



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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February 9, 2025: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's call to renewal

"Duc in altum: or 'put out into the deep'" can be a rallying cry for us in our current efforts towards renewal.

The commissioning of Peter as *"fisher of men"* speaks of Christ's invitation to us, in spite of our inadequacies and failings, to seriously consider the ministry of proclaiming God's message of renewal in our times. Like Peter, we hesitate and doubt about God's call with its apparently daunting implications. Like Peter's life, which radically changed when he let Jesus into his boat, we can invite God into our lives. Like Peter whose awareness of his inadequacy made him push Jesus away and refute His call, we can also hesitate to honor God's invitation to share His life with us. Like Peter who was inspired by this experience to consent to Christ's call to serve and lead, we need to realize in our life, that indeed, God calls us to ministry.

God's invitation is a call to experience God's personal friendship, making us more aware of God's little miracles in our lives to convince us about the reality and seriousness of His call. Our response to God's call may require us to undergo some purification to be ready and willing. It may take a miraculous catch of some sort to help us realize God's serious intent. Our call to service and ministry is as real as Peter's, and so are the risks.

The decision to *"put out into the deep"* requires a commitment to follow God's will in our lives, even in the face of difficulties and challenges. We have to be affirmed by the faith we have in God and by the solidarity we have with those who share such faith. To *"put out into the deep"* requires our own self-surrender known as the obedience of faith that conquers all our fears.

Our efforts to respond to God's call to put out into the deep should be in God's terms, not in our own terms. We have to respond through the power and guidance of Spirit in solidarity with our respective faith communities. Our recognition of our own unworthiness and sinfulness leads us to the love and forgiveness that God bestows through the ministry of the faith community. As a community, we experience to God's revelation of Himself in the Word that we proclaim with faith and commune with the person of Christ in the Eucharist.

Together in Christ, let us have the courage to *"put out into the deep"*, allowing ourselves to be transformed by the sacred mysteries that we celebrate as we gather in His holy name.

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Healing Lines

As we are invited by Jesus to spread the Good News, so we are asked to look after those that we encounter in our daily lives. Those effected by bullying and abuse are especially in need of our help and love. Remember a time when you felt alone and helpless. Wouldn't you have felt relieved to be given a kind word or some direction from those in your Church community? There may be someone sitting next to you right now who could use your reaching out to them.

Church Schedule:

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 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

Anointing of the Sick:

24 Hour Emergency Diocese Hotline
403-231-9505

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2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts will be available for pick up from February 7 until February 16, 2025. They will be arranged alphabetically on a table in front of the main washrooms. After that date, the remaining tax receipts will be mailed.



2025 Contribution Envelopes

If you haven't picked up next year's 2025 contribution envelopes they are available for pickup in the office.



Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 2: PILGRIM OR TOURIST?

"This is the quintessential question for anyone setting out on a journey, and a crucial question for our lives. May Jesus in all His Eucharistic Glory share with you the grace to adopt the heart and mind and spirit of a pilgrim." Please read Day 2 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 2 A Radical Difference](https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Seeds of the Word 2025 Lectio Devina

The Seeds will be selling the Compendium, as well as their baked and homemade goods after Masses on the weekend of February 8 and 9. The Lectio Divina Compendium is a book that helps you to grow in your relationship with God through daily meditation and prayer with the Word of God, following the daily readings. Proceeds from these sales help support our mission of Evangelization through making the Word of God accessible to everyone. 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!



Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on Sunday, February 9, 2025 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please come prepared for two-hours.



Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on March 2, 2025 at 6:00pm. 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. Upcoming potlucks: April 6, May 4, and June 1.



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

Fr. Edmund is leading a holy pilgrimage to Rome on November 19-27 this coming Holy Year 2025! Please check it out online at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. For more details, contact Fr. Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca or (403) 874-2015.



Face-to-Face Youth Night (Gr. 6-8)

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6-8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith! Other dates are: Mar. 15, Apr. 26, May 10, June 14.



Seniors Valentine's Day (65+ years)

We invite seniors aged 65+ to a Valentine's Day Social on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 11:00am-1:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room. There will be refreshments, fun games, music, \$2 snack bar, and prizes! This is a free event, hosted by St. Michael's Kids Kingdom and friends. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mrs. Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or phone the parish office at 403-249-0423, ext. 105, as soon as possible. See you there!



Feed the Hungry

St. Michael's Catholic Community will be sponsoring Feed the Hungry on February 16, April 27, and June 15, 2025. Thank you to all who signed up for the February dinner. We now have enough volunteers for all roles on February 16! Please watch for sign-up sheets for April 27 in early April.



