



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Christ Heals Through Us

In many healing episodes, Jesus would forgive the sins of the sick before healing his or her sickness. He would tackle our spiritual state by His forgiveness of sins and then deal with our physical state. In a way, many of our small, or even bigger health issues, result from the malfunctions of our soul. Why not deal with the root cause of our problems. Why not turn to God in honest repentance. That may be the beginning of a wide range of healings.

We have to be careful though not to equate illness with sinfulness, as the ancient Israelites used to do, considering illness as a punishment from God for some wrongdoing. Some of the greatest saints have endured agonizing illnesses during their lives whereas some of the worst sinners have enjoyed perfect health during their lives. We can always ask ourselves if our spiritual state has something to do with our medical ailments.

When Jesus tells the leper to show himself to the priest and make an offering for the cleansing as Moses prescribed, He was actually telling him to straighten his relationship with God, that is, to take care of his spiritual state as well. What we should pray and hope for is the spiritual healing of our sicknesses. And such spiritual healing is not necessarily manifested by the physical cure of our medical problems. Spiritual healing transcends physical suffering. Spiritual healing touches the soul. It brings about inner peace. It makes us accept the redemptive benefits of physical infirmities.

When we begin to see our own suffering in the light of Christ' life, we acquire a personal closeness to the Source of all healing. Sickness can be a way of making us get closer to our Redeemer. It makes us closer to one another. It is an opportunity of making families and communities grow in the bond of love and friendship. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. Our weekend celebration of the World Day of the Sick highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and the suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions, and pastoral care givers to restore health to those affected with illness and disease.

As we reflect on the Cure of the Leper, let us reflect on our own need for God's healing. Let us consider and accept our own spiritual woundedness. Let us ask our Lord to transform us into wounded healers who can bring spiritual healing into our families and communities. [fredmund@saintmichael.ca](mailto:fredmund@saintmichael.ca)

## Healing Lines

Issues of violence against women in the media involve both a denial of equal access and the perpetuation of narrow gender stereotypes that portray women as sexual objects in order to sell products. Women are also sent messages by the media that their self-worth is tied to being in a relationship. Media fails to portray the reality of women's daily life and doesn't educate people about the extraordinary contributions women make and their vast potential as human beings. This limits women's overall development and healthy visions of being. In our fight to eliminate abuse, let's assist to help change damaging portrayals of women that sanction violence towards them.

## Mass Schedule for this Weekend

*Saturday, February 10 at 5pm:* Fr. Edmund Vargas  
*Sunday, February 11 at 9am:* Fr. Kevin Chukwurah  
*Sunday, February 11 at 11am:* Fr. Edmund Vargas  
*Sunday, February 11 at 5pm:* Fr. Kevin Chukwurah

## 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](http://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](https://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](http://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:

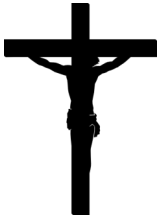
Tuesday to Friday: 9:30am to 12:00pm noon

## Home & Hospital Visits

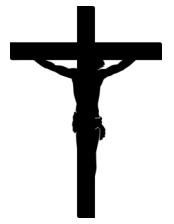
If you or someone you know is sick, cannot make it to Mass, and needs Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion, we can arrange to have one of our priests visit them. Please call the Parish Office at **403-249-0423** to schedule a visit.

**Diocese of Calgary 24-hour emergency  
Priest paging hotline: 403-231-9505.**

## Lent Schedule



*Shrove Tuesday:* Tuesday, February 13 | Mass 6:00pm | Pancake Dinner 6:30pm  
*Ash Wednesday:* Wednesday, February 14 | Mass 9:00am and 6:00pm  
*Lent Fridays:* Feb. 16 to Mar. 22 | Mass 6:00pm | Stations of the Cross 6:30pm  
*Fish Fridays:* Feb. 23 & Mar. 8 | Mass 6pm | Stations 6:30pm | Fish Supper 7:00pm  
*Holy Thursday:* Thursday, March 28 | Mass 7:00pm | Adoration 8:00pm - 12:00am  
*Good Friday:* Friday, March 29 | Services 12:00pm and 3:00pm  
*Easter Vigil:* Saturday, March 30 | Mass 9:00pm



### Special Event: IWIN Initiative | February 22, 2024 | Sanctuary | 6:30pm

On National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, IWIN invites you to a screening of the movie "Sound of Freedom" at St. Michael's Catholic Community. It is free of charge, but please RSVP to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-46860946-film>.

