



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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November 02, 2025: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Remembering our beloved dead....

With the whole Church, we celebrate today the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. We celebrate the love we have shared with our beloved dead, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We pause and reflect on our certain faith in the mystery of the Communion of Saints, that is, our interrelationship as the pilgrim church with those suffering in purgatory and those triumphant in heaven. We pause to offer our special prayers and sacrifices for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

When death comes so close to us, as in a family, we can feel more the emptiness and devastation that come with bereavement. Yet in our loss and bereavement, we discover God's presence in the sympathy and love our friends and family offer us in our time of need. We learn to appreciate more the real value of the gifts of faith, family, and friendship. We discover the value of sympathy and solidarity that make us go through our difficulties and challenges in life with more faith, more hope, and more love.

As we remember our loved ones, we offer our prayers for them. We are encouraged to show sympathy and support for our families in their time of bereavement, especially those families who are alone in coping with this difficulty and challenge. This is also part of the reason we have the columbarium established in our church. The columbarium opens up ministries around grief support, renewal of friendships in family relationships during the time of bereavement, perpetual care for the remains of our loved ones, and our continued prayers for our beloved dead, especially during the celebration of All Souls' Day and death anniversaries of our family and friends. We pledge that every gesture of affection and friendship we show to one another on behalf of our beloved dead becomes a sign of God's love for all of us. The legacy of love and friendship that our loved ones have left us should inspire and move us to live a life full of love and concern for one another.

The celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is Christ's own legacy of His self-sacrificing love for all of us. It is the celebration of the greatest love that this world has ever known through Christ's own offering of His life for the forgiveness of our own sins, including the sins of our loved ones who have gone before us.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

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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Healing Lines

November is the month of Family Violence Prevention. Research confirms the long-held assumption that family violence is as prevalent within religious/spiritually based communities as it is within the general population. Women of religious/spiritual communities often stay in abusive relationships longer. When they reach out to their spiritual leaders, they do not necessarily receive helpful counsel. "Many religious abuse victims want both the support and care of their faith communities and the skills and services that secular agencies can provide." Let us reach out to those who need our compassion and support, especially during this designated month.



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 to 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.



Seeds of the Word



The Seeds of the Word Community will be selling their baked and homemade goods in the Narthex after each of the Masses on the weekend of November 15 and 16. Our bread and cookies, as well as creations from our arts office, all made by the Seeds of the Word Community, will be available for sale. All proceeds will be used in order to help cover the cost of printing the 2026 Lectio Divina Compendium. Thank you for your generous support of our Community and its mission in spreading the Word of God!



Catholic Women's League

There will be a Memorial Service for Deceased CWL members on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00pm in the Day Chapel. Following the service, the St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have a general meeting in the St. Michael's Room. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

All Souls' Day

St. Michael's Eternal Springs Columbarium will be open for public prayer on All Souls' Day, Sunday, November 2 from 8am - 8pm.

Rescheduled

Altar Servers Mass with the Bishop: Sunday, November 23, 2025 (not November 2, 2025)



Altar Servers Recognition Mass

The Serra Club of Calgary is organizing a special Mass at St. Michael Catholic Community for all altar servers in the Diocese of Calgary. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary. Please note that the date has been changed from Sunday, November 2, 2025, to Sunday, November 23, 2025, due to a change in the bishop's schedule. Bishop McGrattan extends his apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. If you plan to attend, please register in advance. For more information, contact Hardy Del Castillo at 587-703-1585.



Elevator Upgrade

An elevator upgrade work will be underway for two weeks (November 10-21). The elevator will be taken out of service for the entire time. We apologize for the inconvenience... Those who are interested in supporting this special project (\$61,766.14 +tax) may contact the Office or Fr Edmund for details.



