



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

By **Dr. Randy Gritter**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, sometimes called Vocations Sunday. It was suggested that I tell my vocation story. It is a bit different for me. I was ordained later in life, so a lot more happened that led me to receive that sacrament. I will tell a couple of stories.

Let's start at the beginning. I was born as the son of a protestant pastor. I was taught the faith from my earliest days. I got the full treatment. Christian school, Christian college, most of our social life was in the Church. I was just very strongly immersed in the Dutch Reformed faith. I pretty much believed it all. I learned the Bible. Many kids found it boring, but I loved it. I grew up with a solid faith but not really a lively faith. I went to Church. I followed the rules. I studied the Bible. The Christian faith was something I had basically mastered. I would never have said that at the time but that was kind of my feeling.

Fast forward to my 20's. I had moved out of my home. I was active in the young adults group. I started to encounter people who had a really vibrant and exciting relationship with Jesus. Many of these people had wandered away from the Church and come back. It seemed like they had something I was missing. It did not seem right. Why should someone who stayed on the straight and narrow miss out on some aspect of Christianity?

I went on a retreat with many of these people. I remember the speaker asked the question, "What is the sin that God hates the most?" I did not know. That bothered me. I would normally know the answer to questions like that. He said, "Murder is #3, but what is the #1 sin that God hates the most?" Well, the answer was pride. That really struck me. I had a lot of pride. I had done well to avoid the big sins like sex and drinking.... and murder. But I had not avoided the biggest sin of pride. The #2 sin? Lying. I was also lying a fair bit in those days to serve my pride. It all made me think.

Later he told a story about shepherds. That sometimes when a lamb was rebellious and refused to listen to a shepherd, the shepherd would take that lamb and break its legs. Then the shepherd would put that lamb on his shoulders and hold the bones in place. As the legs healed, the lamb learned to listen to the shepherd's voice. He learned to love the shepherd's voice. Then that lamb would rejoin the flock and no longer be disobedient.

That made me think as well. I could look at my life and see many things that were not going well at all. It was like God was telling me, this is not because you are a loser, it is because I love you. I broke your legs so you could learn to love me, too.

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Healing Lines

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.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, April 20 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dr. Randy Gritter
Sunday, April 24 at 8:30am Morning Prayer: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, April 21 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dr. Randy Gritter
Sunday, April 21 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, April 21 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dr. Randy Gritter

Glad to have you here!

We welcome new parishioners and visitors. We'd love to see you again! Please register at the Parish Office, or online at saintmichael.ca

Connect with us

Follow us on social media at [@saintmichael.ca](https://www.instagram.com/saintmichael.ca)
Also, join Flocknote by texting **SMCYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyc



Church Schedule

Subject to change

Weekday & Weekend Masses:

Tuesday: 6 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00am to 8:45am
Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30am to 12:00pm noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If **you** or a **family member** is sick and cannot make it to Mass, and needs Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion, we can arrange to have one of our priests visit them. Please call the Parish Office at **403-249-0423** to schedule a visit.

**Diocese of Calgary 24-Hour Emergency
Priest Paging Hotline: 403-231-9505.**

Events and Announcements

Sunday, April 21, 2024

This Sunday, World Day of Vocations or "Good Shepherd Sunday", we heed the Lord's call to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We ask for your prayers for young people to courageously answer God's call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. The Diocese of Calgary also asks for your generous donations today to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. You can donate online at catholicycyc.ca/give or through our parish.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

Volunteerism, anyone?

"It is National Volunteer Week, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge everyone for their ongoing dedication to St. Michael's. Your hard work not only helps strengthen and build the community, but it also creates friendships and unforgettable moments. You are truly making a difference!" (Marvin Matthews, Volunteer Coordinator) We need volunteers in most ministries. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (EME) Committee is actively campaigning for more volunteers. With the return of our Basket Collection during weekends, we need volunteers in the Hospitality Ministry to increase the number of ushers and greeters who can help with the collection baskets. With the lifting of restrictions of the Communion with the Cup and if we proceed the pre-pandemic practice, we require to double the number of Eucharistic Ministers who can help administer Holy Communion during the weekend Masses.

Collection Baskets | All Weekend Masses

Collection Baskets will be re-introduced during all weekend Masses beginning the weekend of May 4 and 5, and onwards.

Incense | All 11:00am Masses and Special Occasions

Incense will be used at all of the 11:00am Masses, including special occasions and funerals.

