



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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Calgary, Alberta
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October 26, 2025: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Post-Thanksgiving Reflection

Compassion and care for others surely prompt our own giving. Our giving can sometimes be colored by a need for recognition or affirmation. Contributing money to the Church or charitable works is important. We can also contribute our time and talent through our various volunteer opportunities. There are many ministries that are in need of willing hands and hearts to do God's work in our world. We can also be generous in sharing ourselves in simple ways: smiling or making an eye contact when interacting with others, as in sharing the Sign of Peace at Mass.

It is said that there are three types of givers: grudge givers, duty givers, and thanks givers. Grudge givers say, *"I hate to give."* Grudge givers give reluctantly and with a certain feeling of resentment. Duty givers say, *"I ought to give."* Duty givers also give reluctantly and with certain feeling of obligation. Thanks givers say, *"I want to give."* They give from the heart, without a feeling of resentment or obligation.

When St. Paul was addressing the Christians in Corinth about a special collection for the poor in Jerusalem, he wrote: *"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion"* (referring to the grudge and duty givers), *"for God loves a cheerful giver"* (referring now to thanks givers). Jesus refers to thanks givers when he asserts, *"Give and gifts will be given to you. Good measure, packed together, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap..."* (Luke 6:38) What counts in God's eyes is not the size of the gift but the size of the giver's heart. We always agree when we say about a gift we receive that it is not really the intrinsic value of the gift that counts, but rather the thought that inspired the gift.

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on our giving back to our community. There are many current needs we as a Church have to deal with... our elevator upgrade, topping up our *Together in Action (TIA)* target goal, Christmas Hampers, maintenance expenses and loan repayments, among others. Your year-end contributions actually make or break our annual bottom-line. And always remember that God is never outdone in generosity!

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

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:9-14) We may not be touched by abuse in our families, but we are affected by abuse daily. We see it portrayed in the media, we hear about the atrocities perpetrated on others through war, poverty and discrimination, and we witness it through the mistreatment of others around us. Let us humbly pray that we readily recognize signs of abuse and take action to stop it whenever we can. Let us offer protection and solace to those abused in our faith community and Church.



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 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.

Altar Server Training



The next Altar Server training session is on Sunday, October 26 after the 11:00am Mass in the Sanctuary. If you and your children are interested, please send an email to our volunteer coordinator, Gladys Doh, at gdoh@saintmichael.ca, request access to the Altar Server group on Flocknote, or just show up on the 26th. If you have any questions or concerns please email the program coordinator at altarservers@saintmichael.ca. Prepare for approximately 2 hours.

Rescheduled

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.



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 9 from 4:00-5:00 pm at St. Michael's Church. Please go to this link: [St. Michael's 2025 Fall Fundraiser – Fund Forward](#)

Monday Bible Study



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 at abitter@telus.net.

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.

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 6:30-8:30pm 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 gdoh@saintmichael.ca or our group leader Abigail Lewis at youth@saintmichael.ca.

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.



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 gdo@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*.

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>.



Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community will be on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. Our next gathering will be Sunday, November 2, 2025. 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!



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



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 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. Oct. 25 - Sun. Nov. 2, 2025):**Saturday, October 25:**

SSVP Share Sunday: collection of food donations

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

Sunday, October 26:

SSVP Share Sunday: collection of food donations

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

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

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

Monday, October 27:

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

Tuesday, October 28:

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

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

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

SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 29:

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

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

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

Thursday, October 30:

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

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

Friday, October 31:

No event.

Saturday, November 1:

No event.

Sunday, November 2:

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

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 25:**

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

Sunday, October 26:

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 28:

6 pm: Al Kostniuk † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, October 29:

9 am: Inge Wiesel † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, October 30:

9 am: All Saints † (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, October 31:

9 am: Chu Moy Sang Family † (Fr. Kelvin)

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)

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

Elizabeth Slade, 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, Julie Parinas

For the Souls Of:

Onelio Fraulin, Timothy Barbor

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