## Events and Announcements

### Children's Liturgy | Cancelled: Sunday, February 18, 2024

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word for Sunday, February 18, 2024. The session will resume on Sunday, February 25, 2024: Session A at 8:30 am and Session B at 10:30am.

### Pastoral Renewal Team

The Pastoral Renewal Team for our parish, after due consultation and prayerful reflection, is now constituted by the following community members: Karen Bout, Scott Dixon, Christian Estrella, Michael Fitzsimmons, Sarah Ibrahim, Sean Thomas Kelly, Julie Sisenda, and Margaret Tampuska. Our parish team will lead our community in our efforts towards pastoral renewal. We request that we all pray and offer sacrifice for the intention of our eight-member team that they will be guided by the promptings of the Spirit for the renewal of the face of the earth.

### Praying For Our School Communities

Our Prayers of the Faithful during weekend and weekday Masses, starting February, will mention one of our schools (St. Michael's, St. Joan of Arc, John Costello and Guardian Angel) on a rotational basis. Let us pray for our children, especially the students in our parish. Please pray for the prevention of domestic abuse and the promotion of healing in our families and communities.

### 2024 Contribution Envelopes | Pick Up

Next year's 2024 contribution envelopes are now available for pickup at the Parish Office.

### Last Year's Palms

Since the palms for last year's Palm Sunday Liturgy were blessed, they are now sacramentals which should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. If you would like to dispose of your palms, please bring them to the Church and deposit them in the containers labelled as "Palms" located in the Narthex or outside the Parish Office. Once collected, the palms will be burned to be used on Ash Wednesday.

### 2023 Reports for St. Michael's Catholic Community

Sacraments: 101 Baptisms, 192 First Holy Communions, 122 Confirmations

Columbarium: 27 Columbarium niches sold. There are currently 378 spots left available for purchase in the Eternal Springs Columbarium.

For more information, please contact Francesca at 403-249-0423, ext. 126 or [FAmbrosino@saintmichael.ca](mailto:FAmbrosino@saintmichael.ca).

### Coffee Sundays and Coffee Thursdays | Narthex | After Mass

Come and join your fellow parishioners for a cup of coffee and friendly visit after the 9am Mass on Thursdays and after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sundays. The coffee gathering is a free event. If you would like to make a donation to the Coffee Fund, please drop off your donation directly to the Parish Office or make your donation out directly to St. Michael's Catholic Community.

### Elements of the Catholic Mass Series | February 10 & 11, 2024 | Before All Masses

Sacramental Signs: The Catholic Church teaches that a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace. To find out more watch Sacramental Signs: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/sacramental-signs>.

### Knights of Columbus Membership Drive | February 10 and 11, 2024 | Narthex | After All Weekend Masses

The Knights of Columbus will be in the Narthex after all weekend Masses to accept new memberships registrations and answer any questions you may have.

## Events and Announcements

### **Morning Prayer From the Liturgy of the Hours | Sundays Throughout Lent | Starting Sunday, February 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 8:30am**

Every Sunday morning throughout Lent, starting on Sunday, February 18, we invite you to join us for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:30 am, just before the 9 am Mass, in the Sanctuary. All are most welcome to attend!

### **Fish Fridays | February 23 and March 8, 2024 | Narthex | 7:00pm**

The Knights of Columbus will host a dinner event in the Church gathering area after Lenten Friday 6.00 pm Mass, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. This is a free event. Free will offerings are greatly appreciated to cover some of the cost, if you so wish.

### **2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | March 16 | April 19 | June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm**

Youth Rally "Impact Nights" at St. Michael's Church are scheduled on the following nights from 7:00-9:00pm: | Saturday, March 16 | Friday, April 19 | and Friday, June 14. | The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings.

