



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

May 10, 2026: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Motherhood for All

Motherhood goes beyond maternity. Motherhood transcends life itself. In fact, it is far more spiritual than physical. The essence of motherhood lies in the spiritual bond between the mother and the child. Such spiritual bond can actually exist without the biological relationship of mother and child. And the task of mothering is not limited to mothers. The task of nurturing, caring, and educating is shared by all in the community. This is the reason the term 'mother' is also referred to a school as 'alma mater', to mother earth or mother church. Motherhood presents to us a reality that is beyond the physical, biological, or earthly. Motherhood reminds us of the reality of the human spirit in a culture that is presently engrossed with the purely material and physical. Motherhood is a kind of heroism that actually reminds us of spiritual redemption, rebirth, and resurrection.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we remember with devotion Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother. But we are not to portray the motherhood of Mary and of all mothers as idealized in most greeting cards.

Behind the sweetness and serenity of most Marian portraits are the bitter moments and turbulent experiences she has to go through as a mother and as a believer. To romanticize motherhood can place a heavy burden on mothers who feel hopelessly overwhelmed by the stereo-type image of being unconditionally self-giving and highly effective on the domestic and other fronts. We are to present motherhood in a way that mothers can be authentically human with a variety of strengths and weaknesses.

The responsibility of nurturing those around us is not exclusive to mothers. It is a responsibility we can all assume as individuals and as a community. To truly respect these qualities of mothers, we must maintain that they are equally valid for all of us.

Motherhood is a call to transformation of this world into a more loving place. It is a vocation not only for mothers but for all the rest of us.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." Even in our darkest moments, God is with us. As in the poem by Mary Stevenson, "Footprints in the Sand", at the times we cannot see God's support. He is quietly carrying us. For those of us who suffer the impacts of violence and abuse this can be of comfort. Let's support God's efforts by reaching out to those in need in our communities.

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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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!



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



Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays for St. Michael Community are on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm. The last Potluck Sunday before summer is June 7, and then will take a break for July and August. This is a free event. Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert to share with others, and bring your food ready to serve. The first Potluck Sunday in the fall will be Sunday, September 13, 2026.



Annual Eucharistic Consecration

For all those who have yet to be Consecrated to Jesus through the Eucharist - we welcome you to take the opportunity on June 14 at the 11:00am Mass. To be ready, you can start your 33 days preparation on May 12. The book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, by Matthew Kelly, is available at the Gift Shop for a decreased price. It is a short read and meditation each day. You can also find additional video reflections for each day by Fr. Jonathan Meyers at this link: https://youtu.be/i_qCjpm2bRA?si=fgthpW70i3MY9NsL For those who were consecrated last year, you are welcome to come and support the newly consecrated and renew your own consecration vows.



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.



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

Only Two Weeks Left for Pictorial Directory Photos!

NEW APPOINTMENT TIMES!

The pictorial directory campaign ends on Saturday, May 16! Whether you are a new face, or a long-time parishioner, we want you in the directory! **New appointment times are available on May 12-15, from 2:30 to 8:30 pm.** If you haven't already, please sign up for a quick, FREE portrait session. You will receive a high-quality printed directory, and an option to purchase your photos, with no obligation.



How to Register for a FREE PHOTO SESSION:

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



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>

9 Days Novena To The Holy Spirit

This is to inform all parishioners that the Nine Days Novena to the Holy Spirit will be held in the Day Chapel from Thursday, May 14, to Friday, May 22, 2026. Time: 6:00-7:00pm daily. Activities each day will include: Holy Mass, Talk, and Novena Prayers. Please note that on Sunday, the Novena Prayer will be done during our regular Masses. All parishioners are kindly encouraged to attend prayerfully in honor of the Holy Spirit and Birthday of the Church.



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 gдох@saintmichael.ca to begin/continue the parish volunteer engagement process.



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>



CWL Meeting

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will have their general meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael's Room following Mass. This will be the last meeting until September. Service pins will be handed out. All members and guests are welcome to attend.



