$3,420,620
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$34,565	\$37,456	\$40,428
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	28.5%	30.8%	33%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,928	\$3,733	\$7,333

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, November 9:

5 pm: Joe & Maria Tallerico † & Ernesto Benacchio †

Sunday, November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Ruth Roach †

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

5 pm: Elizabeth Hinson †

Tuesday, November 12:

6 pm: Nemesio Desales †

Wednesday, November 13:

9 am: Bolek Dvorak †

Thursday, November 14:

9 am: Intentions of Dvorak Family

Friday, November 15:

9 am: Intentions of Bitter Family

Saturday, November 16:

5 pm: Loty Flores †

Sunday, November 17: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Ma Lerma Lavilla

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

5 pm: Juana Solo Ortiz †

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