



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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November 23, 2025: Christ The King

His Kingdom Come!

The French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, classifies reality in three orders. These orders, according to their increasing importance and value, are: the order of *body* (which includes visible things, money, and politics), the order of *mind* (which includes knowledge, understanding, and artistic talent) and the order of *charity* (which includes love, wisdom, and grace). The second order is infinitely higher than the first one. The third order is infinitely superior to the two other orders.

Christ's kingship belongs more to the last order of charity. His kingdom was totally of a different order and reality. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to Pilate with a mastery and a majesty which suggest a complete transcendence over the power of Rome.

The greatness of Christ in chains dominates history and the universe. The reality of His kingship belongs to the highest order in the classification of Blaise Pascal. His kingship is that of love, wisdom, and grace. No kingdom has a power comparable to the power of love.

In many ways, our becoming church is all about building this kingdom of love, wisdom, and grace on this earth.

We endeavor to love as Christ loves. He is king, but He kneels before His followers and washes their feet. He is king who was born in a stable, that is, in poverty and humility. He is king who died on a cross between two criminals to save us from sin and death. We follow His gospel values to the eternal path that will allow us to live forever.

Christ reigns over *"an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace"* (Preface, Christ the King)

"Almighty and ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise..." (Opening Prayer)

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Healing Lines



"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity." (Hippocrates) "Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means it no longer controls your life." (Unknown)

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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Book Tour: "Things We Wish Our Kids Knew"

An Evening for Parents: Join us for an inspiring evening with international bestselling author and speaker Michael Chiasson on Thursday, November 27 from 7:00-9:00pm. This event is part of the *Access52 Book Tour* and is a powerful opportunity for parents to connect, reflect, and be encouraged. This is a free event and you may register with the QR Code here or with the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/book-tour-calgary-tickets-1871877829979?aff=ebsoporgprofile>



Advent Renewal Diocesan Retreat (Day Chapel)

Saturday, December 6, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Coffee and muffins will be served in the Narthex at 9:00am.

Were you tired and worn out before Christmas last year? Did you spend enough time preparing for the true reason for the season? If you could have a "do over" would you take it? This year, why not begin your Christmas preparations with a half-day Advent retreat that will renew your spirit of listening as you enter the holy season of Advent. Join Archbishop Terrence Prendergast for a reflective diocesan retreat on how the living Word of God shapes our hearts for discipleship and mission. He is the author of *Living God's Word: Reflections on the Sunday Readings (Years A, B & C)*, a three-volume series based on his Gospel reflections originally published in *The Catholic Register*, Canada's national Catholic newspaper. The archbishop is full of guidance and wisdom that will aid us all in our journey through Advent.



Catholic Education Sunday

This weekend, the Diocese of Calgary joins together in gratitude for 140 years of Catholic education in Alberta. We celebrate the teachers, staff, and families of the Calgary Catholic School District, who guide students in faith and learning each day. A second collection will be taken in all parishes to support the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF), which funds enhanced learning and faith-based opportunities across our Catholic schools. A portion of the funds collected will also support St. Mary's University, St. Joseph Seminary at Newman Theological College, and the Catholic schools of the Franco-Sud School District—all helping to strengthen the future of Catholic education in our province. Your generosity ensures that Catholic education remains strong, faith-filled, and full of hope for generations to come. Please give generously at Mass or online:



[Support Catholic Education Sunday](#)

Knitting Ministry

We recently donated 193 knit/crochet items (hats, scarves, mitts) to two charities. Other members of our group have donated 50 pair of knit slippers to the Veterans Association and 32 little knit dolls to the Christmas shoebox project. Our last meeting before Christmas is Dec. 11 and we will resume on Jan. 8. If you knit or crochet, please join us on Thursdays, 10am - 12pm in the library!



Elevator Upgrade

An elevator upgrade work is underway and the work has been extended to November 28. The elevator will be taken out of service until this 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.



2026 Donation Envelopes

Next year's 2026 donation envelopes will be ready for pick up on the weekend of November 29 and 30. They will be arranged alphabetically on tables by the main washrooms. Continue to use your 2025 envelopes until the new year. Please note: you may use envelopes only for the **current year**, all previous year's envelopes must be discarded.



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 on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 1:00pm. If you plan to attend, please register in advance. For more information, contact Hardy Del Castillo at 587-703-1585.



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 4-5pm 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 next session of the program is on December 19 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.



Christmas Craft Market

Looking for beautiful local, handmade gifts and Catholic items? Join us at the St. Michael's Christmas Craft Market on Sunday, November 30, 2025 after 9am and 11am Mass until 2pm. Located upstairs in the Mezzanine. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Natalia Januszewski by phone: 825-558-7300 or email: nataliajan101@gmail.com.



