



Saint Michael Catholic Community

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January 18, 2026: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unity Begins With Us

This Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for unity of all Christians and all peoples of good will from many other religions working together for the good of all humanity.

As we reflect on Christian unity, we have to address our own respective sense of unity within our own church. We cannot really speak about unity with other Christians when we don't appreciate and exercise our own commitment to unity among ourselves as members of our respective communities. In turn, we can only speak about such commitment to unity in our community when we live the unity and peace that should characterize our personal relationships in our loved ones in our respective families.

Some people have decided to fashion a life of aloneness and loneliness to escape the hurtful experiences in community and companionship. In a way, we have learned to avoid relationships in order to avoid being hurt. We avoid reaching out. We avoid getting involved in the activities and programs because we want to be left to ourselves. But as Christians, we have to reach out. Spreading the Good News is possible through our personal interaction with people. Like the original apostles, we are sent to proclaim the Good News of peace, love, and unity to all peoples, starting with our own families and communities.

Ironically, religion which teaches that we have to love one another, has become the cause of division and violence. Marriage and family, which most religions consider sacred, have become the venue for unspeakable physical, psychological, and sexual abuse. Churches, which act as the guardian of sexual ethics, have become the respondent for sexual abuse crimes.

Unity, based on mere human efforts, is an illusion. Unity has to be referred to Someone beyond ourselves. The transforming power of Christian love is what can make our life in community bearable and even beautiful. As we come together for the Eucharist which is the sacrament of unity, let us be reminded that Christ's love for all of us is the source of our unity and strength as God's people.

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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

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Corinthians, compares the church to a human body where all parts are necessary to make the body complete. In many ways a community functions the same way. Think about those in our church or in your community who may not feel included. Bring one such person to mind. What is one thing you can do as a congregation or community member to help that person feel included? *"God, give me the strength and courage to risk reaching out to someone who I know does not feel included in our community. Be with me in case my friendship is rejected. Hold me in the palm of Your hand."*



Grief Share Program

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult times. This program consists of a **video seminar** (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), **group support discussions** with facilitators, and a **personal workbook**. This is an 8-week program and will run from January 13 - March 3, 2026 on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm in Rooms 143 and 144. Please note: the session on February 17 will be held in the St. Michael's Room for this date only. Free will giving / \$20 charge for the workbook. For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423 or email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca



Catholic Women's League Membership Drive

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have a membership drive on the weekend of January 17 and 18 in the Narthex after all Masses. For more information on the event or to join our group, contact SMCWLpresident@gmail.com



Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be an evening of prayer and worship with the Jewish Messianic movement and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Day Chapel. All are invited to this communal gathering of healing, repentance, and reconciliation within the Body of the Messiah with Fr. Adrian Martins, Rabbi Calev Goldberg, and Don Swenson, and organized by the Love One Another Charismatic Community. For more information, please contact Don and Angela Swenson at aswenson@telus.net



Moms and Tots

Calling all moms and their little ones for some play, coffee, and socializing! We meet on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am in the St. Nicholas Room. No registration is required, and you may bring some friends. Join our email list at momsandtots@saintmichael.ca



Women's Ministry Bible Study

Our next bible study is called *"Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer"* and runs from January 21 - March 18. The questions *What is prayer, exactly? What sets authentic Christian prayer apart from the many "spiritual" practices being promoted today? How does one pray? Is it really necessary?* - and many more - are answered in this video series by Dan Burke. We will have morning sessions in the Theater on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm, and Zoom sessions on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please note: the session on Ash Wednesday, February 18 is cancelled. To register visit: <https://forms.gle/Sfz1T7d3LpEGoiLh7>



Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry will resume on January 21, 2026 in the Theater and continue until April 15, 2026. All men are welcome.



Elevation Youth Group (Gr. 4-6)

Youths in Grade 4-6 are invited to join our 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 next session is on January 23. 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! If you are able to volunteer, contact Gladys Doh gdoh@saintmichael.ca or Abigail Lewis youth@saintmichael.ca.



Altar Server Training

There will be an Altar Server Training on Sunday, January 25 from 12:00 noon-2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please come prepared for a two-hour duration.



Monday's Bible Study

Our bible study for Winter 2026 will be *"Letter to Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance as a Child of God"*. This letter of St. Paul, in its six short chapters, contains some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. It examines important and relevant themes: nature of marriage, purpose and nature of the Church (as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army), pre-eminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare. It will be 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) from January 26 - March 23 in the St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. Please note: there is no class on February 16, Family Day. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net or Lee Ettinger at letting1@yahoo.com.



