



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr Edmund's Pastoral Notes

This Divine Mercy Sunday from 2pm to 3pm, we celebrate an Hour of God's Mercy with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy chapel at our main sanctuary. Confessions will be available from 1pm to 2pm. A reception will be held at the Hospitality area. Last year's celebration marked the re-dedication of the renovated St. Mary's Chapel and the Blessing of the Image of the Divine Mercy follows the celebration. There is a sign reminding us that absolute silence is to be observed in the corridor between St. Mary's Chapel and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel where in both sacred places parishioners and visitors pray and meditate. There will be no talking or stopping along this corridor. The renovated chapel is the sacred place to strengthen our devotion to the Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy. The Scriptural Stations of the Cross, featured in this chapel, are based on those celebrated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. They are presented as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

Sunday Collection is back! Started last Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we will continue to take up the weekend collection this weekend and the following weekends with our ushers passing around the baskets, as done before the pandemic. May God, who cannot be outdone in love and generosity, continue to bless our love and generosity.

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit (May 24—June 2) is coming to our community! May this exhibit be an opportunity for all of us to re-visit our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist through the incredible narratives and testaments of so many about how the Eucharist takes on a spectacular display of its spiritual reality in the physical realm. Transubstantiation, the becoming of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ during the Consecration in the Holy Eucharist, is the ongoing miracle that we have to appreciate as God's most precious gift to us. The Eucharist, as *"the source and summit of all Christian life"* (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324*) should convince us more and more to make the Sunday Mass a priority in our life. May the Eucharist always renew in us in living the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. May God's blessings be with us as we honor His Son's Real Presence in the Eucharist through this exhibit!

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Healing Lines

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19) In a time of increasing violence in our homes and world let us not miss the "signs" of those who need our help. The signs may not be physically visible. Victims of domestic and family abuse are wounded in so many ways. Get to know your Church and community neighbors. Be there to support and refer them for help when they need it. Actively pass on the "signs of peace".

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

- Saturday, April 6 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino
- Sunday, April 7 at 8:30am: Morning Prayer with Fr. Jose Bustalino
- Sunday, April 7 at 9am: Fr. Jose Bustalino
- Sunday, April 7 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
- Sunday, April 7 at 5pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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 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

Incense | All 11:00am Masses and Special Occasions

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

Handling Panhandling at SMCC and Other Places

What do we do? Respectfully acknowledge the person asking for money and politely say "no". Panhandling is illegal (Calgary by-law 3M99). Panhandlers may not be homeless or may panhandle as part of a larger syndicated operation. Our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul also distributes groceries to needy families in the area throughout the year. Or you may contact one of the city's social agencies that help, including the Drop-in Centre (263-6217), Mustard Seed Street Ministry (269-1319), Salvation Army (410-1111), CUPS (221-8781), Alpha House (234-7388), and EXIT (262-9953). Let us help our Church and other organizations help street people help themselves and re-discover their sense of human dignity and respect. If you see a panhandler in need or trouble, or if you have encountered an aggressive panhandler, you may call the Panhandling Outreach Worker (221-8788) or the Police (403-266-1234).

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.

Children's Liturgy Schedule

March 16/17: Last Day of Children's Liturgy before Easter Break | Session "A" 8:30 AM | Session "B" 10:30 AM

March 23/24: NO Children's Liturgy (re: Easter Break)

March 30/31: NO Children's Liturgy (re: Easter Break)

April 6/7: Children's Liturgy Resumes | Divine Mercy Sunday | Session "A" 8:30 AM | Session "B" 10:30 AM

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

We hope that you are having a holy and blessed Lent, in preparation for Easter. We worked our way through a full agenda at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27. Highlights include: * A presentation by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. A parish-wide presentation will be made at all Masses March 16 and 17.

* Re-introduction of collection baskets at Easter Masses. Volunteers will be needed. * Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7, from 2- 3 pm, with a reception to follow. More details to be provided. / The meeting in March is cancelled as it falls in Holy Week. Our next meeting will be on April 16. 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 January, or any past meeting, please go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes-january-23-2024/>

Divine Mercy Novena | Begins on Good Friday | March 29, 2024

Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday. A copy of the Divine Mercy Novena will be available at the entrance to the Day Chapel. For more information, please visit St. Michael's website at <https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/divine-mercy-novena-2.pdf>

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration | Sunday, April 7, 2024 | Reconciliation 1:15pm, Holy Hour 2:00pm, Reception 3:00pm

There will be a Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7, 2024. It will begin with Reconciliation at 1:15 pm in the Confessional Rooms, followed by Holy Hour in the Day Chapel at 2:00pm, and Reception in the Narthex at 3:00pm. Please note that incense will be used during the celebration.

