



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

April 19, 2026: Third Sunday of Easter

Life in Brokenness

The Emmaus story contains the central theme of our faith: that the Messiah has to be broken and from the brokenness, He would be the source of healing. The two disciples tell the eleven and their companions, how Jesus is made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Two broken-hearted disciples are approached by the risen Christ whom they thought to be a lonely traveler, a stranger. Then, Jesus opens their minds by sharing about Scriptures, by breaking the Word of God. Finally, they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. Three kinds of brokenness are involved in the process towards the recognition of the risen Christ in the Emmaus story: broken hearts, broken word, and broken bread.

The disciples were broken-hearted after Christ died on the cross. We have to acknowledge our broken-heartedness in order to discover our courage and strength. We have to accept our woundedness in order to be healed. We have to accept the truth of our failures and frustrations in order to face the future with its promise of new life. It is difficult to recognize the risen Christ when we don't see the brokenness of our humanity. Our failure to identify our own crosses with the Cross of Christ makes us incapable to see them from the perspective of the resurrection. A broken, humble heart is necessary for a true relationship with the risen Christ. Our Christian life is like this journey to Emmaus. Our heartbreaks and difficulties can sometime make us fail to recognize the risen Lord in the strangers we meet in our earthly pilgrimage.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus describe their experience with the breaking of the word in these terms: *"Were not our hearts burning within us... while He was opening the Scripture to us?"* This same fire characterizes our encounter with the Word of God when our minds and our hearts are truly receptive to His message, when we lift our minds and our hearts to God.

Our Eucharist is rooted in this breaking of bread referred to in the Emmaus story. Our Eucharist becomes Christ's memorial of His love and presence for His disciples. Our Eucharist is realized through the breaking of our lives for the love and service for others. As grains of wheat and grapes are broken to become bread and wine, we have to be broken for others to accept the saving power of Christ's resurrection.

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:

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Healing Lines

Why can't she leave? For the victims to say "No!" to violence, they must see what is happening as violence. Many do not name behavior as abusive because it would shatter their desperate efforts to have a normal life. When overwhelming evidence crumbles denial, then other difficult emotions may emerge. They may resist telling people about it because they do not want to be stereotyped or labelled. They can feel overwhelmed at the difficult choices that they now face. Even when violence is named, there are many factors that make it difficult for people to leave abusive relationships. Things like fear and low self-esteem, poverty, children, community pressure, disability, racism, age, and location can play important roles in a person not reporting abuse. Recognizing these factors can allow us to "see" those in need and reach out to them with support and kindness.



CCCRS Prayer Meeting

Join us as we begin our weekly prayer meetings starting Wednesday, March 25, 2026 featuring praise and worship, bible study, and intercessory prayers. The prayer meetings will be from 7:00-8:00pm in the Day Chapel. *"The expectation of the righteous shall not be cut short."* (Proverbs 23:18). All are welcome. Come and be blessed!



Ladies' High Tea!

The Catholic Women's League at St. Michael Catholic Community is excited to invite you to celebrate the women who have shaped our lives, offering love, guidance, and unwavering faith. We will be hosting a special high tea style event on April 26 from 1:30-3:30pm for mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers, and your best female friends, too. Dress in your Sunday best, pull out your fancy hat or fascinator, and come partake in a lovely afternoon! There will be an assortment of delicious sandwiches, desserts, tea, juice, and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance as this event has limited capacity. Adults \$20 and Children \$15. You can register at: <https://forms.gle/VBGfc9165yFyUFoTA>



Multiply the Hope Campaign:

A Message from the Diocese

Because of your generosity, greater impact is taking place across the diocese.

In Year 1 of the Multiply the Hope Matching Campaign:

- \$4 million matched for parish loans
- \$3 million matched for repairs and maintenance

This means parishes are receiving support in times of need, critical repairs are moving forward, and communities are growing stronger in their life and mission. Multiply the Hope continues through the end of 2027, and even though the initial response has been strong, \$4.9M in matching funds remains available for parishes across the Diocese. Bishop McGrattan has encouraged each parish to take part in this once-in-a-generation initiative by fully embracing the campaign. Learn more: www.catholicyc.ca/multiplythehope



Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, Moral Responsibility in Public Life

Please see the reflection from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) on the public witness and the call of Pope Leo XIV to leaders and all people of goodwill for restraint, respect, and a commitment to peace rooted in human dignity. <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/reflection-on-the-holy-fathers-call-for-peace-human-dignity-and-moral-responsibility-in-public-life/>. We stand in solidarity with the Holy Father and pray for peace.



