



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

June 28, 2026: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

To follow or not to follow...

Christian discipleship is about following the will of God in our lives. It is living the faith which the Lord has gifted us with. It is not merely believing what we hear or read in Scriptures. It is not merely preaching or teaching what we believe and understand in our faith. It is putting into practice what we believe.

To approach Christ with our head is scholarship. To approach him with our heart as well as with our head is discipleship. Scholarship cannot guarantee discipleship. Understanding the Beatitudes is quite different from actually living them in our daily life. But scholarship can enhance discipleship. Receiving the sacraments after some reasonable preparation through a series of meetings makes a world of difference from receiving them without any process of preparation. Of course, receiving the sacraments or being "sacramentalized" is not always a guarantee of true Christian discipleship which involves a personal relationship with our personal God.

Our coming to worship, for example, is not only about learning the values by which we live. It is about encountering God in the Eucharist and in the Word in the context of our daily life. We all come from different origins and orientations to offer the totality of our experiences in one common sacrifice of praise. We come together to celebrate our unity in diversity.

During the canonization of the first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, Pope John Paul II referred to him as the "*most improbable of saints*". He explained in his message: "*The Lord gives us saints at the right time and God waited 350 years to give us this saint.. It is the heroism which he demonstrated as a lay witness to the faith which is very important in today's world. Faith and life for Lorenzo was synonymous and inseparable. Life without faith would have been without value... He proved that sanctity and heroism are there for anybody and the final victory is made to size for each one of us.*"

Sanctity is the other word for discipleship. It is made to size for each one of us. We are called to follow the will of God in our own respective lives. We are called to become saints in our own respective state of affairs.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me..." Let us think of those who suffer domestic violence and discrimination. They need our love, compassion and support. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse and prejudice, in ourselves and for those who touch your lives; in Church, at home, and in the streets. Reach out with love, become a disciple of Christ.

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

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



Coffee Connections

Coffee Wednesday will resume Wednesday, September 9, 2026, and Coffee Sunday will resume Sunday, September 13, 2026.



Grief Share Program

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult times. This program consists of a **video seminar** (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), **group support discussions** with facilitators, and a **personal workbook**. This is an 7-8-week program and will run from September 8 - October 20, 2026 on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the workbook. For registration, email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca



Moms & Tots

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.



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

A Healing Mass will be held on Friday, June 26, 7pm at St. Michael Chapel. There will be the blessing of water and olive oil, anointing and laying on of hands, as well as prayers for intentions. This Healing Mass is a way for our community to come together in Christ for healing, comfort, and strength. If pastorally required, this can be celebrated every last Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome.



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 efvargas@shaw.ca or text 403 8742015. <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1442759>



Stampede Breakfast

Join us for our annual Stampede Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 12, 2026 after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses! Bring the whole family and kick off Stampede season with a delicious hot breakfast of pancakes, sausages, and all the fixings. Everyone is welcome. No tickets required. Free-will donations gratefully accepted. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.kofc8636.com



Children's Liturgy

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



World Youth Day



World Youth Day 2027, taking place in South Korea from August 3–8, 2027, is a unique opportunity for young adults to deepen their faith, encounter Christ alongside pilgrims from around the world, and grow in community with fellow Catholics. This pilgrimage is more than a trip, it is an invitation to answer God's call, strengthen your relationship with Him, and bring that renewed faith back to your parish and community. If you are aged 18-35 and are interested in learning more or applying, please contact Gabrielle Puhl at gabriellepuhl@gmail.com or [click here](#) to sign up.

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

SSVP Summer Share Sunday Food Drive



Please support the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Summer Share Sunday Food Drive for families in need in our community. Pick up food lists and donation envelopes in the Narthex after all Masses on June 20 and 21 and return your food and financial donations the following weekend on June 27 and 28. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)



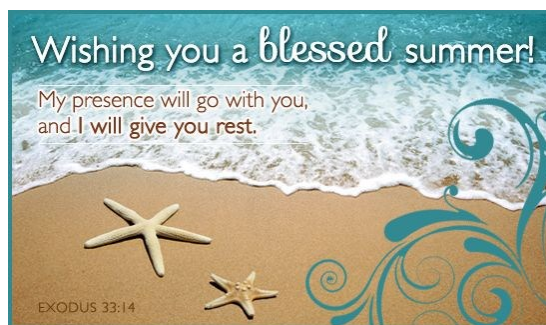
Need assistance? Contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 825-417-1720. Donations of non-perishables and monetary: drop off at SSVP Food Chest in the Narthex. Monetary donations: go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-vincent-de-paul-society-st-michaels-conference/>. New Members: SSVP@saintmichael.ca. 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. Jun 27 - Sun. Jul. 5, 2026):

Saturday, June 27:

No event.

Lord of Pardon Mass: Day Chapel, 12:00pm, followed by reception.

Sunday, June 28:

Coffee Sunday: Narthex, After the 9am & 11am Masses

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

Monday, June 29:

No event.

Tuesday, June 30:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm

Wednesday, July 1:

Office Closed - Canada Day

St. Michael's Prayer Group (CCCRS): Day Chapel, 7:00pm

Thursday, July 2:

No event.

Friday, July 3:

No event.

Saturday, July 4:

No event.

Sunday, July 5:

No event.

Special Event: Sun. July 12:

Stampede Breakfast: Narthex, after 9am & 11am Masses

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 27:

5 pm: Int. Albuquerque Family (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, June 28:

9 am: † Elizabeth Wagner (Fr. Edmund)

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

5 pm: † Monica Rincon Florez (Fr. Obinyan)

Tuesday, June 30:

6 pm: † Antony Kurian (Fr. Edmund)

Wednesday, July 1:

9 am: † William & Julia Jarquin (Fr. Obinyan)

Thursday, July 2:

9 am: † Luis & Yolanda Carrera (Fr. Edmund)

Friday, July 3:

9 am: † Sandra True (Fr. Obinyan)

Saturday, July 4:

5 pm: Int. Costa Family (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, July 5:

9 am: † Jorge Valenzuela (Fr. Obinyan)

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

5 pm: † Jesus Dasalla (Fr. Obinyan)

Please Pray For:

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



Pat Garey, Elizabeth Slade, Angela Passerelli, Frank Brenner, Baky & Mo Hoang, Joyce Capogreco, Chaz Morden, Duri Family, Annette L, Chris Mudry, Margaret Baker, Dolores & Gilbert Sieben, Anne O'Brien.

For the Souls Of:

Alfonso Aguilar, Craig Baun

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