



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

June 14, 2026: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The call to discipleship

"To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God'. Christ uses the word 'dead' with two levels of meaning, to illustrate the possible conflict or contradiction of two principles of our human life. The word 'dead' is used to denote the physically dead as well as to refer to those who are spiritually dead, that is, those who are not being called.

When the prospective follower says to Christ that he has to bury his father first, he does not mean the rather short process of burial but the prospect of having his father cared for on a long-term basis. The person is actually making excuses to put off the responsibility that Christ offers. The person can actually find a way to have his father cared for and still honor Christ's invitation to follow him.

This dialogue illustrates how we should not let undue care and anxiety over physical or worldly matters distract us from following and serving God once He has called us to His work and ministry. It shows us that we cannot put off our Christian responsibility or make excuses not to place our first priority on our faith and the commitment it entails. It demonstrates how worldly concerns can veer us away from responding to the mandate of the Gospel.

We need consistency and constancy in our determination to follow Christ. *"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

The first disciples responded enthusiastically to Christ's call. But it did not take long for the glory of Palm Sunday to become the terror of Good Friday when they scattered in fear, showing clearly their inability to keep the promise to follow Him wherever He would go. Our earlier enthusiastic promises to follow Christ are eventually tested and purified through the trials and tribulations we face in living out the values of the Gospel. We all have to focus on Christ who knows fully the fearful reality of embracing the call to sacrificial love. We have to pray in confidence for the grace to follow him to the cross, and through the cross to the glory of Easter and the fullness of life.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



Abuse of our senior citizens and elders is a very real and very frightening problem. Studies have found that nearly 1 in 10 senior citizens reports some sort of abuse, including financial abuse, psychological abuse, physical abuse, and neglect. *"For our elderly who have lost their independence, that those who care for them will continue to give them the respect and honor due to parents and elders, without taking advantage of their infirmities for personal gain, and without losing patience with them, we pray to the Lord."*

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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Hospital; South Health Campus

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 for a Pastoral Zone Meeting.



Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2027 will open up September 1, 2026 and are booked in-person at the office.



St. Michael's Prayer Group (CCRS Prayer Meeting)

Join us for our weekly prayer meetings featuring praise and worship, bible study, and intercessory prayers. The prayer meetings are on Wednesdays 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



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2026.



Coffee Connections

The last Coffee Wednesday will be Wednesday, June 17 and will resume Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The last Coffee Sunday will be Sunday, June 28 and will resume Sunday, September 13, 2026.



Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle (May 25-June 2, 2027)

This is an opportunity to visit the places of St Paul's ministry. Join Fr. Edmund in this religious pilgrimage as we strive to be missionary disciples. For details, email efvar-gas@shaw.ca or text 403 8742015. <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1442759>



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.



Healing Mass at St. Michael

Every last Friday of the month, there will be a Healing Mass at 7:00pm in the Day Chapel. The first Healing Mass will be on Friday, June 26, 2026. There will be the blessing of water and olive oil, anointing and laying on of hands, as well as prayers for intentions. All parishioners are encouraged to take note and participate. This pastoral initiative is a way of reaching out to those who need healing and bringing them to Christ for healing, comfort, and strength. Thank you, and God bless you all.



CWL Book Sale

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be holding a sale of gently used books, puzzles, and board games the weekend of October 3 and 4. Please consider donating fiction, non-fiction, children's books, cook books, etc. as long as they are free of explicit content. We ask that you collect items over the summer and we will determine times in September when these items can be dropped off for the sale. Proceeds from this sale will allow St. Michael's Catholic Women's League to continue our commitment to programs at SMCC and provide donations to local charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



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.

Pastoral Council Bulletin Content – May 2026



Pastoral Council had its last business meeting before the summer break on May 26. As usual, it was a full agenda, including an update on plans for two Stewardship weekends in September (12 & 13 and 19 & 20) and plans to reintroduce Alpha in 2027. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please first send an email to info@saintmichael.ca. The meeting minutes for May 2026 will be published after Pastoral Council approval at our next meeting, scheduled for September 2026. The minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting on April 28 can be found here: [SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-April-28-2026-Bulletin.pdf](#) We hope you have a relaxing summer break and safe travels wherever you are headed.

Potluck Sunday



Potluck Sunday will take a break for July and August and will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

SSVP "Poor Box" Collection



The Society of St Vincent de Paul is grateful for the kind support of parishioners with our recent Poor Box collection. Your generosity makes a big difference in the lives of those in our community who are struggling with food insecurity and financial difficulties.

