



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Scripture, anyone?

This homily is part of what we call the Liturgy of the Word, which precedes and prepares us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The homily is supposed to be reflection on the word of God that is proclaimed as we gather in God's holy name in this holy assembly.

Whenever we as Christians gather for worship, we listen to a selection or selections from the Bible. Our biblical selections every Sunday and during the entire year are chosen on the basis of our celebrations by a special group of liturgical experts. The selections are so arranged that we are able to listen and reflect on the different ranging topics covered by the Bible. The Bible is a sacred book. It is aptly described as the word of God in words of human beings. The Bible, as we now know it, was formed through the centuries. Who we are as a Christian community is somehow reflected in this book. We believe that whenever the word of God is proclaimed in our midst, something special happens. We believe that 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.

After preaching for more than 43 years now, I have found the word of God as proclaimed and reflected in our Christian communities to be alive, meaningful and powerful in our own respective lives. When I preach, my preaching is not only for you but also for me, who have to struggle with my own struggling efforts to approximate what I believe with what I practice. 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 the word of God in as much as it is consigned to writing under the inspiration of the divine Spirit. The Bible has an essential and indispensable role to play in Christian catechesis. As St. Jerome says: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ".

Just like literary criticism, we have to understand Sacred Scriptures according to its historical and literary circumstances. A literal interpretation may not be appropriate for many of the biblical selections. A term used to refer to the study of scriptures is exegesis, which denotes that the meaning of a biblical passages come out of the passages themselves and not something that we put or assign to the passages. We cannot try to justify or support our foregone conclusions with a selective gathering of biblical passages which seem to support our claims or agenda. That is in-esis, not exegesis.

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

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## 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](http://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 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

## Healing Lines

As we are invited by Jesus to spread the Good News, so we are asked to look after those that we encounter in our daily lives. Those effected by bullying and abuse are especially in need of our help and love. Remember a time when you felt alone and helpless. Wouldn't you have felt relieved to be given a kind word or some direction from those in your Church community? There may be someone sitting next to you right now who could use your reaching out to them.

## Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism preparation course will be on Saturday, February 11 from 9 am - 12 pm. To register your child for Baptism, please visit our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/baptism/>.

## Children's Offering Basket

Each Sunday, a children's Offering Basket will be placed at the front of the altar during the offertory. Children are invited to place their offerings into the basket. The Children's Offerings will be for general donations.

## Sisters From the Seeds of the Word

The Sisters from the Seeds of the Word will be in the gathering area selling Lectio Divina's for 2023 as well as some Home Baking. Please feel free to see them after Mass.

## 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 to participate in the Grief Share Program. 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](mailto:info@saintmichael.ca).

## 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 December we helped over 15 families with regular services and 154 families with Christmas Hampers.

Here are ways you can help us:

**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 make arrangements by e-mailing us at [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423 ext 122.

## Moms and Tots

*Thursdays*

Moms and Tots is back. Please join us every Thursday 9:30 -11:30 am in the St. Nicholas room for coffee, social and play!

## 2023 Contribution Envelopes

The 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.

## 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](http://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1122663).

## Mass Schedule for This Weekend

Saturday, January 21, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, January 22, 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm Masses: Fr. Edmund Vargas

# Events and Announcements

## Day Chapel Renovation

The renovation of the Day Chapel is scheduled for next year. The Renovation 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 make-shift 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. We encourage families and individuals in contributing to the project. So far, a family has contributed \$30,000 for the project.



# HORIZONS of HOPE

A TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES ON PALLIATIVE CARE



Horizons of Hope is an educational resource to help understand and reflect upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. It will assist in clarifying misinformation, and reverse the deceptive messaging found in this increasing culture of death. We invite you to attend the 4-module workshop program being offered in January 2023.

The Horizons of Hope program has been designed for:

- People seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life;
- Individuals recently diagnosed with serious and/or terminal illness;
- Family members and friends seeking guidance and access to resources as they accompany the loved one faced with a serious or terminal illness;
- Medical professionals, caregivers;
- Members of pastoral care teams and other parishioners; and
- Parishes seeking to form a Compassionate Community program.

## SCHEDULE

- **Monday, Jan 9 (7 to 9 pm)**  
Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
- **Monday, Jan 16 (7 to 9 pm)**  
Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan 23 (7 to 9 pm)**  
Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan 30 (7 to 9 pm)**  
Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

## WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

Pick from the following sites:

- Catholic Pastoral Centre  
(120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)
- Ascension Parish, Calgary
- St Gerard Parish, Calgary
- St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge
- Holy Family Parish, Medicine Hat
- St James' Parish, Okotoks

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[CATHOLICYC.CA/  
HORIZONSOFHOP](http://CATHOLICYC.CA/HORIZONSOFHOP)

## REGISTRATION

To attend, register online at  
[catholicyyc.ca/horizonsofhope](http://catholicyyc.ca/horizonsofhope)



Or call 403-218-5500



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## 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 Seminarians

Peter An, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Solomon Ip, Samuel O'Ejerege, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

## Please Pray For:

Roel Abitong	John Neely
Ben Basa	Janet and Pal Nyilas
Blessie San Buenaventura	Janeth Rodriguez
Greg Choquette	Grant Schmick
Bill Dingman	Jennifer Tipper
Lorraine Fleming	Bryan Williams Jr.

## For the Souls of:

Elaine Bunyan    Cecile Meadows    Monica Rincon

## 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	\$72,520	\$94,431	\$134,354
Operating Costs	\$98,750	\$99,615	\$157,020
Surplus (shortfall)YTD OpCosts	(\$26,230)	(\$5,184)	(\$22,667)
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$15,672	\$15,033	\$140,277
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	\$3,962,388	\$3,943,360	\$3,924,590
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign</b>			
Together in Action Collect YTD	\$24,642	\$28,917	\$29,192
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,893(M)	\$8,302(M)	\$30,939(M)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 21

5 pm: Rene Trudel †

### Sunday January 22, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Donald Estrada †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Alannah Martian †

### Tuesday, January 24

6 pm: Maximiliano Lara †

### Wednesday, January 25

9 am: Intentions of Lorraine Fleming

### Thursday, January 26

9 am: Socorro Urbina †

### Friday, January 27

9 am: Intentions of Norma Rouhana

### Saturday, January 28

5 pm: Elmer Guillermo Sr. †

### Sunday January 29, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Oliver Martins †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Monica Rincon †

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