



Saint Michael Catholic Community

800 85th Street SW
Calgary, Alberta

September 13, 2026: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiveness is God's gift!

The first words uttered by Christ as He dies on the cross, "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do...*" summarize his life, mission, and ministry. Christ's compassion for others has inspired and moved His disciples to follow the way of the cross and the road to holiness.

As Christians, we unite ourselves in the spirit of Christ's love and forgiveness. We resolve to carry our own crosses rather than carry grudges over the hurts that others have inflicted on us in our lives. We resolve to imitate Christ in His compassion and mercy. We resolve to become other Christs, offering absolution to enemies as well as friends who have betrayed us just as Christ has done as He dies on the cross.

Christ's loving and forgiving words are echoed in all the liturgical celebrations, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we hear the consoling words of Christ through His priests, "*I absolve you from all your sins...*"

We are invited to become the presence Christ's love and forgiveness in our world. We are mandated to repeat with him His forgiving words on the cross in our daily struggle to fight against our human tendency to get even, to pout, to sulk, or to seek retribution in some form.

Our Christian life is bound to be a journey of forgiveness. Fear and violence are to be confronted with the loving force of Christian forgiveness. Our Christian community has to be a community of the forgiven and the forgiving. Let us consider this basic Christian option to become a forgiving person, just as Christ was forgiving until the last breath of His life. Let our attitude of forgiveness become our legacy to a world that is full of hatred and indifference.

Let our forgiveness become not only an occasional act, but a permanent attitude.

Fr. Edmund, fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines



Confronting Violence and Abuse. Both survivors and persons who have offended may minimize the violence and reinterpret what occurred to excuse or erase it. For a person to say "*No!*" to violence and abuse, they must name violence and abuse for what it is. Jesus tells us that we cannot be His disciples if we come with hatred of others in our hearts. As we begin this time of school and fall activities let us recognize any violence or abuse and confront it. Let us interact with each other with compassion, love, and support.

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 are now available for booking and are booked in-person at the office.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will tentatively resume on Sunday, September 27, 2026 (not September 13, 2026 as previously noted).



Coffee Connections

Coffee Sunday will resume Sunday, September 13.



Potluck Sunday

Potluck Sundays are the first Sunday of each month following the 5pm Mass, with the exception of September and January, which will be on the second Sunday of the month. (Sept. 13, 2026 and Jan. 10, 2027). Please bring a main dish, bread, salad, pickles, vegetable tray, or dessert to share with others. Please bring your food ready to serve. No sign up needed.



40 Days For Life

St. Michael is once again part of this year's Fall prayer campaign, which commences internationally on September 23. 40 Days for Life is a prayerful and respectful campaign that seeks to save babies from being killed in abortion. Our prayerful presence near the abortion centre draws attention to the humanity of the preborn and seeks God's help through intercessory prayer. Will you join us? Sign up and be a loving, prayerful voice for the preborn babies who have no voice but ours. We know from the testimonies of many that these campaigns save lives. Over 26,000 lives have been saved since 2007. St. Michael's day to pray this campaign: Wednesday, September 23. Our team will be there between the hours of 9am to 5pm that day. Please join us by signing up online at [40 Days for Life](#). Signs are provided and you will not be alone. Questions? Call Karen at **403-870-7080**.



October: The month of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary

In the Catholic Church, October is traditionally dedicated as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a special time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Michael Catholic Community encourages parishioners to pray the rosary for peace of the world, our country, and our family and friends. Please join the rosary group to pray the rosary before daily Mass: Tuesdays at 5:20pm and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 8:20am.



Parish Rosary Rally:

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20) You are warmly invited to join our parish family as we gather in the church for a powerful Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Our world, our country, families and neighborhoods need the healing power of prayer more than ever. By coming together as one large body in front of our Blessed Mother, her son Jesus, and St. Joseph, we pray for world peace, the conversion of sinners, and spiritual/physical/mental protection for our community and our families and friends. Whether you pray the rosary daily or haven't picked up your beads in years, your voice matters. Let us fill our sacred Sanctuary with a beautiful chorus of prayer, standing in solidarity with one another to call down God's mercy. **Sunday, October 11, 2026 / St. Michael's Sanctuary / Rosary 10:15 am / Consecration Prayer at 11am Mass / Refreshment after 11am Mass.**



Stewardship Weekends: September 12 & 13 and 19 & 20



As we enter the season of harvest, we are reminded of the many ways we share our time, talent, and treasure at St. Michael Catholic Community. On our Stewardship Weekends, we invite you to: * **Explore our eight new prospective ministries** by scanning the QR code on cards that will be placed on the pews in the Sanctuary. * **Consider serving with Alpha**, returning to St. Michael's in January. * **Discover an existing ministry** through the new Volunteers & Ministries Booklet that will be available in the Narthex. **Where is the Lord of the Harvest calling you to serve?** Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping our parish community grow in Christ.