2023 Tax Receipts

2023 tax receipts have been mailed. If you have not received your receipt, please check with the office. Some receipts did not have an address and some were sent back to us with an incorrect address.

Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit" | Begins Monday, April 15 | 8 in-person Sessions on Mondays | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00pm

Monday's Bible Study for Spring 2024 is "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit". Jeff Cavins will explain how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit, the meaning of "justification", and how faith and works are an integral part of it. This study will start on April 15, 2024 and will have 8 "in-person" sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas' Room every Monday at 7:00 pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Elements of the Catholic Mass | April 20 and 21, 2024 | Before All Masses

Processions: A procession is an assembly on the move. It symbolizes, in every instance, our pilgrimage through this world to our true homeland; we are citizens of heaven. <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/processions>

40 Hours for Vocations | Day Chapel | Friday, April 19, 3:00pm to Sunday, April 21, 8:00am

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, April 19 at 3:00pm until Sunday, April 21 at 8:00am. To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: www.signuppenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-48428431-40hours

Vocations Rally | Sanctuary and Narthex | Sunday, April 21 | 11:00am-3:30pm

The entire Diocese of Calgary is invited to join us for our Diocesan Vocations Rally on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, beginning with the 11:00am Mass. Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not, through the testimony and wisdom of our priests, religious, consecrated, and married people. During this Diocesan Mass, a special collection will be taken up with the collection baskets to support the education and formation of our seminarians and those in the permanent diaconate program. Lunch will follow in the Narthex and presentations in the Sanctuary. Admission is free. Please register at <https://www.catholicycyc.ca/vocations.html>

Fr. Edmund's 45th Year Celebration as a Priest | Friday, April 26, 2024 | Sanctuary Mass 6:00pm | Reception 7:00pm

Join Fr. Edmund in celebrating 45 years as a priest on Friday, April 26! The celebration will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and will begin with Mass at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception at 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 24 by signing up here: <https://forms.gle/7bW9NRcdvCUCNfbFA>

Undie Sunday | Narthex | After All Masses | Sanctuary | Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Annual Undie Sunday is back in support of the Elizabeth House on April 27 and 28. At this time the following items are needed: Baby Tylenol, Advil, diapers (size 4), pull-ups, women's lounge/sweatpants (all sizes), women's cotton underwear (sizes M-XL), women's socks (all types), children's leave-in hair conditioner, bath towels, and face cloths. Please note, all items must be NEW. Financial donations will also be accepted. Monetary donations contribute directly to the grassroots operations of Elizabeth House. Donations can be made by cheque to Elizabeth House or online at www.catholicycyc.ca. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, St. Michael's CWL and Knights of Columbus.

Altar Servers Training | Sunday, April 28, 2024 | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm

The next training session will be held on Sunday, April 28 after the 11am Mass in the Sanctuary. Please join us if you and your children are interested in joining the Altar Servers. The training takes about 1.5-2 hours.

Beloved Daughter's Ministry: Women's Conference | Sanctuary | Friday, May 3, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday, May 4, 8:30am-4:00pm

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled "Worthy and Made New." The conference will be held from May 3-4, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com



Events and Announcements

44th Annual Hike For Life | Saturday, May 11, 2024 | Prince's Island Park | 8:30am-12:00pm

Please join Fr. Edmund in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island Park. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own, or you can make a donation to Fr. Edmund or any other team member from now until May 12. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and will be accepted online until June 30 at www.calgaryprolife.com. Please indicate that the donation will be sponsoring St. Michael Catholic Community. Pledge forms are also available at the office. All funds raised will go to support the Respect For Life program. St. Michael's CWL will be in the Narthex collecting pledges after all Masses on May 4/5 and May 11/12.



Mother's Day Rose Sale | Sunday, May 12, 2024 | Narthex | After All Masses

Mothers' day roses will be on sale after all Masses on May 11th and May 12, for \$5.00 per rose, all proceeds from the rose sales go towards pro-life education

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council | Meetings Update | Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, St. Michael's Room, 7:00pm

Warm greetings to all parishioners at SMCC! We hope that you enjoyed a happy and holy Easter. Our meeting in March was cancelled to avoid meeting during Holy Week. We reconvened on April 16 and discussed a number of matters, including:

- The re-introduction of collection baskets at Easter Masses. Your Parish Council has voted to move forward with the permanent return of the baskets.
- Planned and legacy giving. Our website page will be updated to provide more comprehensive information to parishioners.

