



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

April 26, 2026: Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Kind of Leadership

The good shepherd, featured in our responsorial psalm, is an Old Testament allusion to Christ who represents a kind of leadership that is full of compassion and love for others. The image of the good shepherd is a popular metaphor representing the humble responsibility of a simple shepherd keeping vigil over his beloved flock. The image evokes the ordinary and the routine but entails constancy and commitment. The image perfectly fits Jesus as the model of Christian leadership. His constancy and commitment for His people brought Him to death by crucifixion.

The concept of shepherdship captures the parameters of our personal relationship with our personal God. Religion is about the intimate relationship of being sheep in God's flock. Christian spirituality means our personal friendship with our Good Shepherd. Prayer is the dialogue between the shepherd and the sheep. The image of shepherdship strongly suggests that our Christian faith is to be lived in the context of community. Redemption is communitarian. Becoming the Church means becoming God's flock. Community means belonging to the sheepfold, listening and recognizing the voice of the true shepherd.

The image of the good shepherd can be an example to imitate in our family and community relationships. The family is a flock wherein each member shepherds the other members. The father shepherds his wife and his children. Like the shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep, the father is willing to lay down his life for his wife and his children. Perhaps, this is more true to the role of the mother who shares and sustains life at her own expense. Children, through their love and concern for one another and for their parents, exercise the role of shepherd. Shepherdship is the principle that makes a marital relationship bearable and beautiful. Marriage is shepherdship or the willingness to offer one's life for the beloved partner. The image of the good shepherd can be the Christian definition of marital love.

Let us shepherd one another. People will know we are Christians by how we shepherd one another. As we celebrate the Good Shepherd's offering of His life in the Eucharist, let us ask for the spirit of love and sacrifice that should characterize our efforts of shepherding one another.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." There are victims of family violence who may have turned away from the Church because they feel they have not been supported. Also, some perpetrators of family violence may feel that the Church has not reached out to them and nor assisted them to get the help they need. Let us not forget those of God's sheep who we may overlook.

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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Peter Lougheed Hospital; Rockyview General
Hospital; South Health Campus

CCCRS Prayer Meeting

Join us for our weekly prayer meetings featuring praise and worship, bible study, and intercessory prayers. The prayer meetings are 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.catholiccyc.ca/multiplythehope



Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community are on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. The next Potluck Sundays are May 3 and June 7. 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. Potluck Sundays will take a break for July and August.



Chalice Child Sponsorship Weekend

Chalice is coming to St. Michael! 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.



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 re-payment 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. We will be able to meet St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis, St. Catherine of Siena, St. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo; and the places where they lived, learned, and worked on their teachings and arts. 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. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest. Our bible study is called "Eternal Rest" and 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/hyaBSGCPZkJHvPc1A>.



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 gdoh@saintmichael.ca to begin/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 – 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 25 & 26.

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>



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.



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.

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 for your generous support!



Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy is cancelled for Sundays, May 17 for Victoria Day weekend and May 31 for Vocations Rally. The last day for Children's Liturgy will be Sunday, June 7 and will resume Sunday, September 13, 2026.



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. 25 - Sun. May 3, 2026):**Saturday, April 25:**

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

Saturday Night Lights: 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.)

Monday, April 27:

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

Tuesday, April 28:

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

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

RCIA: St Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 29:

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 30:

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, May 1:

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

Saturday, May 2:

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

Sunday, May 3:

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

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

Potluck Sunday & 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, 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)

Tuesday, April 28:

6 pm: Italo Pisoni † (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, April 29:

9 am: Benita & Alfredo Subido † (Fr. Obinyan)

Thursday, April 30:

9 am: Ciro & Luisa Urbina † (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, May 1:

9 am: David Jonasson † (Fr. Obinyan)

Saturday, May 2:

5 pm: Alvaro Fernandez † (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 3:

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

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

5 pm: Peter John Conway † (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:

Jo-Anne Felling

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