



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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September 28, 2025: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lazaruses at our Gates

In the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, Jesus names the poor man but He does not give any to the rich man. We, people, usually give particular attention to those who are rich and famous but not to those who are poor. In society pages of publications, we carefully note the names of hockey players, actors and actresses, or politicians who attended functions but not really pay any attention to waiters or waitresses or those others in the background who apparently do not count. The problem with the rich man (traditionally referred to as *Dives*, meaning *rich* in Latin) was not his wealth, but his indifference to Lazarus and his misery. The rich man just did not care.

The parable applies to us on the individual as well as on the social level.

As individuals, we may not be financially rich, but we are all rich (that is, gifted) in something like intelligence, health, good looks, education, career, or friends. Daily, we encounter people who are far less gifted in one of these aspects. We sometimes tend to look down or be indifferent to those who are not very bright, uneducated, ugly, or unpopular. We sometimes are not keen to smile or greet beggars or servers or janitors. Let us be more aware and conscious of those Lazaruses at our gates, so to speak. How attentive are we to the Lazaruses in our lives? Those who just want a 'scrap' of our time, treasure, or attention?

On the social level, we often hear or read about the phenomenon of the growing gap between the rich and the poor. This is true in our society's classes as well as in our community of countries in the world. As a society, we have to do whatever it takes to reverse this trend. This is against the will of God in our world which He has created for all peoples. This growing disparity is also contributory to social unrest, conflicts, and terrorism. Peace is rooted in justice and in the equitable sharing of the world's resources.

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Healing Lines

September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day remembers the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom, and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. On September 30, we are encouraged to wear orange to honor the thousands of Survivors of residential schools. As Jesus said, *"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of Me. For whoever is not against us, is for us."* When we stand in truth, reconciliation and love we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

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 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 8:00 pm

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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St. Michael's Feast Day

In celebration of the Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, we have a special Mass on Monday, September 29 at 6:00pm, followed by a reception. Please RSVP to the attached form for the food reception numbers. A Blessed Michaelmas! <https://forms.gle/ZPA5sAYgaDupvAvT7>



A Eucharist Series

A Eucharistic series is scheduled on three consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 18, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2, starting with a Mass at 6pm at the Day Chapel, followed by a presentation on the following themes: Eucharist as Sacrifice, Eucharist as Communion, and Eucharist as Presence. Fr Edmund is our facilitator, who holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1980) and Master of Arts in Higher Religious Studies (1980) from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Manila. All evenings culminate with a Q&A forum and a reception.



Contribution Envelopes

We have several 2025 envelope boxes that have not been picked up. Please pick up your envelope box before October 31, 2025. If you do not pick up, your box number will be re-assigned. Please ensure you are only using the envelope box for the current year. We have reduced envelope boxes over the last several years which has resulted in changing of envelope numbers.



Children's Sacraments

Registration for all children's Sacraments are now open! If you would like more information, or would like to register your children for Baptism, First Reconciliation/ First Communion, or Confirmation, please visit the Sacrament section of our website.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com to learn more about RCIA.



RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA began on Tuesday, September 9 at St. Michael's, and we are looking for Sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates. In order to be a Sponsor, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. If married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors are asked to attend sessions every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and accompany their candidate to Mass on Sundays. If you feel called to be a Sponsor, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com.



Catholic Women's League Book Sale

St. Michael's CWL would like to extend a huge thank you to all who donated items, made donations, and supported our sale. Your support is greatly appreciated as it will enable us to continue serving our parish and local charities.

Daily Mass Cancellations

Daily Mass will be cancelled on Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8 due to priest study days.



St Lawrence Ruiz

He will be honored on his feast day, Sunday, September 28, at the 11am Mass. A statue of the first Filipino saint will be present during the Mass.



Altar Server Training

There will be an altar server training session on Sunday, September 28 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Sanctuary.



Parish Renewal Plan Launch - Save the date!

