



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday: Thurs. April 17 | Mass 7:00pm | Adoration 8:00pm - 12:00am

Good Friday: Fri. April 18 | Services 12:00pm and 3:00pm

Easter Vigil: Sat. April 19 | Mass 9:00pm

Easter Sunday: Sun. April 20 | Masses 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm

Dawn After Darkness

Christ's resurrection is reckoned as happening on early Sunday morning. The narrative of the Easter event emphasizes dawning: dispelling the darkness, clearing up a sad misunderstanding with a joyous realization. A dawning after darkness: a new day, a new week, a new era, a new life.

Being raised to life in Christ, our thoughts and aspirations are meant to express this new life. The direction of Christian life is an onward and upward course. Retrogression or stagnation is not compatible with this new life. *"If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above... set your minds on things that are above..." (Col 3:1-4)*

Easter is living life on a higher level. It is constantly lifting our minds to the mind of our Savior, giving us a power that sublimates the weaknesses of our human nature. It is a capacity to see beyond the boredom and the routine of our ordinary lives.

Easter is a personal movement towards a living experience of Christ's resurrection. It is embracing our crosses as glorious crosses. It is granting forgiveness to those who are difficult or almost impossible to forgive. It is loving our loved ones during moments of being unlovable. It is not regretting the past, but growing and living for the future and the present.

It is the power of Christ's resurrection which gives us the divine capacity to forgive, to look beyond the petty idiosyncrasies of our flawed relationships, to see the face of the Risen Christ in His unlovable likeness in the human flesh.

It is experiencing the joy of unselfishly giving oneself to a project or cause. It is deciding to do something that has to be done, even when we do not feel like doing it. It is willingly surrendering our power to decide to do God's will in our lives. Easter is joyfully facing our problems and difficulties with the faith that the Lord does not give us problems and difficulties which we cannot bear.

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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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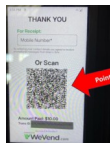
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Healing Lines...



Lord Jesus Christ, You told the women of Jerusalem not to weep for You but to weep for themselves. Be with women who suffer violence in their homes, as they weep for their children caught up in the violence. Be with the women who live in domestic violence, who have learnt not to weep for their own pains, who have suffered so long they are numb. Strengthen your Church in Her care and support all who are in pain. Help us to be sensitive and caring for You, our Lord, who suffers and serves.

Now available... at the right side of the Sanctuary Entrance, you can now simply tap your bank card or device to give your desired contribution for the Church's maintenance and programs. The **Tap and Give** device prompts you to provide a mobile number for a text receipt and/or a QR code. If you require a tax receipt at year's end, we need copies of your receipts and the last four (4) digits of the card(s) used. As a standard practice, tap machines do not access any personal information, except the last four (4) digits of the bank card.



Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

APRIL 12/13 PALM SUNDAY AND APRIL 19/20 EASTER WEEKEND
PARISH CONSECRATION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

The Fr. Jonathan Meyer video will NOT be shown prior to Mass these two weekends and consecration preparation readings will be paused and restarted on April 26/27. Our focus during this time will be on the Passion of Christ in this Holy Week. As we walk through His Passion may we remember He is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. St. Faustina wrote, *"You wanted to stay with us, and so You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and You opened wide Your mercy to us. You opened an inexhaustible spring of mercy for us, giving us Your dearest possession, the Blood and Water, that gushed forth from Your Heart."* Sit with Him awhile and sooth His suffering as He has gone to the Cross to pour out His mercy. The Tabernacle is available for prayer Monday - Sunday, 8:00am-8:00pm. Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Eucharistic Adoration

During Lent, starting March 5, the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry (EAM) will be silently adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel without Exposition weekly on Fridays from 10:00am-6:00pm and 7:00pm-8:00pm. We will break for one hour from 6:00-7:00pm for Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross. We are inviting all parishioners to join us and sign up during these Fridays to start promoting this beautiful and blessed practice to all our St. Michael Community. We are looking to have a minimum of four people adoring the Lord in every hour. Drop-ins are also welcome! Please use the following link to book your time: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48A8A72EA0FD0-55186481-march#/>



Tuesday Rosary Prayer Group

Starting April 1, the Tuesday evening rosary group will start at 5:20pm before Mass with the Divine Mercy prayer, followed with the recitation of the rosary.