Women's Ministry Bible Study

A seven-week bible study, called "*The Sorrowful Mysteries*" by *Paradisus Dei*, will be offered by the Women's Ministry on Wednesdays beginning February 19 to April 9, 2025 (no session on March 5). In-person sessions will be from 9:30am-12:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room or Zoom sessions from 7:00-9:00pm. Please register at womensministry@saintmichael.ca.



Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Please join IWIN in a Red Sand Prayer Service to bring awareness and to pray for survivors of human trafficking. Prayer service will take place outside the main doors of St. Michael's following each Mass the weekend of February 22 and 23, 2025.



A Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00pm in the Day Chapel for World Day of the Sick. Anointing of the Sick will be administered for those who are sick and those who feel the need for healing.

Art Walk 2025

We invite artists and photographers from beginners to professionals to register to showcase their works at the upcoming Art Walk 2025 on March 8 & 9, 2025. The cut off date to register is February 23, 2025. For more information, go on line to <https://saintmichael.ca/events/> or pick up a form in the Narthex after Mass.

Lenten Healing Retreat

March 25 and March 26 - 7:00pm-8:45pm:

Holy Mass / Talk / Adoration

March 27 - 7:00pm-10:00pm:

Healing Mass / Adoration / Healing Service

This retreat brings life's struggles to the source of all healing through Jesus to be transformed by His grace. *"I Thirst" (John 19:28)* is a Lenten Healing Retreat presented by Shalom Media Ministry in association with St. Michael Catholic Community. The retreat offers a unique opportunity for the faithful, thirsting for divine intimacy, to gather and seek healing of mind, body, and soul, led by Fr. Roy Palatty, a gifted priest and world-renowned speaker. Fr. Palatty will lead you in Holy Mass, a spiritual talk, silent reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and special prayers. A Healing Mass/Service and Blessings for the sick will also be offered at this faith-filled, life-changing event. For more information, please visit the website:

www.saintmichael.ca

Pastoral Council

Highlights of our last meeting: * The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry hopes to expand Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Michael. * The Parish Renewal Team is looking forward to sharing highlights of the renewal survey. * Watch for a "Tap to Give" machine soon to be installed in the Narthex. Meeting minutes from January 28 will be available on the website after our next meeting on February 25, 2025. 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 last or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-November-26-2024-Bulletin.pdf>

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00pm in the Theater.

Altar Server Party

There will be a pizza celebration for those serving with the Altar Server Ministry on Friday, February 21 at 7:00pm in the Narthex.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

ASSISTANCE: contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. 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: contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca.

Week-at-a-Glance (February 9-15, 2025) :

Sunday:

- Children's Liturgy: Guardian Angel Room, Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am
- Coffee Connection: After 9am and 11am Mass
- Altar Serving Training: Sanctuary 12:00-2:00pm

Monday:

- Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesday:

- CWL Meeting: Cancelled
- Rosary Group: Cancelled
- Healing Mass (World Day of the Sick): 6:00pm
- Grief - Share Program: Rooms 143 & 144, 7:00pm
- RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday:

- Men's Ministry: Theatre, 6:00-7:30am
- Coffee Connection: After 9am Mass
- Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room, 9:30am-12:00pm

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Sr. Citizen's Valentines Social: Narthex 11:00-1:00pm

Saturday:

- No events.

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](#)



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, February 8:

5 pm: Lito Bautista † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, February 9:

9 am: Godsfavor Ohiokhai † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Carmelina Labrador Vitelli † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, February 11 (Healing Mass):

6 pm: Sheila Clapham † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, February 12:

9 am: Tomasa Hidalgo † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, February 13:

9 am: Michael Ball † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, February 14:

9 am: Int. Marlene Mudry (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, February 15:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, February 16:

9 am: Peter & Maria Phan † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Dorothy Weinmeyer † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

*If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one,
please email the office with your request,
noting consent.*

Lenore Youngberg, Susan Neri, Leo Pelletier, Elizabeth Myers, Maddy Azalea, Allison Gervais, Maria Duri, Pietro Duri Jr., Peitro Duri Sr., Rosa Duri, Talia Duri, Nenite Mirales, Gioia Ceccarini, Helen Gal, Pat Burchnell, Anne Arendt, Cyril Boudreau, Frank Swacha

For the Souls Of:

Vittorino Di Biase

Funeral:

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

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.

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.

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**.

Gifts to the Parish

	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$98,134	\$215,611	\$107,778
Other Income	\$20,264	\$52,803	\$11,865
Operating Costs	\$101,152	\$139,917	\$118,929
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$17,246	\$128,497	\$714
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$12,952	\$131,594	\$112,737
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,396,751	\$3,373,171	\$3,349,592
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$60,507	\$121,243	\$49,900
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Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$30,587	\$4,868	\$8,462
Christmas Hamper (before expenses)		\$67,255	