Pastoral Council Bulletin Content – May 2026

Pastoral Council had another productive meeting on April 28. We discussed many topics, including a positive financial update (our central fund loan has been reduced to \$2.4 million!) There are only two weeks left in the pictorial directory campaign, and several appointment times are still open. Plans to send youth from SMCC to WYD in Seoul, South Korea are underway. A novena of Masses beginning on May 14 is planned in preparation for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Please watch the bulletin and Flock-note for more information regarding all of these items and more! The meeting minutes for April 28 will be published after Pastoral Council approval at our next meeting, scheduled for May 26, 2026. The minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting on March 10 can be found here [SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-March-10-2026-Bulletin-1.pdf](#) . If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at 403-249-0423 or send an email to info@saintmichael.ca.



Month of Mary

In the month of May, the Catholic Church honors Mary, Mother of God. One of the ways we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary is to offer to her the prayers of the rosary. The Rosary Group invites you to join them to pray the rosary on: Tuesdays at 5:20pm before evening Mass, and weekdays at 8:20am on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays before Mass.



Schoenstatt Multilingual Rosary

"Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth." (Luke 1:39-56)

The Month of Mary is a time dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through special devotions, prayers, and festivities, but most importantly with our testimony. The Schoenstatt Movement invites our whole community to pray a multilingual Illuminated Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother on May 22 at 7:00pm at the Day Chapel. A brief reflection and reception will follow.



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.



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, May 24 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. May 9 - Mon. May 18, 2026):**Saturday, May 9:**

Pro-Life Hike for Life: Prince's Island Park, 8:30am-12:00pm
 Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 9:30am-3:00pm (Registration Required.)

Sunday, May 10:

Children's Liturgy: 8:30am and 10:30am
 Coffee Sunday: Narthex, after 9:00am & 11:00am
 Filipino Catholic Society Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Monday, May 11:

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

Tuesday, May 12:

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm (Registration Required.)
 Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm
 CWL Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 6:30pm-8:30pm
 RCIA: St Nicholas Room, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 13:

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, May 14:

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.)
 Mass with Pentecost Novena: Day Chapel, 6pm-7pm

Friday, May 15:

Parish Pictorial Directory: Room 143 & 144, 2:30pm-8:30pm (Registration Required.)
 Mass with Pentecost Novena: Day Chapel, 6pm-7pm

Saturday, May 16:

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

Sunday, May 17:

Cancelled - Children's Liturgy
 Canceled - Coffee Sunday

Monday, May 18:

Office Closed—Victoria Day
 Cancelled—Bible Study

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, May 9:

5 pm: Int. Joseph & Indira Chinnabathini (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, May 10:

9 am: Bill Tapuska † (Fr. Obinyan)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Int. Joelle Chu (Fr. Obinyan)

Tuesday, May 12:

6 pm: Franco Trotta † (Fr. Obinyan)

Wednesday, May 13:

9 am: Mark Trudel † (Fr. Obinyan)

Thursday, May 14:

9 am: Janina Kacper Haladyna † (Fr. Obinyan)
 6 pm: Jonas Amahazion † (Fr. Obinyan)

Friday, May 15:

9 am: Yvonne Beaubien † (Fr. Obinyan)
 6 pm: Jonas Amahazion † (Fr. Obinyan)

Saturday, May 16:

5 pm: Jennie Parinas-Bauer † (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, May 17:

9 am: Int. Francisca De Vega (Fr. Edmund)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: James Armand Martin † (Fr. Obinyan)

**Please Pray For:**

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

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, Lori Life.

For the Souls Of:

Claudine Kawa, Elia Sperandio, Norman Sparrey

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,

Gifts to the Parish

	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$87,745	\$110,402	\$123,684
Other Income	\$49,039	\$59,143	\$43,503
Operating Costs	\$128,298	\$195,774	\$128,908
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$8,486	(\$26,229)	\$38,279
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$60,100	\$22,111	\$47,994
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$3,032,216	\$2,396,519	\$2,369,283
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$6,759	\$11,839	\$20,217
% TIA (Goal for 2026: \$121,243)	5%	9%	16.67%
Society St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,883	\$2,268	\$3,952