Fall Fundraiser



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 placed by Sunday, November 30 and can be picked up on Tuesday, December from 4:00-5:00 pm at St. Michael's Church. Please go to this link: [St. Michael's 2025 Fall Fundraiser – Fund Forward](#)

Elevation Youth Group (Gr. 4-6)

Youths in Grade 4-6 are invited to join our brand new youth group: *ELEVATION youth*! Join us on Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Nicholas room for devotions, snacks, games, faith, and fun! The program will start on November 7, with the final schedule coming out shortly, and will run until the spring. Pre-registration is required and capacity is dependent on volunteer availability. Register by scanning the QR code or by emailing youth@saintmichael.ca. All are welcome! We are also looking for volunteers to supervise activities, help with games, and provide a small snack for the group each week. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Gladys Doh gdoth@saintmichael.ca or our group leader Abigail Lewis at youth@saintmichael.ca.



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 gdoh@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*.

Pastoral Council



A Pastoral Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28. In keeping with an action item identified in the Parish Renewal Plan, the meeting started with *Conversation in the Spirit*, a prayerful reflection of the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Several agenda items were discussed, including ideas to start a youth program at SMCC, heating in the Sanctuary, and the upcoming Diocesan Advent Renewal Retreat on December 6. Full minutes will be published after Pastoral Council approval at our next meeting, scheduled for January 27, 2026.

Minutes from our September meeting can be found here: <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-September-30-2025-Bulletin.pdf>

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.

Potluck Sunday



Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. The next Potluck Sunday will be on November 2. 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. Come celebrate our community!

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 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?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

Christmas Hampers



Christmas Hamper Program: Mark your calendars! Saint Michael Catholic Community's annual *Christmas Hamper Assembly and Delivery Day* will be Monday, December 15. Watch for volunteer sign up in the Narthex after all Masses on the last two weekends of November. Questions? Email christ-mashampers@saintmichael.ca

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



Please support the SSVP Share Sunday Food Drive this month for families in need. Pick up shopping lists and donation envelopes after mass on Oct 18 & 19 and return grocery items and donations on Oct 25 & 26. Kindly note that we are not able to accept items past their best-by date, or donations of any non-grocery items. 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. Nov. 1, 2025 - Sun. Nov. 9, 2025):**Saturday, November 1: All Saints Day**

No event.

Sunday, November 2: All Souls Day

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am and 10:30am

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9:00am Mass & 11:00am Mass

Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, Kitchen, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Monday, November 3:

Bible Study: St. Nicholas' Room, 6:30pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, November 4:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm-5:50pm

CWL Memorial Service for Deceased Members: Day Chapel, 6:30pm

CWL Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 7:00pm

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

Wednesday, November 5:

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, after 9am Mass

Women's Ministry: St. Nicholas Room, 10:00am-12:00am

Thursday, November 6:

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

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

Friday, November 7:

Elevation Youth Group (Gr. 4-6): St. Nicholas Room, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday, November 8:

No event.

Sunday, November 9:

CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy: 8:30am and 10:30am

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9:00am Mass & 11:00am 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, November 1:**

5 pm: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, November 2:

9 am: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Kelvin)

11 am: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Edmund)

5 pm: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, November 4:

6 pm: Frank Aiello † (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, November 5:

9 am: Deceased Members of Durante Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, November 6:

9 am: Giovanni Straface † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, November 7:

9 am: Deceased Straface & Papaiani Family Members † (Fr. Kelvin)

Saturday, November 8:

5 pm: All Departed Souls † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, November 9:

9 am: Francois Harfouche † & Leah Rouhana † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Gabrielle Abuel † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

Leon Giroux, Elizabeth Chandless-Kane, Helen Gal, Annette L., Julian Park, Ernesto, Roberto Cantillo, Duri Family, Cyril Boudreau, Brenda Arseneault, Peter Ciavarella, Justin Hewitt, Lina C. Weber, Richard Edgington, Ada Kerpan.

For the Souls Of:

Humberto Marquez-Matinez.

Funeral:**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

	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$122,203	\$87,509	\$104,710
Other Income	\$42,890	\$20,917	\$15,356
Operating Costs	\$123,017	\$124,903	\$113,471
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$42,076	(\$16,477)	\$6,595
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$40,532	\$11,322	\$11,754
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,204,035	\$3,179,800	\$3,155,140
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$74,611	\$77,040	\$79,665
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	61%	63%	65%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$856.00	\$1056.00	\$1968