### **Art Walk 2024**

Art Walk 2024 will not be taking place in March as planned due to unforeseeable circumstances. We are hoping to reschedule the show in June and will post notices as soon as we have a new date. A new registration date will also be determined at a later date.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca). Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Ham-burger 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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.

### **Partnership of Hope Sponsored Family Update**

Our current sponsored family arrived on November 7, 2023. With all the continued support from St. Michael's Community, they have settled in nicely and are well on their way to a bright future. Our second family will be arriving in the Spring of 2024. If you would like more information or would like to donate, please contact Jocelyn Fitzgerald at [cefitz@shaw.ca](mailto:cefitz@shaw.ca) or 403-650-9741. Thank you.

*A note from the family:* Thank you and we appreciate your kindness regarding our family's resettlement in this peaceful place to live! We always thank you and we pray for the Church, especially St. Michael's Priest and Community, which have been supporting and helping us.

Yours Sincerely, Matthews, Maria, and our children Aryan, Adriyan, and Manley.

### **February Regular Events:**

Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Narthex | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

Mondays | Bible Study: Lectio Eucharist | 7:00-9:00pm

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

Tuesdays | Grief Share | Rooms 143 & 144 | 7:00-9:00pm

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

Wednesdays | Bible Study: Wild Goose | 10:00am-12:00pm | St. Nicolas Room | or Zoom 7:00-9:00pm

Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Narthex | After 9:00am Mass

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

Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

### **February 2024:**

February 10 | Proclaimer Training | Sanctuary | 11:00am

February 10 & 11 | Knights of Columbus Membership Drive | Narthex | After All Masses

February 13 | Cancelled: CWL General Meeting

February 13 | Shrove Tuesday | Narthex | 6:30pm

February 14 | Ash Wednesday | Sanctuary | Masses 9:00am & 6:00pm

February 15 | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

February 16 | Lenten Friday | Sanctuary | Masses 9:00am & 6:00pm

February 16 | Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary 6:30pm

February 18 | Cancelled: Children's Liturgy of the Word

February 19 | Cancelled: Bible Study" Lectio Eucharist

February 21 | Sacrament for Teens Session 3 | Library | 7:00-8:30pm

February 22 | IWIN Movie " Sound of Freedom" | Sanctuary | 6:30pm

February 23 | Lenten Friday | Masses 9:00am & 6:00pm

February 23 | Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary | 6:30pm

February 23 | Fish Friday | Narthex | 7:00pm

February 25 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 12:00pm

February 27 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00pm

February 27 | SSVP Monthly Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00pm

## 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](mailto:columbarium@saintmichael.ca).

### Pray For Our Seminarists:

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:

Mara Neely	Josh Helman	Kathy Salzl
Alessandro Bonvicini	Helen Gal	Pietro Jr. Duri
Jojo Deleon	Demy Navarro	Aaron Armstrong
Rosa Duri	Bill Dingman	Rina VandeGeer
Elizabeth Chandless	Joey Stevenson	Bert Saunders

### 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](mailto: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
<b>General Collections</b>			
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
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,724	\$18,512	\$129,611
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	\$3,698,763	\$3,675,809	\$3,653,177
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign</b>			
Together in Action YTD	\$55,760	\$62,408	\$74,471
<b>% TIA Goal \$121,243.00</b>	46%	51%	61%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,473	\$6,455	\$25,278

## Mass Intentions

**Book an intention online at [saintmichael.ca](http://saintmichael.ca)**

### Saturday, February 10

5 pm: Michael O'Brien-Kelly †

### Sunday, February 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Marguerite Fisk

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Socorro Urbina †

### Tuesday, February 13

6 pm: Lourdes Javier †

### Wednesday, February 14

9 am: Philip Buckingham †

6 pm: Salvatore & Rosa Scalise †

### Thursday, February 15

9 am: Graciela Otalora †

### Friday, February 16

9 am: All Souls in Purgatory †

6 pm: For All Parishioners

### Saturday, February 17

5 pm: Ciro Urbina †

### Sunday, February 18: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: All Departed Souls †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Lyle Farmert †

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