Healing Mass at St. Michael

A Healing Mass will be held on Friday, September 25 at 7:00 pm in the Day 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.



St. Michael's Prayer Group

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!



CWL Book Sale

St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be holding a sale of gently used books, puzzles, and board games the week-end of October 3 and 4, 2026. Please consider donating fiction, non-fiction, children's books, cookbooks, etc. as long as they are free of explicit content. Items may be dropped off at the church (designated bins) during the month of September. For more information, call Edie Lozinsky at 403-500-0358.



Parish Library Reopening

The Library Ministry cordially welcomes all parishioners to our scheduled reopening on September 13 after the 9:00am and 11:00am morning Masses. A selection of materials will be displayed on our cart in the Narthex shortly before Mass, then a volunteer will be available to assist you in locating and signing out any book of your choice in the Library after Mass. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Joan at joandvorak@telus.net.



Moms and Tots

Moms and Tots will be kicking off their season Thursday, September 17 from 9:30-11:30am in the St. Nicholas Room! Moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers are all welcome to come enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a safe space for our little ones to play and grow closer to God. This year we will be showcasing a theme/talk once a month! Sign up on flock note to stay in the know! Please remember if you are able to lend a hand setting up or taking down our room once a month, please reach out to Elise at 403-991-4612. Volunteers are still needed.



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>

World Youth Day 2027



World Youth Day 2027 will take place in South Korea from August 3–8, 2027. It will be an incredible opportunity for young Catholics from around the world to come together in faith, prayer, community, and celebration. If you are aged 18-35 and are interested in learning more or applying, please contact Gabrielle Puhl at gabriellepuhl@gmail.com.

Monday's Bible Study for Fall 2026: **"The Pivotal Players I" (continuation)**



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. 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, October 5 with 6 in-person sessions (no zoom) in the 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.

Men's Ministry



The St. Michael Men's Ministry is excited to announce this year's That Man Is You program (TMIY) is a 2026 update of the original session, *Revelation of the Father*, first launched more than 20 years ago, with refreshed content and new presenters. *Revelation of the Father* calls men to lay a foundation strong enough to carry his children, his grandchildren, and a culture hungry for truth. The program runs Wednesday mornings from September 16 to December 9, 2026. We meet in the Narthex beginning with breakfast at 6:00am, a short video at 6:30am with discussion at 7:00am, ending at 7:30am. All men are invited.

Feast Light St. Michael



The Feast Light St. Michael is a welcoming gathering where we come together to share good food, grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's love. It is an opportunity for parishioners to pray, connect, share, laugh, and enjoy fellowship in a warm and welcoming community. No prior registration is required, and there is no fee to attend. It is a potluck-style gathering, so everyone is welcome to bring something to share if they are able. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, beginning with a potluck lunch at 1:00pm, followed by prayer from 2:00-4:00pm in the St. Nicholas Room starting September 26, 2026. Bring your family and friends and join us as we grow in faith.

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](#)

Children's Sacraments



Registration for all children's Sacraments is now open! If you would like more information, or would like to register your children for Baptism, First Reconciliation / First Communion, or Confirmation, please visit the Sacrament section of our website.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at bryant-don40@gmail.com to learn more about RCIA.

RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA is beginning on Tuesday, September 15 here at St. Michael's, and we are looking for Sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates. In order to be a sponsor, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. If married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors are asked to attend sessions every Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00pm, and accompany their candidate to Mass on Sundays. If you feel called to be a sponsor, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com



Adult Catechesis

Are you a Catholic who is interested in learning more about your faith? This year, we are extending an invitation to parishioners to learn more about their faith in our RCIA class every Tuesday night from 7:00-9:00pm. Space is limited. To register contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca



Convalidation

Did you know that all Catholics who marry, whether or not they marry another Catholic, are required to be married in the Catholic Church? If you were married civilly, outside of the Church, we invite you to consider convalidating your marriage. To learn more, or to apply for a convalidation contact Fr. Edmund Vargas at fredmund@saintmichael.ca



Christmas Hamper Supporters

Hamper Assembly and Delivery Day is Monday, December 14. Sign up to help on Hamper Day will take place in later November. We always welcome new recruits to join our Hamper Organizing Committee. The Angel Tree coordinators are seeking an extra pair of hands to help prepare donated gifts for inclusion with hampers. Please contact Colleen at 403-837-7791 if you have an interest in participating in either of these programs. Referrals for a Christmas hamper will be accepted beginning October 1. To inquire regarding a hamper, please contact the SSVF via their intake line at 825-417-1720.



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 SSVF 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](#)



SMCC Week-at-a-Glance: (Sat. Sept. 12 - Sun. Sept. 20, 2026):**Saturday, September 12:**

Stewardship Weekend: Narthex, sign up after Mass
 Feast Light St. Michael: St. Nicholas Room, 1pm lunch, 2-4pm prayer

Sunday, September 13:

Stewardship Weekend: Narthex, sign up after Mass
 Coffee Sundays: Narthex, After the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses
 (Come and meet our Women's Ministry today!)

Filipino Catholic Society Meeting: St. Michael's Room, 1:00pm
 Potluck Sunday & Name Tag Sunday: Narthex, 6:00pm

Monday, September 14:

No event.

Tuesday, September 15:

Rosary Group: Day Chapel, 5:20pm
 RCIA (start): St. Nicholas Room, 7:00pm
 Grief Share: Rooms 143 & 144, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 16:

Men's Ministry: Theater, 6:00am
 Coffee Wednesdays: Narthex, 9:30pm
 Women's Ministry Group: Theater, 10:00am
 St. Michael's Prayer Group: Day Chapel, 7:00pm

Thursday, September 17:

Moms & Tots (starts): St. Nicholas Room, 9:30am
 Knitting Ministry: Library, 10:00am
 Knight of Columbus Meeting: Theater, 7:00pm

Friday, September 18:

No event.

Saturday, September 19:

Stewardship Weekend: Narthex, sign up after Mass

Sunday, September 20:

Stewardship Weekend: Narthex, sign up after Mass
 Coffee Sundays: Narthex, After the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

Gifts to the Parish

	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
General Collections			
Collections	\$106,751	\$91,566	\$129,110
Other Income	\$95,766	\$166,383	\$31,267
Operating Costs	\$128,366	\$106,234	\$124,211
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$74,151	\$151,715	\$36,166
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$91,137	\$18,405	\$31,271
Current Loan Balance	\$2,314,799	\$2,287,544	\$2,260,196
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Year-to-Date	\$29,440	\$31,605	\$33,905
% TIA (Goal for 2026: \$121,243)	24%	26%	27%
Society St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,703	\$4,973	\$4,725

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, September 12:

5 pm: † Andrew Caguitla (Fr. Edmund)

Sunday, September 13:

9 am: † Epifanio Soliman (Fr. Obinyan)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: † Dan & Mary Lou Schmitz (Fr. Edmund)

Tuesday, September 15:

6 pm: † Florentine & Rose Schmitz (Fr. Obinyan)

Wednesday, September 16:

9 am: † Michael Martin (Fr. Edmund)

Thursday, September 17:

9 am: Int. Bernie & Pasty Pohler (Fr. Obinyan)

Friday, September 18:

9 am: † Rockey Devassy (Fr. Obinyan)

Saturday, September 19:

5 pm: † Andrew Caguitla (Fr. Obinyan)

Sunday, September 20:

9 am: Int. Shirley Mathias (Fr. Edmund)
 11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael (Fr. Edmund)
 5 pm: Int. Randy & Marianne Kwasnicia (Fr. Obinyan)

Please Pray For:

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



Frank Brenner, Joyce Capogreco, Chaz Morden,
 Duri Family, Annette L, Margaret Baker, Anne O'Brien,
 Dolores & Gilbert Sieben, Angelo Fontana, Concha Family,
 Jon Malek, Don & Sylvia Smith, George Borchill, Chris Mudry.

For the Souls Of:

Edilyn Aperochio

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**.