A Season of Hope and Renewal

In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis last year, our Diocese is launching a matching financial campaign for parishes called, ***Multiply the Hope***. Once our parish has fulfilled all of its financial obligations for the year, every dollar contributed to reduce our parish loan will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to our parish goal. Even after the Jubilee year concludes on December 28, 2025 the Diocese has extended this campaign to the end of 2027, giving us additional time to reach our parish goal. Our goal for this matching program is **\$510,569**. This means that every contribution toward this goal has twice the impact, allowing our parish to move forward with greater freedom in strengthening the renewal priorities. **You can visit our website at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/33185> and make your contribution to the "Building Fund / Multiply the Hope Campaign".** We invite you to pray, to reflect, and to respond generously. Together, let us prepare a strong, welcoming parish home for all who seek Christ. Find out more about this campaign at www.catholiccyyc.ca/multiplythehope



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 February 14 and April 25. This is a free event. You may register by scanning the QR Code or visiting the website [here](#).



Vacation Bible Camp 2026:

"Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God"

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. Together we explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, Our Creator, a safe place in life's storms.



Camp Dates & Registration:

The 5-day bible camp will run from Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10, 2026 from 8:30am- 12:30am for children kindergarten to grade 12, with limited spots available. Online registration is now open! Please register ASAP <https://forms.gle/m9NV6UosJbiz6Ffx5>

Parent Volunteers/Adult Teachers needed:

Parents please contact Gladys (gdoh@saintmichael.ca) ASAP to volunteer.

2026 Donation Envelopes

Next year's 2026 donation envelopes are ready for pick up. They are arranged alphabetically on the table by the Mezzanine stairs until the end of January. After that, they will be moved to the office for pick up. Please note: you may use envelopes only for the **current year**, all previous year's envelopes must be discarded.



Blessed Palms

Your blessed palms from previous years may be dropped off to boxes in the Narthex or by the office.

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 February 1. 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!



Pastoral Care Ministry

The Diocese of Calgary will be offering Pastoral Care Ministry Training on February 14 and March 7 at Holy Name Parish in Calgary. This training provides support for those who are interested in working with the sick and homebound and is a prerequisite for joining the Pastoral Care Ministry at Saint Michael Catholic Community. For more information, please visit [Pastoral Care Ministry Training - ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CALGARY](#)



Feed the Hungry

The 2026 dates sponsored by St. Michael's Community are April 5, Easter Sunday, and June 21, Father's Day, in St. Mary's Hall. Please consider volunteering or contributing. More details to follow.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

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. Jan. 17 - Sun. Jan. 25, 2026):**Saturday, January 17:**

CWL Membership Drive: after all Weekend Masses

Sunday, January 18:

CWL Membership Drive: after all Weekend Masses

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

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

Monday, January 19:

No event.

Tuesday, January 20:

Library Cataloging Resumes: Library Room, 9:00am - 11:30am

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Grief Share: Room 143 & 144, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

RCIA: St. Nicholas & Theater, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, January 21:

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, after the 9am Mass

Woman's Ministry Bible Study: Theater, 10:00am -12:00pm

Thursday, January 22:

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

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

Prayer for Christian Unity: Day Chapel, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Friday, January 23:

Elevation Youth Group: St. Nicholas, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturday, January 24:

SSVP Poor Box Collection: after all Weekend Masses

Sunday, January 25:

SSVP Poor Box Collection: after all Weekend Masses

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

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

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, January 17:**

5 pm: Veronica Kubik † (Fr. Janick)

Sunday, January 18:

9 am: Melvin Kaskiw † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: George Chinnabathini & Mariamma Pedhkotla †
(Fr. Edmund)**Tuesday, January 20:**

6 pm: Melvin Kaskiw † (Fr. Janick)

Wednesday, January 21:

9 am: Elizabeth DeCoste † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, January 22:

9 am: Melvin Kaskiw † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, January 23:

9 am: Melvin Kaskiw † (Fr. Edmund)

Saturday, January 24:

5 pm: Christel Schunicht † (Fr. Janick)

Sunday, January 25:

9 am: Maximiliano Lara † (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Wilmar & Helen Dixon † (Fr. Edmund)

Please Pray For:*Please contact the office with your request.*Justin Hewitt, Richard Edgington, Pamela Chaput,
Malaya Rosales, Julie Parinas, Peigi's Family,
Roberto Cantillo, Brian Dourley, Duri Family,
Elizabeth Slade, Ann O'Brien, Melchor Diolata.**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**

	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$115,426	\$110,762	\$182,278
Other Income	\$58,215	\$55,883	\$90,416
Operating Costs	\$143,988	\$148,286	\$158,305
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$29,653	\$18,359	\$114,389
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$12,744	\$17,813	\$163,739
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,130,740	\$3,105,917	\$3,081,350
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$88,418	\$97,769	\$138,874
% TIA (Goal for 2025: \$121,243)	73%	80%	114% Surplus goes towards 2026 Campaign
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1046	\$0	\$0