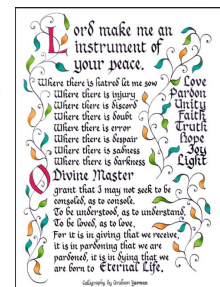
Good Friday Collection



The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to www.commissariat.ca and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

Relic of St. Francis

St Francis of Assisi, Confessor, is with our community in relic form until June 30. Described as second class and *ex cingulo* (of the girdle), the relic reminds us of the saint's renewal efforts during his time as we journey towards our own parish renewal. The relic will be present at all Masses on Easter Sunday (9am, 11am & 5pm) and available for veneration after. Masses for St. Francis are scheduled in the Day Chapel on April 23, May 21, and June 25 at 6:00pm, followed by a Holy Hour. A reception follows at 7:30pm. Starting immediately, we encourage our families and parishioners to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be and the Prayer of St. Francis for the intention of our parish renewal.



Together in Action (TIA)

TOGETHER in ACTION 2025

Launched this Season of Lent, is the Diocese of Calgary's annual campaign to support key ministries, partner organizations, and agencies. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, we give as we *"rejoice in hope, patient in suffering, persevering in prayer."* (Romans 12:12) The 2025 Together in Action campaign seeks to raise funds for essential initiatives, including care for retired priests, hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care, diocesan ministries, and the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This year's goal is \$121,243 which is the same as the previous few years. Thanks to your generosity, we reached the target amount last year. **All surplus funds this year will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us for a Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 27. It will begin with Reconciliation from 1:15-2:00pm, followed by a Service and Holy Hour from 2:00-3:00pm, with a reception to follow. Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Divine mercy praises; Homily; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Adoration/Meditation; and Benediction. Please note that incense will be used during the celebration. All are welcome!

Fr. Edmund @46!

Come and celebrate with our community on Friday, April 25 as Fr. Edmund continues to share God's gift of priesthood with us. Eucharist (Mass) is at 6:00pm, followed by fellowship (reception). If staying for the reception, please RSVP to efvar-gas@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, April 26, 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: May 10 & June 14.



Elizabeth House



Elizabeth House is a transitional home that serves as a sanctuary and community for pregnant women and mothers experiencing housing instability. Our shared housing is located in inner city Calgary and offers 24/7 support. For 28 years, Elizabeth House has worked in support of women's personal and parenting goals, lifelong resilience, leadership, and self-confidence. Regardless of where a woman is from, her age or faith, all are welcome. At the Masses on April 27, volunteers from Elizabeth House will be promoting the upcoming Blooms and Blossoms Fundraising Dinner. Please stop by after Mass to ask questions or purchase tickets!

Women's Ministry



"The Glorious Mysteries", a 7 week study bible study by Paradisus Dei, will be offered from April 30-June 11. In person sessions will be on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm at and ZOOM sessions will be on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Please register at womensministry@saintmichael.ca.

SMCC Vacation Bible Camp 2025



"TRUE NORTH" Online Registration is now open! Online registration is required ASAP. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to register your family. Questions? Please contact our Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Mrs. Caroline Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 105.

The Divine Mercy Novena



Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray a Novena to the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and ending on the following Sunday (The Feast of Divine Mercy). "On each day of the novena, you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy". The Divine Mercy Novena is available at St. Michael's website.

Parish Renewal



On March 29, our ministry leaders and Parish Renewal Team gathered for our Parish Renewal Planning Day, a grace-filled time of prayer, discussion, and discernment. Through the Holy Spirit's guidance, we reflected on the path ahead and identified key areas to grow as a parish community. This is just the beginning - our renewal journey continues! The next step is developing an initial draft of our Parish Renewal Plan, incorporating the insights and discernment from this gathering. We invite you to continue praying for this process as we move forward. *Parish Renewal Survey Results and Team Update* are available in the Narthex and by the Day Chapel. Thank you for walking this journey with us!

Beloved Daughter's Conference

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their third annual women's conference entitled, "Come and Stay: Relationships Rooted in Love". The conference will be held from May 9-10, 2025 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Debbie and Rachel Herbeck. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com



Register Here

45th Annual Hike For Life



Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park on Saturday, May 10, 2025. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to St. Michael's Catholic Community (on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin) or any other team member from now until June 30. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life programs. St. Michael's CWL will be collecting pledges on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Kelvin in the narthex after all Masses on May 3 and 4 or you can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WyRKA>

Coffee Mugs for Visitors & Newcomers



Coffee mugs (in black & tangerine) are now available for use by visitors, newcomers, or those who want to meet others during our coffee receptions after the 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday Masses. The Coffee Ministry will take care of this. The newly introduced bistro tables are also designed to encourage more conversations and interaction among our membership.