Mark your calendars! On the weekend of October 4-5, we will celebrate the official launch of our Parish Renewal Plan. This will be a time for thanksgiving and prayer as we begin implementing the vision and mission of our renewal journey. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Parish Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist

DAY 33 TOTALLY YOURS: "Amazing things become possible when we place ourselves in the Master's hands..." Please read Day 33 in your *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* book. Here is a reflection by Fr. Jonathan Meyer: [Day 33 GIVE YOUR ALL](https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7) Any questions or comments click on this link: <https://forms.gle/XSxAXUPWACLHbdBr7> or go to [Eucharistic Adoration Ministry](#)



Eucharistic Consecration

Have you been preparing for Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist? Our parish consecration will occur at all Masses on the weekend of September 27 & 28. To assist with planning, please use the link to RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenYF2lp24WC4Co8T6H5loMY5qqfbL0aplp0zPi260-E-U5PQ/viewform?usp=dialog>



Children's Liturgy of the Word 2025/2026

Thank you for being a vital part of SMCC at large! A heartfelt thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer for their shifts to serve during Mass, and to those who have already registered their children (Kindergarten to Grade 3) for Children's Liturgy of the Word 2025-2026. Beginning Sunday, October 19, 2025, Children's Liturgy of the Word Session "A" 8:30am will resume as requested. If you haven't already done so, please register your child online [HERE](#). Questions? Concerns? Please contact the Children's Liturgy Coordinator (Mrs. Dixon) at cdixon@saintmichael.ca. We are still in need of **ADULT/ PARENT VOLUNTEERS** for both sessions of Children's Liturgy of the Word (Session "A" 8:30am and Session "B" 10:30am). Parents/Adults - please continue to sign up for your shift (and/or for your YOUTH VOLUNTEER Gr. 7 to 12) in the "Guardian Angels Room" (weekly) as needed [HERE](#). Are you a NEW, or prospective Kids Kingdom Volunteer? Welcome to the team! Please contact our Volunteer Screening Coordinator Gladys Doh at gldoh@saintmichael.ca regarding any volunteer requirements (i.e. forms, training modules, protocols & procedures) ASAP. On behalf of the children, we sincerely *Thank You* in advance for your offering of time, prayers, and care in *caritas*.



Blessing of Pets

All are invited to bring your pet(s) for a blessing on Saturday, October 4 at 12:00pm noon outside the Church's main entrance in honor of St. Francis' Feast Day. To ensure their safety, please make sure your pets are leashed.



Monday Bible Study (New Start Date: Mon. Oct. 6)



In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life" bible study will be drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - where you will learn how to grow in wisdom and experience the joy it brings to life. It will begin on October 6 with 8 in-person sessions in the St. Nicholas Room at 7:00pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter, abitter@telus.net

Celebrating 140 Years of Catholic Education



This year we mark 140 years of Catholic education in Calgary. Our schools have been places where faith and learning come together—helping students grow in wisdom, compassion, and hope. Catholic Education Sunday is the weekend of Oct. 18 and 19, and is a time to give thanks for this gift and to pray for the future of Catholic education. Together, let us remain anchored in Christ, our beacon of hope. For more information, please visit: <https://theccef.ca/fundraisers/catholic-education-sunday/>

October: the Month of the Rosary



The Catholic Church dedicates October as the month of the Rosary when Catholics honour Mary as the mother of Jesus and our mother. We invite family and friends to pray the rosary during this special month for devotion to Blessed Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. At St. Michael Parish, please join us to pray the rosary: Weekdays at 8:20am: before daily Mass, and Tuesdays at 5:20pm: before evening Mass.

The Living Rosary



The Rosary Group and the CWL group would like to invite you to join us to pray the Living Rosary by candlelight on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30pm (after daily Mass). In a Living Rosary, each person stands in the place of a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer when it is their turn. Each person will be holding a torch candle and will light the candle when it is his or her turn. We will be in a circle shaped like a rosary. Please feel free to pray in your own language when it is your turn. We look forward to you to joining us and to pray the rosary together as a parish. Light refreshments will follow provided by the CWL group.

Saturday Night Lights

Youths in grades 7-12 are invited to an evening of music, food, friendships, and talks hosted by Access 52. Dates for the evenings are October 25, November 29, January 10, February 14, and April 25. This is a free event. You may register by scanning the QR Code or visiting the website <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-night-lights-youth-group-october-25-tickets-1708730341449?>



Parish Pastoral Council



The Parish Pastoral Council is set to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 7:00pm at the St Michael's Room. The council is now composed of the following: Brina D'Souza, Claudia P. Dutoit, Michael Fitzimmons, Keefer Gibson, Deana Helton, Sean Thomas Kelly, Marilyn Nasse (chair), Ken McKinnon, Gabrielle Puhl, Margaret Tapuska (secretary) and Usaze Uwagboe. Michael McGee (Finance chair), Fr Edmund & Fr Kelvin are ex-officio. The council membership has been selected after due consultation and prayerful reflection.

