



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Lord Is My Shepherd

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. We reflect on what it means to have Jesus as shepherd and what it means to be his followers. Today, we also pray for more shepherds, that is, priestly and religious vocations as we mark the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In His preaching ministry, Jesus often told stories and examples from the lives of ordinary people like the shepherds. Although most of us do not know a great deal about sheep and shepherds, we do know what it means to care for other animals, especially pets. We know the special bond that is shared between the pet and the owner. Affection, loyalty, care and loving care are some of the descriptions that can be applied to this kind of relationship between a human being and an animal. The story of the Good Shepherd builds on this understanding.

Traditionally, Psalm 23 is proclaimed or prayed at times of grave sickness or in the face of death. The words give comfort, solace and hope in times of trouble or sorrow. A funeral would usually include Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd) as one of the readings or hymns. But if we reflect on this psalm carefully, we realize that it is also for life and living. In fact, the psalm captures the essence of our Christian life, outlining our personal relationship with the Good Shepherd who is the way, the truth and life. Living the psalm during our lifetime prepares us for eternal life.

Jesus tells us in the gospels: "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full...". Yes, it is only by following our Good Shepherd that we will be safe and find the pasture we need. Only in Christ can we satisfy the hunger for food, freedom, justice, love, peace, truth and understanding. If we resolutely choose to follow Him – both in our private lives and in our public lives – we will be able to sing with the Psalmist: *"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose. Beside restful waters, He leads me. He refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the presence of the Lord for years to come"*. (Ps 23:1-3, 6)

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Healing Lines

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd". 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.

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 & 5 pm

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

Reconciliation:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 am to noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If you or someone you know is sick, 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

Saturday Night Lights with Michael Chiasson & Access 52

Saturday, April 29 - 6pm

All students for life (Grade 7-12) are invited to an amazing youth experience on Saturday, April 29, 6-8pm after the 5pm Mass. This will be followed every last Saturday of the month: May 27 & June 24, 6-8pm.

To register please go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/591820590317>.

Altar Server Training

Friday, May 5 @ 6:30pm & Sunday, May 7 @ 12pm

There will be two upcoming training sessions for anyone interested in altar serving to attend. Both will be held in the Sanctuary. Choose one of them, or both if you think you or your child will need extra time to learn. Please go to www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin to sign up for a session. Click on the "sign up" button to sign up and it will prompt you to type in the names of all those who will be attending (include all children in your family who will attend).

There are a few things to note:

1. Attendance at a training session is mandatory in order to be scheduled to serve.
2. There will be some forms that need to be signed before you can be scheduled to serve. Another message with these forms will be sent out and forms will be available at the training sessions as well.
3. There is a special Mass for Confirmation on May 28th at 2pm. This training, plus additional training will be needed for that, and any other special Mass in the future. Please let us know if you are interested.
4. As for signing up for Masses we will let you know once it is set up.

Pastoral Care Ministry Update

Augusto Bitter, our coordinator and his wife Emilia are now looking for volunteers to work in this important ministry. You may wish to join us as a new volunteer, resume your previous (pre-pandemic) volunteer activity, to join another area of this ministry, or to help us recruit others who may respond to your invitation to serve. For details, please reach out to him at abitter@telus.net or 403-804-5047.

43rd Annual Hike for Life

Saturday, May 13

Please join Fr. Edmund in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island. 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 13. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and will be accepted until June 30th. All funds raised will go to support the Respect for Life program.

St. Mike's Garden

St. Mike's Garden group is looking for volunteers to assist with the cultivation, weeding and watering of the raised flower beds on our property. The vegetables will be distributed at the end of the season to various schools to provide nutrition to those in need. If you are interested, please contact, Leticia.sheldon@cssd.ab.ca for further information.

Women's Conference by Beloved Daughters Ministry

May 26-27

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their first annual women's conference entitled, "Restoring the Feminine Heart." Conference will be held from May 26-27, 2023 at St. Luke's Parish (Calgary, AB) and guided by guest speakers Heather & Jake Khyrn of Life Restoration Ministries. For more information visit: www.beloveddaughtersyyc.com

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“TRAiD for MAiD”

Tuesday, May 30 - 7pm

True Assistance in Dying: why is MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) embedding itself in our country? St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be hosting Dr. Peggy Thomson-Gibson, MSCM. FRCP(C), as she presents on how to “Defend the Faith without Raising our Voice” to shed the light of faith through prayer, action and sacrifice on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome to attend this timely event.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

Greetings to our fellow parishioners and visitors at Saint Michael Catholic Community. We hope that you enjoyed a blessed and joyful Easter! Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make the Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday liturgies as beautiful as they were. Your dedication to our catholic community is appreciated.

Highlights from our meeting on April 25:

- A Children's Liturgy Coordinator has been hired. Children's liturgies start on Sunday mornings in June.
- Michael Chiasson of Access52 updated us on the success of the Saturday evening youth events.
- Coffee is being served after both Sunday morning Masses (volunteers needed for 11 am)
- Coffee after Thursday morning weekday Masses will begin late May (volunteers needed)
- The next Name Tag Sunday will take place the last weekend in May.

If you would like to read the minutes from our most recent meeting, or any past meeting, please go to: www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin Questions? Concerns? Please reach us at 403-249-0423.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of **March we helped 25 families**. 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 make arrangements by e-mailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: Cereal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and canned fish/meat.

MONETARY DONATIONS can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the St. Michaels 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

Holy Land Pilgrimage

November 13 to 21, 2023

Holy Land Pilgrimage Alert! The space reduction date is May 14 on the Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land tour with Fr Edmund on November 13-21. After May 14, reservations will be based on first-come first-serve availability. After the reduction date, air rates can vary and the legal names and dates of birth are required to request airline space. It takes approximately 48-72 hours to hear back from the airlines if we can get the seat back at the same rate or what else they can offer.

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, Solomon Ip, Samuel O'Ejeregbe, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Steve Bollman	Paul Keough	Jennifer Tipper
Judy Chu	Grant Schmick	Antoinette Vincent
Josh & Trish Helman & Family	Danielle Swerhone	Mary Vos
Jacob Jensen	Kevin Thorvaldson	Chester Wisniewski

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.

Gifts to the Parish

	January	February	March
General Collections			
Collections	\$110,445	\$87,523	\$89,701
Operating Costs	\$93,026	\$122,238	\$144,019
Surplus (shortfall) YTD OpCosts	\$17,419	(\$34,715)	(\$54,317)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$10,994	\$13,487	\$14,822
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
Current Loan Balance	\$3,900,821	\$3,877,683	\$3,855,737
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Collect YTD	\$5,632	\$7,674	\$31,733
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,941(M)	\$2,774(M)	\$2,729(M)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29

5 pm: Blair Compton †

Sunday April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9 am: Intentions of Madison Bischoff

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Joe Tallerico †

Tuesday, May 2

6 pm: Ron Fabbi †

Wednesday, May 3

9 am: Pedro Ganal †

Thursday, May 4

9 am: Bert Kalaw †

Friday, May 5

9 am: Intentions of Joelle Chu

Saturday, May 6

5 pm: Eleuteria Lopena †

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 am: Paz Alciso †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of Carlos Plazas

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