



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Matters

As we celebrate Family Day weekend, we reflect on the role of marriage in our life. How does marriage affect you? Why does marriage matter to you and me? In a very real way, family is rooted in marriage which is the relationship that brings about children who usually have to depend on the unique care and concern of a father and a mother. Marriage has benefits which cannot be replicated by any other relationship. Marriage affects our social and public life, especially in terms of procreation and the care and education of children.

Marriage matters because God has ordained it as part of the design of creation and redemption. More than ever, we have to assert the importance and the sacredness of the institution of marriage.

In a controversial conference, the United Nations has come up with a new definition of the family, which is not necessarily composed of a father, mother and children. Children of divorced parents or adopted children are fitted into a new network of relationships. Consanguinity, or blood relationship, is no longer a common factor in family relationships.

The working principle of the Christian family is based on the higher values of love and service, as enumerated in the Beatitudes in today's gospel. It hinges on our personal relationship with our God who is at the center of our lives. The solid basis of the marital relationship is not the love of husband and wife for each other but their own respective relationship with their God. In many Church documents, the family has been described as the *domestic* Church or the *microcosm* Church. In light of the contemporary changes in the family structure, it is important to emphasize this definition of the family as a *community*, as a group of believers committed to Christ Who declared "Where two or three (or more) are gathered in My name, I am in their midst". (Matt 18.20)

I quote the Bishops of Northern Canada in a joint letter, expressing deep concern for family violence, particularly against women: "*Let us pray that our families and communities will be known by how much each member loves, respects and supports the others.*" fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

God knows that we are lovable and capable, but sometimes we don't feel that way about ourselves. We can be tempted to let our mistakes and failures define us. Since abusive behavior often springs from how we respect ourselves and care for the image of God in us. *What is one thing you can do for yourself on a regular basis that will make you feel good about yourself and make your life more balanced and harmonious?*

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

Columbarium Access Changes

Please note that effective immediately, the Columbarium will no longer be open to the public. From now on, the only way to access it will be with the security cards assigned to the families of the deceased who are buried in the Columbarium, or if a staff member opens it for you during business hours. In order to comply with the Accessible Canada Act, we have recently installed a handicap door, which opens automatically when a card is swiped over the reader. As well, we want to ensure that the Columbarium is being kept safe and secure at all times, and therefore can no longer keep it open to the public. Two security cards are assigned to each niche owner after the time of the first inurnment. If you should require any additional cards for your family to visit a deceased loved one, a \$20 fee can be paid, and a card issued to you by Luisa at ladams@saintmichael.ca.

Bible Study

February 27

Monday's Bible Study for Spring 2023: "**Exodus: A Call to Freedom**". Through the lens of Christ and the Church, we'll see that God desired to free his people from the dangerous grip of sin. It will start on February 27th with 10 presential sessions (no zoom) in one of St. Michael's meeting rooms every Monday at 7 pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 3 - 11 am

On Friday March 3rd, 2023 at 11:00 am St. Michael Catholic Community is hosting the faith communities of SW Calgary for **World Day of Prayer**. This year's service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan who have chosen the theme "**I Have Heard About Your Faith**" based on Ephesians 1:15-19. Through the organization of the World Day of Prayer we are united in prayer to impact the world with our solidarity of Christian faith. We join with other countries and cultures to bring hope to women and to pursue justice, peace, and reconciliation by standing together in intercessory prayer and action.

For those who are interested in joining us in the celebration of daily Mass and Adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament - we would love to have you with us. Our weekly Friday Mass begins at 9:00 am and continues with Adoration and Benediction from 9:30-10:30 am. Our World Day of Prayer service will begin at 11:00 am followed by a light luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

For more information or to RSVP for the service and luncheon, please contact smcwlpresident@gmail.com.

Art Walk 2023: Callout for Artists

March 4-5

We invite artists and photographers from beginners to professionals to register to showcase their works at the up coming Art Walk. You must be a member of Saint Michaels Catholic Church. The cut off for registration is February 20. For registration info and for submission requirements, please visit saintmichael.ca/event/artwalk.

Presentation Night Holy Land Pilgrimage

Tuesday, March 7 - 7 pm

A Presentation Night on the Israel Pilgrimage with Fr Edmund this coming November, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 pm in the St. Michael Meeting Room. Those interested are encouraged to attend for questions & clarifications.

