



# Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta  
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October 19 2025: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Faith is social

Jesus tells us the story about the persistent widow who was wholeheartedly adamant in approaching the judge again and again in seeking justice. The judge in the story was typical of the powerful, rich and influential corrupt public official. He had the money and connection to silence anybody. He feared no one. In the words of Jesus himself, he was not even afraid of God. But when the widow went to him again and again for justice, he gave up. He said: "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." Through this story, Jesus teaches us to persevere in prayer. We have to be persistent in prayer for a son or daughter or friend in trouble, for the grace to sustain the caring of a terminally ill member of the family or an aging parent, for peace and harmony in a family in conflict, for an end to violence in our homes and for justice in our world.

We have to pray always so that we end up living in a way that is consistent with our prayers. In truth, our life has to become a prayer, a daily offering to God. St. Augustine defines "praying without ceasing" as uninterrupted desire for God and as continuous right living, that is, prayer as life based on our faith relationship with God. This is the integration of our faith with the life we live. In Christian spirituality, there is no separation between our faith and our work, our faith and our family life or our faith and our social or political life. Everything is inspired by the wisdom of our faith.

Our social involvement is a requirement of living our faith. "Religion is always social, but never just a private affair. Discipleship involves seeking God in this world as well as preparing to meet him in the next. The Gospel imperative to love our neighbor entails not only the we should help those in need, but also address the causes of destitution and poverty. The deepening of spiritual life must go hand in hand with the practical concern for our neighbor, thus with social action..." (Bp Frederick Henry)

Our Christian faith places the socio-economic and political within the larger context of our relationship with God. Faith is not a mere appendix to our book of life. Our faith inspires our life in all its aspects, dimensions and levels. A life that is inspired by faith in its totality is a life of constant prayer, a perfect offering of oneself to our Creator and Savior.

Fr. Edmund, [fredmund@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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](http://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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## Anointing of the Sick:

Diocese of Calgary Call Center:  
403-231-9505

Alberta Children Hospital; Foothills Hospital;  
Peter Lougheed Hospital; Rockyview General  
Hospital; South Health Campus

### Healing Lines

Isolation is one of the main symptoms of violence and abuse against others. In order to control someone it is best to isolate them from truth and compassion. How do we isolate the seniors in our families and communities? Do we limit their contributions to our daily lives? Do we neglect their needs and feelings? Do we keep them separate from others by insisting they stay at home or not including them in our family and community activities? Do we put up barriers through language and abilities? Everyone has a choice to be who they are and to live a fulfilling life. Our seniors have contributed so much, whether in this country or in their birth country. Let us listen to God's voice and not harden our hearts against older family members and parishioners.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bryantdon40@gmail.com).



### World Mission Sunday | October 18 and 19, 2025

October 18 and 19 is the World Mission Sunday, and we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Your prayer and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and the training of priests in mission dioceses and throughout the world. Pray and Give Generously. You can donate to World Mission Sunday through our regular donations with a note that indicates it is for World Mission Sunday or [click here](#) to donate online.

### Office Closed

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - Pastoral Zone Meeting



### Rescheduled - One Time Only

Monday, October 20: Bible Study in Theater

Sunday, November 23, 2025 - Altar Servers Mass with the Bishop



### 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.



### 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 starting at 6:30pm in the St. Nicholas Room. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter, [abitter@telus.net](mailto:abitter@telus.net). *Please note: the bible study will be in the St. Nicholas Room for the classes, except for Monday, October 6 it will be in the St. Michael's Room and Monday, October 20 it will be in the Theater.*



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*.

### **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's Parish, please join us to pray the rosary: Weekdays at 8:20am before daily Mass, and Tuesdays at 5:20pm before evening Mass.



### **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.



### **Family Adoration**

Hour of Family Adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's will be on Saturday, October 25 at 10:00am-11:00am in the Sanctuary. All families, especially those with young children, are invited to come and adore Jesus in an atmosphere of welcome and openness to the lively spirit that children bring. Jesus said, "Let the little children come!"



### **Catholic Education Sunday...Postponed for Now**

Usually by now, if you live in Calgary and area, you would have seen our banners proclaiming Catholic Education Sunday across the city. Our schools would be preparing to read their testimonies of the gift of Catholic Education in our parishes at Sunday mass. Our school banners would be brought into the parishes to remind us all of this precious gift we have in Alberta that is constitutionally protected and must be defended. Catholic Education Sunday brings together our 120 publicly funded Catholic schools, 45 parish communities and our greater Catholic community of faith together to celebrate this gift. Sadly, our beautiful public acclamation of Catholic Education is postponed...for now.



In collaboration with his excellency Bishop McGrattan, the CCEF has postponed the 2nd collection at masses this weekend in the Diocese of Calgary due to the ongoing strike.

At this time, we invite you to pray the following prayer for our Catholic teachers and families.

### **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?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 [christmashampers@saintmichael.ca](mailto:christmashampers@saintmichael.ca)



### **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.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Oct. 18 - Sun. Oct. 26, 2025):****Saturday, October 18:**

SSVP Share Sunday

**Sunday, October 19:**

SSVP Share Sunday and World Mission Sunday

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

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am session added and 10:30am session continues

**Monday, October 20:**

2025 Municipal Voting Day: St. Nicholas Room

Bible Study: Main Floor Theater, 6:30pm-9:00pm

**Tuesday, October 21:**

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

Grief Share: Room 144 &amp; 145, 7:00pm-9:00pm

RCIA: Theater, 7:00-9:00pm

**Wednesday, October 22:**

Office Closed: Pastoral Zone Meeting

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, 9:30am-10:00am

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

**Thursday, October 23:**

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

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

Rome Pilgrimage Participants Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:00-8:00pm

**Friday, October 24:**

No events.

**Saturday, October 25:**

SSVP Share Sunday

Saturday Night Lights Gr.7-12: Sanctuary, 7:00pm

**Sunday, October 26:**

SSVP Share Sunday

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

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

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

**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, October 18:**

5 pm: Joseph Rodriguez † (Fr. Kelvin)

**Sunday, October 19:**

9 am: William DeSouza † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Fred Williams † (Fr. Edmund)

**Tuesday, October 21:**

6 pm: Int Delphine Beischel (Fr. Kelvin)

**Wednesday, October 22:**

9 am: Lito Bautista † (Fr. Kelvin)

**Thursday, October 23:**

9 am: Tomislav Hucman † (Fr. Edmund)

**Friday, October 24:**

9 am: Cesare Romano † (Fr. Edmund)

**Saturday, October 25:**

5 pm: Thomas Anthony Allan † (Fr. Kelvin)

**Sunday, October 26:**

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

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

5 pm: Evelyn Dorothy Matishak † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

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, Justin Hewitt, Lina C. Weber.

**For the Souls Of:**

Araceli Farinas

**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](mailto:columbarium@saintmichael.ca).**E-Transfer:**Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: [isupport@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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<br>2025 | August<br>2025 | September<br>2025 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>General Collections</u></b>          |              |                |                   |
| 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           |
| <b><u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u></b> |              |                |                   |
| Building Fund Collections                  | \$40,532     | \$11,322       | \$11,754          |
| <b><u>Current Loan Balance</u></b>         | \$3,204,035  | \$3,179,800    | \$3,155,140       |
| <b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u></b>     |              |                |                   |
| Together in Action<br>Year-to-Date         | \$74,611     | \$77,040       | \$79,665          |
| <b>% TIA Goal \$121,243.00</b>             | 61%          | 63%            | 65%               |
| Society St. Vincent de Paul<br>(monthly)   | \$856.00     | \$1056.00      | \$1968            |