Elements of the Catholic Mass | April 6 and 7, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Role of the Parishioner: Many of us grow up in middle class Christianity. The danger with that is that we have everything we want and as a consequence we don't really long for heaven. In this episode we learn what the role of the parishioner is in the Catholic Mass. <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-role-of-the-parishioner>

Lectio Divina Workshops: Encounter Christ the Living Word | Wednesday, April 17 | Day Chapel | 7:30pm

The Seeds of the Word Community is glad to participate in the Pastoral Renewal by providing a Lectio Divina Workshop: 'Praying with the Word of God: Encounter Christ the Living Word' for the Parishes of the Diocese of Calgary. A workshop will be offered at St. Michael's on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30pm in the Day Chapel. (Please note: the workshop previously scheduled for April 10 has been cancelled). All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://forms.gle/y1zSixLpthiMk6Gg7>

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | April 19 and June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

Youth Rally "Impact Nights" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church are scheduled on the following nights from 7:00-9:00pm: | Friday, April 19 | Friday, June 14 | 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. The next Youth Rally will be featuring special Guests from Houston, Texas.

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.signupgenius.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. Admission is free and lunch is provided. Please register at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/vocations.html>

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

Join Fr. Edmund in celebrating 45 years as a priest! The celebration will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and will begin with Mass at 6:00pm, 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>

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



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>

Events and Announcements

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 urgently 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. Please speak to one of them about volunteering or for more information about the exhibition. Find below the links to register to volunteer.

We will need over 200 volunteers for this event for various tasks:

Volunteer Group "A":

- ensure visitors are welcomed - count visitors as they arrive - answer visitor questions - oversee the displays making sure they are not touched or damaged

To volunteer for group "A", please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-48413752-eucharistic>

Volunteer Group "B": (an acceptable police check is required)

- book sales - donations

To volunteer for group "B", please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-48417650-eucharistic>

These are not hard tasks, but they need friendly people who are eager to help make this experience impactful and contemplative for all.

For more information, please contact: Eucharist@saintmichael.ca

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.



Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

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

April 2024:

April 2 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30 -7:00pm

April 2 | Cancelled: RCIA

April 3 | TMIY | Day Chapel | 6:00am

April 3 | Women's Ministry Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00am

April 4 | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas' Room | 9:30am

April 4 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am

April 7 | Divine Mercy Sunday | Reconciliation 1:15pm | Celebration Day Chapel 2:00pm | Reception Narthex 3:00pm

April 9 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30 -7:00pm

April 9 | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 6:30pm

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

April 10 | TMIY Last Session | Day Chapel | 6:30am

April 10 | Women's Ministry Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00am

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

April 11 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am

April 11 | First Communion Session 3 | Various Rooms | 6:00-7:30pm

April 13 | Confirmation Retreat | Various Rooms | 9:30am-3:30pm

April 15 | Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit" (First Session) | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 16 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30 -7:00pm

April 16 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

April 16 | RCIA | St. Nicholas' Room | 7:00-9:00pm

April 17 | Women's Ministry Bible Study "Wild Goose" | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00am

April 17 | Lection Devina Workshop "Encounter Christ the Living Word" | Day Chapel | 7:30-8:30pm

April 18 | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas' Room | 9:30-11:30am

April 18 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

April 18 | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

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 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

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 22 | **Philippine Madrigal Singers | Sanctuary | 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 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

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

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

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 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:

Rosa Duri	Joey Stevenson	Cecile Manning
Elizabeth Chandless	Pietro Jr. Duri	Duncan Smith
Helen Gal	Aaron Armstrong	Evelyn Dumanski
Demy Navarro	Rina VandeGeer	Annette LaMarca
Bill Dingman	Bert Saunders	Bill Tapuska

For the Souls of:

Regina Pagdanganan Amy Loughheed Barbara Kenmuir Agnes Molohon

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

	October	November	December
General Collections			
Collections	\$97,285	\$89,909	\$148,442
Other Income	\$29,506	\$58,358	\$57,002
Operating Costs	\$164,849	\$135,449	\$119,954
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$38,058)	\$12,819	\$85,491
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,724	\$18,512	\$129,611
Current Loan Balance	\$3,698,763	\$3,675,809	\$3,653,177
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$55,760	\$62,408	\$74,471
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	46%	51%	61%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,473	\$6,455	\$25,278

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, April 6

5 pm: Hong Ngo †

Sunday, April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

9 am: Ellie Felker †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Zenaida and Juan Ocampo †

Tuesday, April 9:

6 pm: Intentions of Demy Navarro

Wednesday, April 10

9 am: Intentions of Marlene Mudry

Thursday, April 11

7 pm: Philomena Rodrigues †

Friday, April 12

9 am: Intentions of Dana Fabbri

Saturday, April 13

5 pm: Frank Zerr †

Sunday, April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter

9 am: Gregorio and Tomasa Hidalgo †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of the Pinto Family

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