



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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May 18, 2025: 5th Sunday of Easter

We have a Pope!

Pope Leo XIV



Pray for Pope Leo XIV,
our Holy Father

May the Lord preserve him, grant
him life, and bless him upon the
earth. May he serve with wisdom,
humility, and love.

Our Father..
Hail Mary..



*We have a Pope! American born
Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost
has been elected as the 267th
Roman Pontiff, taking the name
Pope Leo XIV. Please join us in
praying for our new Holy Father.*

<https://www.catholiccy.ca/blog/habemus-papam>

Keep working on love....

A key character in Richard Bach's *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* is Jonathan's teacher, Chiang. When the day comes for Chiang to say goodbye to his young student, Jonathan knows it is a special moment. He wonders what parting advice his old teacher will give him. Chiang utters it in just five words: "*Jonathan, keep working on love.*" It is this same parting advice that Jesus gave to His own disciples: "*Keep working on love...*"

Indeed, Christ's example of love and sacrifice invites us to love beyond ourselves. It is this kind of selfless and unconditional love which Christ has shown us that conquers sin and even death itself. With this kind of love, death is transformed from the taking away of life into a voluntary return of the gift of life to the Giver of life.

Love reaches the eternal level when it goes beyond ourselves, when we are able to love others more than ourselves. It is this kind of love that makes our human relationships last, transforming them to eternity. This kind of love outlives death, defeating death's power over us. Unconditional and selfless love is the real measure of Christian life. His kind of love is the reason for the resurrection.

Our love for one another has to be filled with the love that inspires the Eucharist, the living memorial of Christ's love for us. This re-enactment of Christ's sacrifice in Calvary, which is the ultimate expression of His self-giving, inspires and powers us to love as He does. The love Christ has left as a legacy is the greatest of God's gifts. When we learn to love as Christ loves, we learn to believe and hope without seeing. St. Augustine declares in one of his writings: "*He (Christ) disappeared before our eyes, that we might find Him in our hearts.*"

During this Easter season, let us continue to discover the love that Christ has placed in our hearts. This is the season for our hearts to memorize the example of Christ's love.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

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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Healing Lines...

"I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Let your love show as you refuse to accept violence in yours and others' relationships. Seek help if you are experiencing violence and abuse. God wants only love in our lives.



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

DAY 14 MARY: THE POWER OF YES

"Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5 Say "yes" to God in everything." Please read Day 14 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 14 Who Is With You?](#) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7>



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a continuation of the worship of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Holy Mass. Extended Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on May 2 following the morning Mass at 9:30am. At 10:30am Jesus will be moved into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Exposition will continue until 8:00pm. Please sign up for an Adoration time slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/stmichaelsadoration>.



Hospitality Team

The Saturday Hospitality Team needs 3 more people to join us. The time commitment is once every three weeks. Hospitality is a great way to meet people in our parish. It's a fun, laid back ministry and training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.



45th Annual Hike For Life

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. You can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WyRKA>



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 weekend Masses Saturday (5pm) and Sunday (9am, 11am & 5pm) and available for veneration after. Masses for St. Francis are scheduled in the Day Chapel on 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 2025

Together in Action (TIA)

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.



Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV

There will be a Mass for Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday, May 21 at 5:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Bishop McGrattan. All are welcome as we unite in prayer and thanksgiving for our Holy Father.



St. Michael's Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV

There will be a Mass for Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Community in the Sanctuary. All are welcome as we unite in prayer and thanksgiving for our Holy Father.



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

The Youth Night, with Face-to-Face Ministries, previously scheduled for Sat. May 17 is rescheduled for Sat. May 24. The Youth Night is for Grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Last youth night will be June 1.

Volunteering

At times, determining where we fit in to our parish and whether we want a more active role can be a difficult exercise. Each of us has gifts that sometimes lie undiscovered. During our time of questioning, we turn to the Holy Spirit to motivate, direct, and inspire us in a way that allows us to harmoniously join together to do the Church's work effectively. By recognizing and sharing our gifts in ministry, we can create a welcoming culture for everyone. At St. Michael's we have several ministries that could be strengthened by your involvement. If you want to help but are unsure how or where to start, we'd like to get to know you. Contact Marvin (volunteer coordinator) at: mmatthews@saintmichael.ca



Relic of St. Faustina

A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00am to solemnly expose the newly acquired second class relic of St. Faustina Kowalska from Poland for public veneration at our Church. The reliquary will be permanently placed next to the Divine Mercy image in the Day Chapel. There will be a reception following the Mass. All are welcome!



