



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Hail, Joseph!

We find in Joseph a principled person faithful to his own Jewish tradition who would rather prefer compassion than legalism. Even though Joseph did not completely comprehend the implications of his dream, he responded with faith to the messenger of God. Joseph, together with Mary, sought to do the right thing, believing that God would be with them in their own respective life journeys.

Joseph is a model of husbandry and fatherhood, especially in our own times. Here is a husband and father whose role is more of following the divine will than seeking his own human preference in taking care of his wife and his son. The basis of his loving and caring relationship is more moral and spiritual than physical which is not existent after all.

We look up to Joseph in his selfless dedication to his family. Joseph is also a model of unity for our families and world communities. Joseph embodies the principle of unity based on the fatherhood of God. His selfless attitude to what has happened in his own life is an outstanding character that is needed in our elusive search for peace and unity in our world. It is an attitude that requires full trust and confidence in God for whom, through whom and from whom we all have our being. It is an attitude of a creature that acknowledges the complete and total jurisdiction of the Creator.

Like Joseph, we are challenged to be faithful to the message of God in the unfolding events of our lives. We don't have to be larger than life. We are not, after all. We have to go through our lives with the magnanimity of heart that made Joseph follow the will of God in his life to the end. We are part of the God's entire plan.

According to Pope Benedict XVI, *"his example helps us to understand that it is only by complete submission to the will of God that we be become effective workers in the service of his plan to gather together all mankind into one family."* fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

"The Bible says I have to forgive my abuser. (Mt. 6:9-15)" Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the offence, nor does it mean that we must expose ourselves to danger. Rather, it allows us to let go of a bad experience and move on with our lives, in recognition that we do not need to tolerate abuse against ourselves, or others.

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:

Fridays: 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

Together in Action (Formerly Bishop's Appeal)

The parish target for 2022 is \$121,243, we are still short by \$93,585.50. With only one month left in the year, please consider making a contribution to help us meet our target.

Confirmation

Registration for the 2023 Confirmation program is now open! To register your child(ren) in grades 6 and up for the Sacrament of Confirmation, visit our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/confirmation/>

Christmas Hamper Outreach

Monday December 19

Referrals: We currently have more than 145 referrals for hampers. Referrals are accepted from parish school counselors, and through SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423 extension 122.

Support us:

Monetary donations help us offset the costs of our food (purchased at wholesale prices), and the cost of the grocery gift cards included for the recipient to purchase their turkey.

Donations may be made through:

- the collection box, noted for *Christmas Hampers*
- depositing the green envelopes located in the SSVP donation bin/lockbox in the gathering area
- online at saintmichael.ca/giving.

Please include your clearly printed name and address - tax receipts will be issued in Jan 2023.

Food Donations: Thank you to our parish schools for their food drives in support of SSVP. SSVP provides support to families year-round. Food donations received this month are used by SSVP to address late hamper requests and after-Christmas hamper needs.

Gifts for children: The Angel Tree is how we meet requests for children's gifts. Please return your Angel Tree Gift no later than Monday December 12th. Gifts are being wrapped by our volunteers on Wednesday December 14th.

Volunteers:

Thank you to all our faithful parish members who have volunteered. We will be in touch about your assignment. *Note:* To volunteer or if you need to cancel please contact Marvin Matthews MMatthews@saintmichael.ca

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2022 Donations

We will distribute hampers to 170 families at the cost of \$54,000. The parish has "advanced" \$29,000 to cover the required amount while we await for your contributions... Please consider supporting this outreach effort as part of being a "missionary" community.

2023 Contribution Envelopes

Next year's 2023 contribution envelopes are now available for pickup in the gathering area. Please look for your name alphabetically-organized, and note that your number may have changed from last year. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 403-249-0423.

Gift Shop

Don't forget to check out St. Michael's gift shop after mass on Saturday night and Sundays... lots of Advent calendars and candles, and Christmas ornaments and Nativity sets to help celebrate the season of Christmas! We also have a beautiful selection of rosaries and jewelry, and wonderful books for both adults and children.

Mass Schedule for This Weekend

Saturday, December 17, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, December 18, 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Events and Announcements



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9 am, 11 am

Saturday, December 31, New Years Eve

5 pm

Sunday, January 1, New Years Day

9 am, 11 am, 5 pm



Stocking Tree

We will not be collecting stockings for the stocking tree this year. If you wish, you can make a donation to SSVP, or donate to a charity of your choice.

Trico Homes

With the approval of the Bishop's Office, Trico Homes will be using the empty space on the south side of the parking lot for its Presentation Centre for a year or less. All legal agreements, including insurance coverages, have been duly completed. The centre is not accessing power or IT connections from the church. A new roadway (83rd Street SW) will soon be built along the east boundary of the church property, to give access to multi-family homes by Truman Properties and Trico Homes. With written agreements, Truman Properties and Trico Homes will be "sloping" our property area next to the proposed roadway with two-way sidewalks, estimated at \$80,000.00. The "sloping" work will be completed without any cost to the parish. The developers are also re-doing the property fence, including re-landscaping. Truman Properties, through George Trutina, has also built a four-foot-high security fence on the Northwest part of our church property to prevent trespassers, dogwalkers and others from intruding the rectory area. In addition, a gated pedestrian access from the new roadway will be installed.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of November we helped over 28 families.

Here are ways you can help us:

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)

GriefShare

January 17 to March 2, 2023

Have you lost a loved one recently, or know someone who has? The grief support ministry invites individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program in the new year. The program consists of a video seminar (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), group sharing with participants/facilitators and a personal workbook. The program runs every Tuesday, 7 pm to 9 pm from January 17 to March 7. There is a fee of \$10 for the workbook. Free will offerings will also be accepted. To register or for more info, please contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423 or info@saintmichael.ca.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

November 13 to 21, 2023

Join Fr. Edmund on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 13 to 21, 2023, on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Cost: double \$5,699, single \$6,849 and triple \$5,669. For more information visit: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1122663.

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'Ejeregebe, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Don Bruce	Janet and Pal Nyilas
Blessie San Buenaventura	Janeth Rodriguez
Greg Choquette	Grant Schmick
Bill Dingman	Bryan Williams Jr.
John Nely	

For the Soul 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

	September	October	November
General Collections			
Collections	\$98,277	\$72,520	\$94,431
Operating Costs	\$87,636	\$98,750	\$99,615
Surplus (shortfall)YTD OpCosts	\$10,641	(\$26,230)	(\$5,184)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,738	\$15,672	\$15,033
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
Current Loan Balance	\$3,967,822	\$3,962,388	\$3,943,360
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Collect YTD	\$21,239	\$24,642	\$28,917
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$17,910(YTD)	\$2,893(M)	\$8,302(M)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

5 pm: David Brigidear †

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 am: Luis Aranguren †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Margaret Jeanne Guillaume †

Tuesday, December 20

6 pm: Fabiyan Valyan †

Wednesday, December 21

9 am: Leticia Carruyo †

Thursday, December 22

9 am: Gregorio Hidalgo †

Friday, December 23

9 am: Calderon & Hidalgo Families †

Saturday, December 24

4 pm: Annette & Duncan MacKenzie †

7 pm: Sheila Foster †

10 pm: Gary Pearce †

Sunday December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

9 am: Mary-Louise Pye †

11 am: For All Parishioners

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