Lenten Music and Reflection

Wednesday, March 15 - 7pm

Please join us for an evening of music and reflection hosted by Michael Chiasson on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 pm.

Altar Servers

It has been almost three years since we have had regular altar servers at St. Michael's Parish. If anyone is interested in helping with this ministry or your children would like to serve, please contact Joyce @ joycevalumkal@gmail.com.

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 January we helped 14 families. If you have lost your job please contact us for food support.

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. Michael's 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

Mass Schedule for This Weekend

Saturday, February 18, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, February 19, 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm Masses: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Every month, a dedicated team of Pastoral Council members meet to discuss important issues that affect St. Michael's Catholic Community.

At our meeting in January, some of the matters we discussed were:

A Coordinator for Kids' Kingdom.

St. Mary's (Day) Chapel renovations.

Return of the Pastors' Picture Gallery.

Formation of a Social Committee (if you would like to join, please drop us a line).

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 through the office at (403) 249 0423.

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.

Day Chapel Renovation

The Day Chapel is now closed for renovation which includes the addition of two side altars for the Blessed Virgin Mary (current statue) and the Divine Mercy (framed canvas print). The Divine Mercy print is from the original. The two side altars will also have votive candle racks where devotees can light real candles. Thomas Tan will be our project coordinator. The renovation design was done by Architect June Lee. The project has been duly approved by the diocese. The project concept was presented by Bill Tapuska and Peggy Tan, in an effort to place the Divine Mercy and the Blessed Virgin Mary in their appropriate places. The draft recommendations of the defunct Interior Enhancement Committee on the Day Chapel improvements have been duly taken into account. The Blessed Virgin Mary is currently located in a grotto-type makeshift altar at the back corner of the Day Chapel. The project cost is at \$98,000 plus taxes, as budgeted by Cougar Construction who won a recent bidding. So far, a family has contributed \$30,000 for the project. We encourage families and individuals to support the project through financial contributions or through continued prayers.



Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday: February 22, 2023

Mass at 9 am & 6 pm

Lenten Fridays: February 24, March 3,10,17,24 & 31

Mass at 6 pm

Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

Parish Reconciliation: Thursday, March 23

Confessions at 6:30-8:30 pm

Palm Sunday: April 2

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm



Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 6

Mass at 7 pm

Adoration following Mass until 11 pm

Good Friday: April 7

Liturgy at 12 pm, 3 pm

Easter Vigil: April 8

Mass at 8 pm

Easter Sunday: April 9

Regular Sunday Masses: 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm

Parish Office: The office will be closed on Good Friday.

***Live-streamed 11 am Mass can be accessed at Saintmichael.ca/mass and on our Facebook Page. Once the livestreamed Mass has finished, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page.**

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:

Steve Bollman	John Neely	Grant Schmick
Judy Chu	Jacob Jensen	Jennifer Tupper
Bill Dingman	Blessie San Buenaventura	Bryan Williams Jr.
Lorraine Fleming		

For the Souls of:

Roel Abitong	Ben Basa	Diane Schirok
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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

	November	December	January
General Collections			
Collections	\$94,431	\$134,354	\$110,445
Operating Costs	\$99,615	\$157,020	\$93,026
Surplus (shortfall) YTD OpCosts	(\$5,184)	(\$22,667)	\$17,419
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$15,033	\$140,277	\$10,994
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
Current Loan Balance	\$3,943,360	\$3,924,590	\$3,900,821
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Collect YTD	\$28,917	\$29,192	\$5,632
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$8,302(M)	\$30,939(M)	\$3,941(M)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18

5 pm: Julia, Beatriz & William Jarquin †

Sunday February 19, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Max Thum †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Giovanni Di Marzo †

Tuesday, February 21

6 pm: Sandra Mykitiuk-Evans †

Wednesday, February 22

9 am: Intentions of the Dvorak Family

6pm: Philomena Rodrigues †

Thursday, February 23

9 am: Intentions of IJ Odenigbo & Family

Friday, February 24

9 am: Intentions of the George Family

Saturday, February 25

5 pm: Cecile Meadows †

Sunday , February 26, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Nemesio Desales III †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ernesto Benacchio †

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