Our next meeting will be on May 28 at 7:00pm in the St. Michael's Room. 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. To read the minutes from our meeting in February, or any past meeting, please go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-February-27-2024-Bulletin.pdf>

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Mezzanine | Various Times

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition will be held at St. Michael Catholic Community between May 24 and June 2. It will be an awesome display of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, but **we need YOUR help**. Volunteers are needed to assist in this spiritually impactful opportunity. A message regarding the Exhibition will be announced at each weekend Mass and members of the organizing committee will be in the Narthex after each Mass, easily identifiable by the red sashes that they are wearing. To volunteer, or to get more information, please visit our website via the link or the QR code. <https://saintmichael.ca/eucharistic-miracles-exhibition/>

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | Friday, June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

The final Youth Rally "Impact Night" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church is scheduled on Friday, June 14 from 7:00-9:00pm. The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3 12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. If you are interested in joining, please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! If you have lost your job, please contact us for food support. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. **DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the church Gathering Area or you can arrange for a pick-up, by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, and conditioner. **MONETARY DONATIONS** can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the Parish website: <https://saintmichael.ca/giving/>. Please indicate funds are for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the drop-down menu. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): Go to [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): Go to <https://mailchi.mp/58d385d49bd7/beyond-bulletin-insert-solemnity-of-all-saints-6235580?e=6937123d2f>

Diocese of Calgary Faithfully Bulletin (April 2024): Go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sZQ2xyJEIHdu4Js86ZPmbM2fhsJ4iCA/view>

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

Sundays | After Morning Masses | 10:00am and 12:00pm

April 2024:

April 19 - 21 | 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations | Day Chapel | Begins Friday, April 19 at 3:00pm | Ends Sunday, April 21 at 8:00am

April 19 | Youth Rally Impact Night: Grades 7-12 | Guest from Houston, Texas | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

April 21 | Cancelled: Coffee Connections

April 21 | Vocations Rally | Sanctuary | 12:00pm-3:00pm

April 22 | Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 23 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

April 23 | RCIA | St. Nicholas' Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 23 | SSVF Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00pm

April 24 | Women's Ministry Bible Study "Wild Goose" | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00-12:00pm

April 25 | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

April 25 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

April 26 | Fr. Edmund's 45th Anniversary | Sanctuary Mass 6:00pm | Reception Narthex 7:00pm

April 27 | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas' Room | 9:00am-12:00pm

April 27-28 | Undie Sunday | Narthex | After All Masses

April 28 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 12:00pm

April 29 | Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 30 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

April 30 | RCIA | St. Nicholas' Room | 7:00-9:00pm

Eternal Springs Columbarium

The Columbarium at St. Michael's offers a consecrated and sacred space where the cremated remains of departed loved ones rest in perpetuity. For pricing or more information, please email columbarium@saintmichael.ca.

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Peter An, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Helen Gal	Aaron Armstrong	Evelyn Dumanski
Demy Navarro	Rina VandeGeer	Annette LaMarca
Bill Dingman	Bert Saunders	Bill Tapuska
Joey Stevenson	Cecile Manning	Pat Burchnall
Pietro Jr. Duri	Duncan Smith	Judy York

For the Souls of:

Sexual Abuse in the Church

Many suffer in silence. Perhaps you are affected by the news of sexual abuse of minors in the Church; perhaps you are a sexual abuse survivor or a relative of a friend of someone who was abused; perhaps you know about an abuse; perhaps you have sexually abused someone. Break the cycle of silence: you can choose to talk about it. 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**.

E-Transfer:

You can now donate using e-transfer service. Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to: isupport@saintmichael.ca.

Text to Donate:

Don't carry cash? You can now use text messaging to donate any amount to St. Michael's. To set up your account, text *give* to **833-768-0514** and follow the prompt. Once you're in, text any amount to the same number - anytime.



Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, April 20

5 pm: Hoan Luong †

Sunday, April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter

9 am: Jerome Francis Harte †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: James Armand Martin Sr. †

Tuesday, April 23

6 pm: Intentions of Elsa George

Wednesday, April 24

9 am: Eleno B. Laga †

Thursday, April 25

7 pm: Intentions of Mary Lena Bleile

Friday, April 26

9 am: Emiliana B. Laga †

Saturday, April 27

5 pm: Aura, Rene, and Antonio Sequeira †

Sunday, April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

9 am: Marie Grey †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ron Tainsh †

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