



# Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW  
Calgary, Alberta  
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January 25, 2026: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Word of God Sunday

Whenever we as Christians gather for worship, we listen to a selection or selections from the Bible. Our biblical selections every Sunday and during the entire year are chosen on the basis of our celebrations being so arranged that we are able to listen and reflect on the different ranging topics covered by the Bible.

The Bible is aptly described as the word of God in words of human beings. We believe that whenever the word of God is proclaimed in our midst, something special happens. We believe that speaks to us through His word. God speaks to us not just about what happened a long time ago, but about our own lives now. Our community helps us to understand what the word of God means for us today. When I preach, my preaching is not only for you but also for me, who have to struggle with my own struggling efforts to approximate what I believe with what I practice.

Because Christ's revelation is inexhaustible, we can always know more about it and understand it better. What we are to believe is found in tradition and Scripture, which together form one sacred deposit of the word of God which is committed to the Church. The Bible has an essential and indispensable role to play in Christian catechesis... As St. Jerome says: "*Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ*". The Bible is presented as a collection of divinely inspired books, each with its human author or authors, history of composition, and literary form or forms. Such information helps us understand what meaning the sacred writers really intended and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words.

A literal interpretation may not be appropriate for many of the biblical selections. Exegesis denotes that the meaning of biblical passages comes out of the passages themselves and not something that we put or assign to the passages. We cannot try to justify or support our foregone conclusions with a selective gathering of biblical passages which seem to support our claims or agenda. That is *in-ge-sis*, not exegesis.

We let the word of God speak to us and to our own respective life experiences. We have to emphasize the importance of the community in discerning God's message in our lives. Let us ask ourselves what role Sacred Scripture plays in our decisions and actions. Is there a symbolic place of honor for the Bible in our homes which can be a reminder of God's presence in your home? Is Scripture reading part of any of our family gatherings?

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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](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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Diocese of Calgary Call Center:  
403-231-9505

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

### Healing Lines

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.." (Matthew 4:19) As we are invited by Jesus to spread the Good News, so we are asked to look after those that we encounter in our daily lives. Those effected by bullying and abuse are especially in need of our help and love. Remember a time when you felt alone and helpless. Wouldn't you have felt relieved to be given a kind word or some direction from those in your Church community? There may be someone sitting next to you right now who could use your reaching out to them.



### 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.



### Hospitality Ministry

Volunteers needed! Hospitality Ministry is in need of more volunteers for all Masses! Do you have a desire to meet more parishioners from your desired Mass time? Serving with the Hospitality Ministry is the best way to meet more of the folk who attend the same Mass as you! If you are concerned that you have children and you can't volunteer - no problem! We love to see children with their parents greeting parishioners as they come in the doors! If interested, please contact Gladys Doh at [gdoh@saintmichael.ca](mailto:gdoh@saintmichael.ca).



### 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!



### Blessed Palms

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



### 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.



### SSVP "Poor Box" Collection

There will be a "Poor Box" collection after all Masses on January 24 and January 25 by members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Funds will be used to serve those most in need in our community. Thank you for your support!



### 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>



### 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) beginning January 26 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](mailto:abitter@telus.net) or Lee Ettinger at [letting1@yahoo.com](mailto:letting1@yahoo.com).



### 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.



### Art Walk

Attention artists and photographers, both beginner and seasoned pro: come join us and exhibit your art at St. Michael's Art Walk Exhibition on March 6-8, 2026. For more please contact [artwalk@saintmichael.ca](mailto:artwalk@saintmichael.ca)



### 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](#)



## **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.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope](http://www.catholicyc.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 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saturday-night-lights-youth-group-october-25-tickets-1708730341449?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



## **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 Doh at [gdoh@saintmichael.ca](mailto:gdoh@saintmichael.ca) ASAP to volunteer.



## **IWIN (I'm Worth it Now) Events for February**



What is IWIN? IWIN was created in Calgary as a response to the scourge of human trafficking in our own country. Alongside the local CWLs in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario who advocate for an end to trafficking, IWIN provides backpacks filled with toiletries and supplies which are distributed by our local law enforcement to assist survivors of sex trafficking.

### **1) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8: VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE**

In recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness in Canada, IWIN would like to invite you, your family, and your friends to join us for an online prayer service on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00pm. There will be a short program, including praying a Chaplet of Divine Mercy with prayer warriors from across Canada. You may scan the QR Code or join online with the Zoom link: Meeting ID: 841 4111 0108, Passcode: 287004 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84141110108?PWD=PMYJWS2GI4P710T5ATP8NOUGYBJ16U.1>



### **2) SAT. FEB. 21 and SUN. FEB. 22: RED SAND SUNDAY**

After each weekend Mass on February 21 and 22, join fellow parishioners in our brief *Red Sand Prayer Service*. All are encouraged to attend this powerful symbolic event to show solidarity and awareness in preventing exploitation by highlighting those who 'fall through the cracks'.



### **3) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26: BUYING HER**

*Buying Her* (Exodus Cry Films) will be shown on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00pm- 9:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Church. This one hour movie tackles the critical injustice of sex trafficking in the first documentary ever to explore the lives of sex buyers and what drives them. The evening will include the film and Q & A with a former human trafficking investigator who will highlight what services are provided to those seeking to transition from the sex trafficking industry. VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED (no children under age 16, please.)



## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)**

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 (Short Version):**

[Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## **Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version):**

[Diocesan Info for Parishioners - Sunday Updates - Google Docs](#)

**Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Jan. 24 - Sun. Feb. 1, 2026):****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 &amp; 11:00am Masses

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

**Monday, January 26:**

Bible Study: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Tuesday, January 27:**

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Pastoral Council Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

SSVP Meeting: Room 145, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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

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

**Wednesday, January 28:**

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, after the 9am Mass

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

**Thursday, January 29:**

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

Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am

**Friday, January 30:**

No event.

**Saturday, January 31:**

No Event

**Sunday, February 1:**

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

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

Potluck Sunday and Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, 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, 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 &amp; Helen Dixon † (Fr. Edmund)

**Tuesday, January 27:**

6 pm: Rady Minda Buning † (Fr. Edmund)

**Wednesday, January 28:**

9 am: Lou Marchand † (Fr. Edmund)

**Thursday, January 29:**

9 am: Max Dajnowicz † (Fr. Edmund)

**Friday, January 30:**

9 am: Ana De Mogollon † (Fr. Edmund)

**Saturday, January 31:**

5 pm: Debra Healy † (Fr. Janick)

**Sunday, February 1:**

9 am: Intentions Chris Mudry (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: Elmer Guillermo Sr. † (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](mailto:columbarium@saintmichael.ca).**E-Transfer:**Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: [jsupport@saintmichael.ca](mailto:jsupport@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<br>2025 | November<br>2025 | December<br>2025                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>General Collections</u></b><br>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                                        |
| <b><u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u></b><br>Building Fund Collections      | \$12,744        | \$17,813         | \$163,739                                        |
| <b><u>Current Loan Balance</u></b>                                           | \$3,130,740     | \$3,105,917      | \$3,081,350                                      |
| <b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u></b><br>Together in Action<br>Year-to-Date | \$88,418        | \$97,769         | \$138,874                                        |
| <b>% TIA</b><br>(Goal for 2025: \$121,243)                                   | 73%             | 80%              | 114%<br>Surplus goes<br>towards 2026<br>Campaign |
| Society St. Vincent de Paul<br>(monthly)                                     | \$1046          | \$0              | \$0                                              |