Pastoral Council



We hope that you are having a holy and blessed Lent, in preparation for Easter. Pastoral Council met one week earlier than usual in anticipation of the Shalom Lenten Retreat. Highlights of Tuesday's meeting: * St. Francis of Assisi will be with SMCC in relic form until June 30! The relic will be present at all Masses on Easter Sunday, and available for veneration after each Mass. * Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, April 27, from 2:30-3:30pm. More details to come. The meeting in April is cancelled as it falls in Easter Week. Our next meeting will be on May 27. 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 February, or any past meeting, please go to: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-January-28-2025-Bulletin.pdf>

Pilgrimage to Rome 2025



The deadline for registration for the Holy Pilgrimage with Fr. Edmund to Rome on November 19-27 this Jubilee Year is May 20, 2025. Bookings after this date will not be guaranteed with the original rates, including flights. To book, please follow this link at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218>. For more details, contact Fr Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca or (403) 8742015.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



NEED 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. ANNUAL REPORT 2024: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>

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](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Apr. 19 - Sun. Apr. 27, 2025):



Saturday April 19:

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:45pm

Easter Vigil: Mass 9:00pm

Sunday April 20:

Easter Sunday: Masses 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Cancelled: Children's Liturgy

Cancelled: Coffee Connection

Monday April 21:

Easter Monday: Office Closed

Cancelled: Bible Study

Tuesday April 22:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Cancelled: RCIA

SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00pm

Wednesday April 23:

Men's Ministry: Theatre, 6:00-7:30am

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass

Cancelled: Women's Ministry

Mass for St. Francis of Assisi: Day Chapel, 6:00pm

Holy Hour for St. Francis of Assisi: Day Chapel, 6:30-7:30pm

Reception for St. Francis of Assisi: Narthex, 7:30pm

Thursday April 24:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Friday April 25:

Fr. Edmund 46th Anniversary: Mass 6:00pm, Reception to Follow

Saturday April 26:

Face-to-Face Youth Night with Pizza Gr. 6-8: 6:30-8:30pm

Sunday April 27:

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Divine Mercy Service & Holy Hour: Sanctuary 2:00-3:00pm,

Divine Mercy Reception to Follow

Mass Intentions:

Mass Intentions are booked in person at the office.

Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to accommodate urgent pastoral needs.

Saturday, April 19:

9 pm: Ruth Roach †

(Fr. Edmund Celebrant, Fr. Kelvin Concelebrant)

Sunday, April 20:

9 am: Eleno Laga † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Alvaro Fernandez † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, April 22:

6 pm: Emeliana Laga † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, April 23:

9 am: Gary Shiels † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, April 24:

9 am: Intentions Tom & Bernie Domagala (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, April 25:

9 am: Intentions Lilibeth Jamila (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, April 26:

5 pm: Giovanni Papaiani † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, April 27:

9 am: Ryan Gerald Smith † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: James Esch † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Scot C. Smith, Rina VandeGeer, Sylvester Joseph, Duri Family, Helen Gal, Lenore Youngberg, Elizabeth DeCoste, Alice Flamand, Carlos Jensen, Martha Gonzalez, Maria Rubi de Vera, Peter C., Yvon Arseneault, Maria Riza Gardoce, Stella Knorr, Justin Hewitt

For the Souls Of:

None.

Funeral:

None.

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

Eternal Springs Columbarium:

For pricing or more information, please email: columbarium@saintmichael.ca.

E-Transfer:

Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: isupport@saintmichael.ca.

Text to Donate:

To set up your account, text **give** to **833-768-0514** and follow the prompt.

Sexual Abuse in the Church:

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

	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$107,778	\$81,129	\$93,127
Other Income	\$11,865	\$29,904	\$12,526
Operating Costs	\$118,929	\$126,188	\$122,740
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$714	(\$15,155)	(\$17,087)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$112,737	\$12,382	\$19,888
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,349,592	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$49,900	\$52,238	\$58,525
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	41%	43.1%	48%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$8,462	\$1,103	\$2,320