40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign



40 Days for Life is a prayerful, respectful campaign that seeks to save babies from being killed in abortion. Sign up and be a loving, prayerful voice for the preborn babies who have no voice. St. Michael has two days to pray this campaign: Fri. Sept. 26 and Fri. Oct. 3. Our team will be there between the hours of 8am to 1pm each of those days. Please join us by signing up online at [40 Days for Life](https://www.40daysforlife.ca/). Signs are provided and you will not be alone. Call Karen at 403-870-7080.

2025 Worship Conference



There will be Worship Conference on October 3-4, 2025 at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's High School. Expected attendees are all liturgical ministers and those who are interested in liturgical ministry. Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the body of Christ. Please click on the following link: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/worshipconference.html> Registration deadline is Fri. Sept. 24, 2025.

Parish Library Donations



The parish library is unable to accept any further donations at this time. Also, please note that we cannot accept donations of textbooks, CDs, DVDs, magazines, pamphlets, or any materials from other languages, or books written by non-Catholic authors. Should you require any further information, please contact Joan Dvorak at 403-286-4981.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



Special thank you to all parishioners for participating in our September Share Sunday food and funds drive! We were able to collect \$5,160 in donations and 120 bags of food to help support 70 families in need! 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: SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Annual Report: <https://www.ssvpstmichael.ca/annual-report-2024/>

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version):

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

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version):

[Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Sept. 27 - Sun. Oct. 5, 2025):

Saturday, September 27:

No events.

Sunday, September 28:

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

Children's Liturgy: Guardian Angel Room, 10:30am

Altar Server Training: Sanctuary 12:00-2:00pm

Monday, September 29:

St. Michael Feast Day: Mass Sanctuary 6:00pm, Reception to Follow.

Tuesday, September 30:

Office Closed for Truth and Reconciliation Day

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

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

Grief Share: Rooms 144 & 145, 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday, October 1:

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

Coffee Connection: after 9:00am Mass

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

Thursday, October 2:

Moms & Tots: St. Nicholas Room, 9:30-11:30am

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

Eucharistic Series #3: Day Chapel, Mass 6:00pm, Talk to Follow.

Friday, October 3:

No events.

Saturday, October 4:

Blessing of Pets: Outside Main Entrance, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Sunday, October 5:

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

Children's Liturgy: Guardian Angel Room, 10:30am

Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, after 5:00 pm Mass

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, September 27:

5 pm: Alessandro Bonvicini † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, September 28:

9 am: Intentions Joseph Vayalamukal (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: George Nwarache † (Fr. Kelvin)

Monday, September 29: St. Michael's Feast Day

6 pm: For the People of God at St. Michael's (Fr. Edmund & Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, September 30:

6 pm: Intentions Nwosu Family (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, October 1:

9 am: Troy Blaskin † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, October 2:

9 am: Raul Regis † (Fr. Kelvin)

6pm: Intentions of Sister Norberta Ruchala (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, October 3:

9 am: Dagmar Prochazkova † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, October 4:

5 pm: Christina Schuh † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, October 5:

9 am: David Rose † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Laval Alain Chu Moy Sang † (Fr. Edmund)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Harry Clark, Andrea Gonzalez, Elizabeth Slade, Leon Giroux, Luce Chandless, Elizabeth Chandless-Kane, Helen Gal, Annette L., Julian Park, Ernesto, Roberto Cantillo, Duri Family, Cyril Boudreau, Brenda Arseneault, Peter Ciavarella

For the Souls Of:

Funeral:

Sat. Oct. 4th, 10am, Sanctuary - Steve Komar

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

	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
<u>General Collections</u> Collections	\$101,987	\$122,203	\$87, 509
Other Income	\$55,409	\$42,890	\$20,917
Operating Costs	\$160,700	\$123,017	\$124,903
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$3,304)	\$42,076	(\$16,477)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$11,708	\$40,532	\$11,322
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,228,187	\$3,204,035	\$3,179,800
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$71,395	\$74,611	\$77,040
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	58%	61%	63%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,293	\$856.00	\$1056.00