Moms & Tots



Moms and Tots has been a large part of our community for many years. It would not be able to go on without the help of the incredible volunteers that have made it possible. We urgently need hands to help set up before and/or clean up after the group sessions come September. Please reach out to Elise Baranowski at 403-991-4612 for more details.

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](#)

Parish Renewal Team Update, June 2026



The Parish Renewal Team continues to move forward with several important initiatives aimed at forming missionary disciples, strengthening family life, and fostering a vibrant Church of encounter and witness within our parish community. Guided by prayer and discernment, the team meets monthly to prioritize key action items within the Parish Renewal Plan and to develop practical steps for their implementation.

As part of this journey, two consecutive Stewardship Weekends have been scheduled for September 12/13 and 19/20, 2026. These weekends will be a joyful opportunity to share our renewal priorities and invite parishioners to prayerfully consider how they might offer their time and gifts in service. Whether through long-standing ministries or new and emerging ones, each person is encouraged to discover their unique place in the life of the parish. A Volunteer Guidelines booklet - currently being finalized - will support this discernment by highlighting a variety of opportunities, including new ministries such as Evangelization, Outreach, Retreat, Environment, Liturgy, Hospitality Desk, and Social Outreach.

In addition, the second annual Ministry Coordinators' Mass, followed by a meet-and-greet and workshop on September 26, 2026, will provide a meaningful opportunity for ministry leaders to gather, encourage one another, and grow in unity as we share in Christ's mission.

As we continue along this path of renewal, we invite you to keep these efforts in your prayers. May each of us remain open to the Lord's call, ready to share our gifts generously and help build a parish community that reflects His love and presence in the world.

Feed the Hungry



Saint Michael Catholic Community will be supporting Feed the Hungry on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Volunteering is a beautiful way to express our care and concern for the less fortunate among us. Volunteers are needed for many roles. If you would like to help, sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after Masses on June 6 & 7 or email us at info@saintmichael.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](#)

Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Jun 13 - Sun. Jun. 21, 2026):

Saturday, June 13:

No event.

Sunday, June 14:

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, After the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
Filipino Catholic Society Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 1:00pm

Monday, June 15:

No event.

Tuesday, June 16:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Wednesday, June 17:

Coffee Wednesday: Narthex, 9:30am
St. Michael's Prayer Group (CCCRS): Day Chapel, 7:00pm

Thursday, June 18:

Knight of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm

Friday, June 19:

No event.

Saturday, June 20:

No event.

Sunday, June 21:

CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday
African Mass 2026: Sanctuary, 12:30pm

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, June 13:

5 pm: † Peter Di Stefano Sr. (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, June 14:

9 am: Int. Virgilia Hidalgo (Fr. Obinyan)

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

5 pm: † Elizabeth Wagner (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, June 16:

6 pm: † Gyula & Anna Borbely (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, June 17:

9 am: † Leanora Soliman (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, June 18:

9 am: † Pietro Gagliardi (Fr. Obinyan)

Friday, June 19:

9 am: † Marie Anne Shvak (Fr. Trudel)

Saturday, June 20:

5 pm: † Joshua Hill (Fr. Trudel)

Sunday, June 21:

9 am: † Angus Boyd (Fr. Obinyan)

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

5 pm: † Elizabeth Wagner (Fr. Trudel)

Please Pray For:

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



Ron Jackson, Lorraine Guyn, Michelle Concha, Pat Garey, Lori Life Chris Mudry, Leni dela Cruz, Don & Silva Smith, Elizabeth Slade, Angela Passerelli, Baky & Mo Hoang, Joyce Capogreco, Frank Brenner, Chaz Morden.

For the Souls Of:

David DeBiasio, Denis Normas Brind, John & Margaret Kehler, Lyse Arcand Madigan

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

	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$110,402	\$123,684	\$101,487
Other Income	\$59,143	\$43,503	\$39,697
Operating Costs	\$195,774	\$128,908	\$135,614
Surplus (Shortfall)	(\$26,229)	\$38,279	\$5,570
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$22,111	\$47,994	\$27,631 Includes MTH
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$2,396,519	\$2,369,283	\$2,342,214
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$11,839	\$20,217	\$22,344
% TIA (Goal for 2026: \$121,243)	9%	16.67%	18.43%
Society St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,268	\$3,952	\$2,491