



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture, anyone?

Whenever we as Christians gather for worship, we listen to a selection or selections from the Scripture. Our biblical selections every Sunday and during the entire year are chosen on the basis of our liturgical celebrations. The selections are so arranged that we are able to listen and reflect on the different ranging topics covered by the Bible.

Scripture is the word of God in words of human beings. We believe that whenever the word of God is proclaimed in our midst, something special happens. We believe that God speaks to us through His word. God speaks to us not just about what happened a long time ago, but about our own lives now. Our community helps us to understand what the word of God means for us today.

The word of God is alive, meaningful and powerful in our own respective lives. Because Christ's revelation is inexhaustible, we can always know more about it and understand it better. God always speaks to us in a special manner in Sacred Scripture. What we are to believe is found in tradition and Scripture, which together form one sacred deposit of the word of God, which is committed to the Church. Scripture is presented as divinely inspired books, each with its human author or authors, through a history of composition, and literary form or forms. Such information helps us to understand what meaning the sacred writers really intended and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words. As St. Jerome says: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ".

We have to emphasize the importance of the community in discerning God's message in our lives. When we gather in Christ's name, He is in our midst. In the first reading, a remnant of God's people were finally allowed to return to their own land to build the holy city and its temple. God's people gathered together in solemn assembly to renew their covenant with God. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminded them of the importance of each member in the community. In our gospel, Jesus visited the local synagogue in his own hometown where he read and explained the Scripture to those who came for the community worship.

Let us ask ourselves what role Sacred Scripture plays in our decisions and actions. Is there a symbolic place of honor for the Bible in our homes which can be a reminder of God's presence in our lives. Is Scripture reading part of any of our family gatherings?

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Healing Lines

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke:4-18) As churches work to become safe communities for survivors of abuse, it is vitally important to make sure that the church building, its programs and its workers are safe for vulnerable people. Let's follow the teachings of Jesus to work to ensure our Church community is a safe and nourishing one for those who are abused and oppressed, and to eradicate any abusive behavior by our members.

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.facebook.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 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. live stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tues-Fri from 9:30 a.m. 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

Key Card Changes

Our door system will be undergoing an upgrade the week of February 7. All key cards currently in circulation will no longer work after February 6. Any parishioners with a key card for ministry or program purposes will need to come to the office for a new card starting February 15.

Holy Hour

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Fridays, starting January 21, a Holy Hour will follow after the 9 a.m. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10:30 a.m. As a community and for our community, let us adore the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar in silence and prayerful reflection. The Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held in the Main Sanctuary every Tuesday, after the 6 p.m. Mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Blessing of Anniversary Couples

There will be a special blessing for couples who have celebrated a wedding anniversary this month on the weekend of January 29/30. Let us celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as an essential component of our life as a Christian community.

Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open for anyone grade 6 and up. For more information or to register, please visit our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/confirmation/>.

CWL 3rd Annual Fish For Fridays in Lent Fundraiser

January 11 to February 7

"Fish for Fridays" Lent Fundraiser, will be on-line ordering January 11 to February 7. Orders to be picked up at the church on Tuesday, February 22, just in time for Ash Wednesday on March 2.

To place an order, please visit: <https://fundforward.ca/collections/st-michael-cwl-lent-2022>.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. starting January 26

Symbolon: Part 2, Living the faith. This is a 10 session study, via ZOOM. The study begins on Wednesday January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday January 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca.

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. starting February 1

Starting Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m., this ten-week online course presents the central beliefs, teachings, and practices of the Catholic church. Each 1.5 hour session includes a short video from the *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* series and small group discussion. Contact Mark Richards at 403-836-0545 for more information. Go to saintmichael.ca/events to register.

Alpha Online

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. starting February 2

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. It will run on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning February 2 via Zoom. Gathering once a week over an eleven-week period, Alpha welcomes people from every walk of life, wherever they are on their faith journey. We will have time for connection, a talk, and small group discussion. Many are looking for meaning in their lives during this time and Alpha is a great place to start! Come and bring a friend! Call Mark at 403-836-0545 with any questions. For more details or to register go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/alpha/>.

Alpha for Youth (Grades 7 to 12)

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting February 2

Alpha for Youth provides an opportunity for students in grades 7 to 12 to explore the Christian faith together in a friendly and fun environment. We will gather together weekly on Zoom for 9 weeks and have time for connection, a video talk, and small group discussion. For more information, see this Alpha Youth Series trailer at https://youtu.be/_fjL4NsAfM or call or text Sara at 403-701-9928.

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 December we helped 30 families (45 adults and 34 children). If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the SSVP food chest in the gathering area. 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.

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, Mark Kostecky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Wesley Almond
Tina Burian
Ray Cole
Jack Davies
Alden Gibson
Rick Hagel
Dennis Hemeryck
William Hill

Joseph Javier
Sierra Knight
Daniela Masek
Norma Padolina
Leslie Pickering
Lawrence Raffin
Duncan Smith

For the Soul of:

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22

5 p.m.: Carmen Gallegos †

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Wanda & Adam Gruszczynski †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Eugene & Lucy Costa

Tuesday, January 25, Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle

6 p.m.: Maximiliano Lara †

Wednesday, January 26, Memorial St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

9 a.m.: Mike Velasco †

Thursday, January 27

9 a.m.: Socorro Urbina-Solis †

Friday, January 28, Memorial St. Thomas Aquinas

9 a.m.: Mona Clarkson †

Saturday, January 29

5 p.m.: Elmer Guillermo Sr. †

Sunday January 30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Intentions of Albuquerque Family

11 a.m. For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Colin True & Family

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.

Contact us

For general inquiries: info@saintmichael.ca
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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	October	November	December
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$91,499	\$99,356	\$205,436
Operating Costs	\$66,834	\$103,871	\$94,843
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	\$24,665	\$-4,515	\$110,593
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$16,939	\$20,987	\$151,321
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,375,581	\$5,355,479	\$5,335,506
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$46,901	\$50,717	\$58,714
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$29,044	\$40,025	\$64,308

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at finance@saintmichael.ca.