



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Apocalypse Now

Apocalypse Now is the title of a movie on the Vietnam war, partly filmed in locations in the Philippines. It portrays the horror of the Vietnam war, evoking such apocalyptic visions found in the Bible, suggesting that the end of the world is at hand. In Christian theology, *apocalypse* is classified under Eschatology, the study of the things to come, like death, judgment, and eternal life. *Apocalypse* refers to the texts in Scriptures that refer to the imminent destruction of the world and the salvation of the righteous. It is a basic component of the study of theology as it relates to the themes that give consoling hope of God's promise of salvation and eternal life.

Apocalypse uses a highly symbolic language to describe persecution and catastrophe. The authors of the apocalyptic selections were trying to convey something to people which they did not want their persecutors to understand, so that reading the passages literally would be missing their real message.

This Sunday's apocalyptic readings is consolation, hope, and God's mercy. In the face of suffering, danger, and persecution, we have to hold on to our faith in God's love in our lives. Amidst threats to our own survival, we look forward to the eternal life that Christ, through His mercy and love, has gained for us through His own suffering, death, and resurrection. We look at death as a time of fulfillment of our journey to the Father, even as we look forward to that time with a mixture of hope and fear. We are reminded that our life's journey is indeed short and that we don't even know the hour of our own death when we have to reckon with our Creator the life we have lived on borrowed time.

A powerful prayer in the Order of Christian Funerals brings home this message of hope and consolation as we continue our journey, our pilgrimage from this life to the next: *"Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of our death is unknown. Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice, that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love. And when our journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live forever and ever. Amen."* fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." As things begin to get busy this time of year, we need to guard against increased stress and short tempers. Be sure to keep a healthy perspective on the pressures and remember the true meaning of this time of year.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, November 16 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November 17 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 17 at 9:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, November 17 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

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.

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League Membership Drive | November 16 and 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

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.

"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!

The Rite of Commissioning for All Liturgical Ministers | November 30 and December 1 | All Weekend Masses

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers will be held at all the November 30 and December 1 weekend Masses. During these First Sunday of Advent Masses, Auxiliary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (who require a written mandate from the Bishop) come forward after the homily and are joined by the other liturgical ministers in their respective places for this rite. The Liturgical ministers include, among others, Ushers, Hospitality Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Musicians. Ministry means doing something on behalf of Christ Himself.

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!

Hamper Delivery Day | Monday, December 16, 2024

Hamper Day is Monday, December 16, when we prepare and deliver 170 hampers. **Volunteers:** Next week (November 23/24), members of the Hamper Organizing Committee will be in the Narthex after all Masses to answer questions and provide information on volunteering. Help is needed with preparing and wrapping gifts, setting up the hall, assembling, restocking, hamper loading, and delivery to recipients. Volunteers are asked to ensure they have completed the necessary paperwork required by the Diocese. To check if your volunteer requirements are up to date, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews, at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Gifts for children: The Angel Tree will be available in the Narthex after select Masses on the weekend of November 23/24, and again on November 30/December 1. Help us by signing out an Angel and providing a child's special gift to be included with their family's hamper. **Referrals:** Referrals for a hamper are accepted from parish schools, and through the SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423, extension 122. **Donate:** We are able to provide this program through the generous financial support of our parishioners. Donations may be made via: * the collection box, noted for Christmas Hampers, * depositing SSVP green envelopes (located in the SSVP donation bin/lockbox in the gathering area), * online at saintmichael.ca/giving. Tax receipts will be issued in January 2025. Questions? Send to christmashampers@saintmichael.ca

"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.

Events and Announcements

"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/WYrgsTZEKRZt5VVl6>. 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.

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's 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 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 | POSTPONED: Pastoral Care Meeting postponed to January 9, 2025
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 | Pastoral Council 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 | Caroling 6:30pm | Mass 7:00pm | Reception 7:30pm
December 22 & 29 | CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy
December 24 - 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.

Rina VandeGeer	Maddy Azalea	Rosa Duri
Lenore Youngberg	Allison George	Talia Duri
Susan Neri	Julian Dumanski	Nenite Mirales
Leo Pelletier	Maria Duri	Gioia Ceccarini
Bill and Darlene Taylor	Pietro Duri Jr.	George Michaud
Elizabeth Myers	Peitro Duri Sr.	Helena Chavez

For the Souls of:

Conrad Aben	Anna Maria Palombi (Tiberio)	Ramon Chavez
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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 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 †

Tuesday, November 19:

6 pm: Serafino Marra †

Wednesday, November 20:

9 am: Bill Tapuska †

Thursday, November 21:

9 am: Sandra Clancy †

Friday, November 22:

9 am: John Lee †

Saturday, November 23:

5 pm: Lourdes Javier † and Renato Aguilar †

Sunday, November 24: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Chris and Ada Okoli

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

5 pm: Paz Alciso †

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