Christians of the Holy Land

A wonderful display will be available for sale after all weekend Masses on May 24 and 25, 2025 in the Mezzanine (closed during Mass). All the goods come from the Holy Land, and more specifically, hand carved by local Catholics there. This is a great way to support the tiny Catholic community residing in Bethlehem. (This event has been rescheduled from the previous weekend of May 3 and 4, 2025)

Potluck Sunday

The next Potluck Sunday for St. Michael Community will be on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 6:00pm. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert ready to serve. This will be the last one until fall.



40 Hours for Vocations

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, June 6 at 3:00pm until Sunday, June 8 at 8:00am (note: there will be no Adoration during the 5:00pm Saturday Mass). To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-56772726-40hours>



Vocations Rally

The entire Diocese of Calgary is invited to join us for our second annual Vocations Rally here at St. Michael's on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 from 11:00am-4:30pm. The Vocations Rally begins with the 11:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop McGrattan, followed by lunch, speakers, a panel, and much more! Admission and lunch are free, but registration is required. Please register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJPWuH5miVCyP-U1jg75Js1GB1pddadUeKJoyJEwZTm55eQ/viewform>

Feed The Hungry

St. Michael's parish will be supporting Feed the Hungry on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Volunteering is a beautiful way to express our care and concern for the less fortunate among us simply by helping to serve a hot, delicious, catered meal. Volunteers are needed for many roles. If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex starting next Sunday, May 25 after the 5:00pm Mass or contact the office at 403-249-0423.

Pastoral Council

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>



Parish Renewal

Our renewal journey continues! We are excited to share that the first draft of our Parish Renewal Plan is in progress, incorporating the insights and discernments gathered from the past year, including from the parish survey results and at the Parish Renewal Planning Day. We invite you to continue praying for this process as we move forward. Parish Renewal Survey Results and Team Update are available by the Day Chapel. Thank you for walking this journey with us!



Vacation Bible Camp 2025: "True North"

ONLINE REGISTRATION is now closed for Pre-Kindergarten (3 & 4 yrs) and Kindergarten (5 & 6 yrs) campers. We are completely full with zero spots available. Sorry for the inconvenience. The camp is run by parent-volunteers. Thank you for your understanding. See you next time! GENERAL ONLINE REGISTRATION is currently open for Grade 1-6, Grade 7-9, and Grade 10-12. This registration closes at 12:00pm noon on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Please register online ASAP to avoid disappointment: <https://forms.gle/2DCjiZcKPQDs68Vu7>. Thanks everyone!



Pilgrimage to Rome 2025

The 2025 Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr. Edmund will also be a perfect opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV in a public audience. If you are interested, please go to <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1241218> by May 20 to avail of the remaining seven (7) spaces. After May 20, all bookings will be subject availability of flights and other travel reservations.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

NEED ASSISTANCE? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 825-417-1720. 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. May 17- Mon. May 26, 2025):**Saturday, May 17:**

Confirmation: Sanctuary, 1:00pm

Sunday, May 18:

CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy

CANCELLED: Coffee Connection

Monday, May 19:

Victoria Day: Office Closed

CANCELLED: Bible Study

Tuesday, May 20:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

RCIA: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, May 21:

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

Coffee Connection: After 9:00am Mass

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room & Theater, 9:30am

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, May 22:

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Friday, May 23:

Eucharistic Adoration: Day Chapel 9:30-10:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:30am-8:00pm

Saturday, May 24:

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

Christians of the Holy Land Display/Sale: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses

Sunday, May 25:

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

Christians of the Holy Land Display/Sale: Mezzanine, after all weekend Masses

Monday, May 26:

Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:00-9:00pm

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

**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, May 17:**

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, May 18:

9 am: Bill Tapuska † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Intentions Fajardo/Carrera Families (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, May 20:

6 pm: Intentions Jennie Parinas Bauer (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, May 21:

9 am: Ma Estrella Villablanca † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, May 22:

9 am: Pietro Gagliardi † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, May 23:

9 am: Carlo & Maria Romano † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, May 24:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 25:

9 am: Intentions Patrick & Bailey Aisenkhalaye (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Rory Mathiesen † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:*Please contact the office with your request.*

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

For the Souls Of:

Harth Rees Maturino

Funeral:

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 1:00pm Sanctuary

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

	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
<u>General Collections</u> Collections	\$81,129	\$93,127	\$125,860
Other Income	\$29,904	\$12,526	\$81,225
Operating Costs	\$126,188	\$122,740	\$147,862
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$15,155)	(\$17,087)	\$59,223
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$12,382	\$19,888	\$11,304
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,324,682	\$3,300,859	\$3,276,596
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$52,238	\$58,525	\$64,620
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	43.1%	48%	53%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,103	\$2,320	\$1,898