SMCC Altar Server Pizza Party

It's time for another Altar Server party! The last retreat of the year will be held on Friday, November 28 at 5:45-8:45pm to help get us ready for Advent. This is for all current SMCC Altar Servers and their families, and families who are interested in joining the ministry. The retreat will begin with a video presentation at 5:45pm, followed by Mass, pizza and games. Please RSVP to the Flocknote sign up <https://smccyc.flocknote.com/signup/229208>, or email altar-servers@saintmichael.ca



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



Children's Nativity Pageant: "Joy to the World"

Our annual St. Michael's Children's Nativity Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary.



The Rite of Commissioning for All Liturgical Ministers

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers will be held at all the November 29 and November 30 weekend Masses. During these First Sunday of Advent Masses, Auxiliary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (who require a written mandate from the Bishop) come forward after the homily and are joined by the other liturgical ministers in their respective places for this rite. The Liturgical ministers include, among others, Ushers, Hospitality Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Musicians. Ministry means doing something on behalf of Christ Himself.



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>.



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 December 7, 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 Hamper Program

"You, O Lord, are my hope." (Ps 71:5)

Hamper Day: Monday, December 15, 2025.

We plan to prepare and deliver 170 hampers.

Volunteers: Volunteer sign ups begin this weekend. People are needed to prepare and wrap gifts, set up the hall, assemble the hampers, restock food, load prepared hampers and deliver to recipients. Volunteer sign-up opens after 4 pm Saturday November 22: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ABAF2BA4FAC25-60597430-christmas>

Gifts for Children: The Angel Tree will be available in the gathering area after select Masses this weekend, and again on November 29 and 30. Help us by signing out an Angel and provide a child's special gift to be included with their family's hamper. Don't forget to return it by the deadline to give us time to prepare it for inclusion with the hamper.

Referrals: Referrals for a hamper are accepted from parish schools, and through the SSVP intake line at 825-417-1720

Donate: We provide this program only through the generous financial support of our parishioners. Donations may be made:

- * the collection box, noted for Christmas Hampers,
- * online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/33185>
- * or via the QR Code.

Tax receipts will be issued in Jan 2026.

Questions: christmashampers@saintmichael.ca



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: 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. 22, 2025 - Sun. Nov. 30, 2025):**Saturday, November 22:**

Christmas Hamper Volunteer Sign-Up & Angel Tree: Narthex, after all Masses

Sunday, November 23:

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

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

Christmas Hamper Volunteer Sign-Up & Angel Tree: Narthex, after all Masses

Altar Server Appreciation Mass with Bishop: Sanctuary, 1:00pm

Monday, November 24:

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

Tuesday, November 25:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

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

SSVP Monthly Meeting: Room 145, 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 26:

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, after 9am Mass

Thursday, November 27:

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

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

Parent Event "Things We Wish Our Kids Knew": Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Friday, November 28:

SMCC Altar Server Appreciation Mass: Sanctuary, 6:00pm, Reception to follow

Saturday, November 29:

Advent Recollection, Filipino Catholic Society: Day Chapel, 10:00am-12:00am

Christmas Hamper Volunteer Sign-Up & Angel Tree: Narthex, after all Masses

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

Sunday, November 30:

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

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

Christmas Hamper Volunteer Sign-Up & Angel Tree: Narthex, after all Masses

SMCC Christmas Market: Mezzanine, 10:00am-2:00pm (closed during 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 22:

5 pm: Loty Flores † (Fr. Janick)

Sunday, November 23:

9 am: Liliana Parra Vega † (Fr. Kelvin)

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

5 pm: Edgardo Abad † (Fr. Kelvin)

Tuesday, November 25:

6 pm: Int. Kandi Layton (Fr. Kelvin)

Wednesday, November 26:

9 am: Elizabeth DeCoste † (Fr. Kelvin)

Thursday, November 27:

9 am: Int. Vincente Hernandez (Fr. Kelvin)

Friday, November 28:

9 am: Int. Nancy Bruneau (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, November 29:

5 pm: Gilberto Gudino † (Fr. Kelvin)

Sunday, November 30:

9 am: Sor Maria Luisa Espitia † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Maria Talarico † (Fr. Kelvin)

Please Pray For:

Please contact the office with your request.

Duri Family, Cyril Boudreau, Brenda Arseneault,
Peter Ciavarella, Justin Hewitt, Richard Edgington,
Ada Kerpan, Pamela Chaput, Malaya Rosales, Christine Estor,
Julie Parinas, Peigi's Family, Ernesto Soliman.

For the Souls Of:**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

	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
<u>General Collections</u> Collections	\$87,509	\$104,710	\$115,426
Other Income	\$20,917	\$15,356	\$58,215
Operating Costs	\$124,903	\$113,471	\$143,988
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$16,477)	\$6,595	\$29,653
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> Building Fund Collections	\$11,322	\$11,754	\$12,744
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,179,800	\$3,155,140	\$3,130,740
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$77,040	\$79,665	\$88,418
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	63%	65%	73%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1056	\$1968	\$1046