Multiply the Hope (MTH)

Beloved Faithful: Multiply the Hope is a diocesan initiative of last year's Jubilee Year. With the matching program, the Diocese will match any contributions to the **Multiply the Hope** campaign to be applied against the outstanding St. Michael Central Fund Loan (i.e. mortgage). To accelerate the repayment of the outstanding balance, we would encourage you to consider re-directing any building fund contributions made (either on-line, by text, pre-authorized payment or directly) to **Multiply the Hope** instead. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless. Fr. Edmund.

Together in Action (TIA)

The Together in Action 2026 campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The theme for this year's TIA is inspired by the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. *"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith."* (James 2:18) This year's TIA also marks the final year of the financial commitment of the Diocese to the National Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, supporting Indigenous-led initiatives across Southern Alberta. Our target goal this year is \$121, 243 same as last year. We thank God for your generosity! All surplus funds this year will go to our Building Fund to help pay our loan.



Monday's Bible Study: "The Pivotal Players I"

Join Bishop Barron on the journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church. We'll discover how the Word of God was their light and driver for their close relationship with God. It will start on Monday, April 20 with 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net or Lee Ettinger at letting1@yahoo.com.



Women's Ministry Bible Study

We all have very real questions about death. Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through our bible study called "Eternal Rest" which will begin on April 15 for five weeks. We will have morning sessions at SMCC, on Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:00, and Zoom sessions on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm. To register please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca or use the link: <https://forms.gle/hyaBSGCPZkHvPc1A>. Participant study guides will be available for purchase at \$20. The guides are recommended but are not mandatory. Anyone interested in the study guide can email womensministry@saintmichael.ca.



Vacation Bible Camp 2026:

"Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God"

* SMCC 5-day Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2026 has limited spots available (50) for all students/minors aged Kindergarten (6yrs.) to Grade 12. * Online registration is now open. * Thank you to those who have already engaged with our Parish Volunteer Coordinator, Gladys. Please contact Gladys at gldoh@saintmichael.ca to begin or continue the parish volunteer engagement process.



SMILE! You're Wanted in Our New Parish Pictorial Directory!

Saint Michael Catholic Community is updating its pictorial directory, and we want **YOU** to be part of it!



- **Why?** To help us connect, put names to new faces, and celebrate our community, in a spirit of renewal.
- **When?** Tuesdays to Saturdays, April 21 to May 16
- **Where?** Rooms 143 and 144
- **What you get:** A FREE high-quality printed directory and an option to purchase your photos (there is no obligation).

How to Register for a FREE PHOTO SESSION:

Online: Visit <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/837754yq/>



In-Person: Volunteers will be in the Narthex to help with on-line sign up after Masses April 11 & 12 and April 18 & 19.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sign-up process and with registration at the photography sessions. Please click this link if you are able to VOLUNTEER <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-62867253-parish>



46th Annual Hike For Life

Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Andrew in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park on Saturday, May 9, 2026. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to St. Michael's Catholic Community on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Andrew, or any other team member from now until June 30. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life programs. St. Michael's CWL will be collecting pledges on behalf of Fr. Edmund and Fr. Andrew in the Narthex after all Masses on May 2nd and 3rd or you can donate online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/jP4P8f>



Mother's Day Roses on Sale

There will be Mother's Day roses available for purchase after each of the weekend Masses on May 9 and 10 in the Narthex. Proceeds will go towards supporting Respect for Life programs in the schools and community and respect for all human life from conception until God calls us.



SSVP Food Drive

Please support the SSVP Easter Share Sunday Food Drive for families in need. Pick up food lists and donation envelopes after Mass on April 18 and 19 and return food and donations on April 25 and 26. Thank you kindly!



