



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | info@saintmichael.ca | February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptized Into Ministry

In our church calendar, the Ordinary Time follows after the celebration of Christ's baptism last January 8 which marks the formal beginning of His public ministry. His baptism by John the Baptist is both His first public appearance and the inauguration of His divine ministry.

Jesus' baptism represents the fulfillment of what is prophesied in the Servant Song found in Isaiah 63. God sends His Servant-Son, filled with His spirit, sharing His divine life and power, to accomplish the redemption of the world and bring new life to all of humanity. He is designated as the presentation of God's people according to the Spirit. He is declared formally as the only Son of God, the Servant of Yahweh, anointed with His prophetic spirit.

The celebration of the Lord's baptism reminds us of our call as baptized Christians to ministry. It invites us to reflect how our lives interface with God's plan for our world. It speaks of the need to ask God to consider or approve what we plan to do with our respective lives. It makes us reflect on the need to submit ourselves and our decisions to God's scrutiny and clearance. It makes us consider seriously the need to get God's stamp of approval of what we undertake on a daily basis.

The celebration of Ordinary Time is an invitation for us to reflect on the fullness of Christ's Paschal Mystery. We are, indeed, baptized into Christ's ministry, to proclaim and work for Christ's kingdom in this world. This ministry of evangelization is at the essence of what we really mean when we pray so often "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". 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. *Question of the Week:* 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?

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, February 3 at 5pm: Fr. Kevin Chukwurah

Sunday, February 4 at 9am: Fr. Kevin Chukwurah with Dec. Randy Gritter

Sunday, February 4 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, February 4 at 5pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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

Easter Sunday: Mass 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm

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: 8:00am 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

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.

SSVP 2023 Annual Report to the Community.

Please visit <http://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023-Annual-Report-to-the-Community.pdf> if you would like to read Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2023 Annual Report to the Community.

Christmas Hampers 2023 Report

Please visit [Final-Report-2023-Hampers.pdf \(saintmichael.ca\)](#) if you would like to read the Christmas Hampers 2023 Report.

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.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

Happy New Year to our fellow SMCC parishioners! 2024 promises to be a busy and blessed year for our parish! We held our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 23. Some of the items we discussed were:

- * World Day of the Sick will be celebrated at weekday Mass on February 9, followed by Anointing of the Sick during Holy Hour.
- * The Eucharistic Miracles Display will be at SMCC May 25 – June 2. Volunteers will be needed.
- * Starting in February, prayers will be offered for each of the four schools in our parish at weekend Masses, on a rotating basis.

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 minutes from our meeting in November, or any past meeting, please go to: [SMCC-Pastoral-Council-Minutes-of-Meeting-November-28-2023-Bulletin-1.pdf \(saintmichael.ca\)](#).

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.

Grief Share Ministry | Tuesdays: January 23 - March 12, 2024 | Rooms 143 & 144 | 7:00-9:00pm

Have you lost a loved one recently? Or do you know someone who has? The grief support ministry invites individuals who have experienced loss of loved ones and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program for 2 hours every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks. This program consists of a *video seminar* (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), *group support discussions* with facilitators, and a *personal workbook*. This program will run from January 23 - March 12, 2024 every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the booklet. For registration, please contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423.

Elements of the Catholic Mass Series | February 3 & 4, 2024 | Before All Masses

Signs and Symbols: The Catholic Mass is full of signs and symbols. Where do these signs come from? Where do they get their meaning?..... Every created thing has the impression of God, the Divine Artisan. Find the answers in this link on Signs and Symbols: <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/signs-and-symbols>.

IWIN Initiative | February 8, 2024 | Zoom | 7:00pm

IWIN invites you to an evening of prayer in recognition of the International Day of Prayer against human trafficking. Please join us for a Zoom Meeting. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86332252851>.

A Healing Mass | Friday, February 9 | Sanctuary | 9:00am

A Healing Mass will be held on Friday, February 9 at 9:00am in anticipation of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on February 11. During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Anointing of the Sick will be administered for those who are sick and those who feel the need for healing. The celebration will be concluded with the Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Events and Announcements

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.

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>.

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 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.

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 3 | First Reconciliation Retreat | Sanctuary | 10:00-11:30am
February 3 | First Reconciliation Confessions | 11:30am-1:30pm
February 6 | Proclaimer Training | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm
February 7 | Proclaimer Training | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:30pm
February 7 | Sacrament for Teens Session 2 | Library | 7:00-8:30pm
February 8 | First Communion Session 1 | 6:00-7:30pm
February 9 | Healing Mass Followed by Anointing of the Sick | Sanctuary | 9:00am & 9:30am
February 10 | Proclaimer Training | Sanctuary | 11:00am
February 10 & 11 | Knights of Columbus Membership Drive | Narthex | After All Masses
February 13 | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 5:30pm
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 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 | 6:00pm
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

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:

Judy Ivanski	Elizabeth Chandless	Joey Stevenson
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

For the Souls of:

Dominador Gapero Sr.

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, February 3

5 pm: Karl Schunicht †

Sunday, February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Sebastian Barrera †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Elmer Guillermo Sr. †

Tuesday, February 6

6 pm: Graciela Otalora †

Wednesday, February 7

9 am: Intentions of Chris Mudry

Thursday, February 8

9 am: Intentions of Delos Reyes Family

Friday, February 9

9 am: Intentions of Priests and Religious of Calgary Diocese

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 †

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