Fr. Edmund's 47th Anniversary

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Edmund's 47th Anniversary of priesthood. There will be cake and coffee on Sunday, April 26 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.



World Youth Day - Seoul Korea - August 2027

Our Parish Renewal Team is promoting a group of pilgrims to attend World Youth Day in August of 2027. Catholic young people from across the globe will meet for workshops and spiritual formation in Seoul Korea. The Holy Father will meet with them in prayer and liturgy at the event's conclusion. Interested individuals aged 18-35 can find out more about this event at wydseoul.org. The PRT will engage our parishioners to support this project through fundraising events over the next year. Please consider how you can support and encourage these young people. Watch here for further updates.



Chalice Child Sponsorship

Chalice is coming to St. Michael's. At the May 2 -3 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential. Please visit <https://chalice.ca/> for more information about Chalice and its mission.



Eucharistic Adoration Ministry

To assist the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry with scheduling the adoration of the exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, please consider signing up for a time slot so that they know Jesus will not be left alone. There is a paper sign up outside of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or you can visit the link on the parish homepage under Adoration.



Knights of Columbus 8636

Want to become a member? Council member meetings are every third Thursday of the month in the main Theatre. Contact: Vernon Lewis at vernlewis@shaw.ca



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: [Annual Report 2025 – Society of St Vincent de Paul – St Michael Conference Calgary](#)



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. Apr. 18 - Sun. Apr. 26, 2026):**Saturday, April 18:**

Parish Renewal Conference: Sanctuary, Mass 9am, Sessions 10am-3:45pm

Sunday, April 19:

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

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

Monday, April 20:

Bible Studies: St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 21:

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm, Registration Required

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

RCIA: St Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 22:

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

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, 9:30am

Women's Ministry: Theater, 10:00am

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm, Registration Required

CCCRS Prayer Meeting: Day Chapel, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 23:

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

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

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm, Registration Required

Adult Confirmation: Library, 7:00pm (pre-registration required)

Friday, April 24:

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm, Registration required

Elevation Youth Group: St. Nicholas Room, 6:30pm-8:30pm (last session)

Saturday, April 25:

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 9:30am-3:00pm, Registration Required.

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

Sunday, April 26:

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

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

Fr. Edmund's 47th Anniversary: Narthex, After the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

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

CWL Ladies Tea-Time: Narthex, 1:30pm-3:30pm (Pre-Registration Required)

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, April 18:

5 pm: Donald Edward Williams † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, April 19:

9 am: Hortensia Vega Jimenez † (Fr. Obinyan)

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

5 pm: Gregorio Q. Hidalgo † (Fr. Obinyan)

Tuesday, April 21:

6 pm: Paulette Li Chok Kang† (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, April 22:

9 am: Wally Moffatt † (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, April 23:

9 am: Anna Chaban † (Fr. Obinyan)

Friday, April 24:

9 am: Int. Gabriella True (Fr. Obinyan)

Saturday, April 25:

5 pm: Int. Lilibeth Jamila (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, April 26:

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

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

5 pm: Ralph Anthony Bico † (Fr. Obinyan)

Please Pray For:

Please scan the QR Code and fill out the form with your request.



Alice Flamand, Hendrik Heerema, Michael Park, Degby Park, Margaret Baker, Patricia O'Brien, Dolores & Gilbert Sieben, Richard Edgington, Suzanne Shenher, Olivia Ossai, Duri Family, Jake Biefchke, Ron Jackson, Lorraine Guyn.

For the Souls Of:

Evelyn Lefebvre, Gregory Rosval

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

	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$83,939	\$87,745	\$110,402
Other Income	\$38,679	\$49,039	\$59,143
Operating Costs	\$114,988	\$128,298	\$195,774
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$7,630	\$8,486	(\$26,229)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$15,600	\$60,100	\$22,111
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,056,783	\$3,032,216	\$2,396,519
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$2,226	\$6,759	\$11,839
% TIA (Goal for 2026: \$121,243)	1%	5%	9%
Society St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,243	\$1,883	\$2,268