



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Third Sunday of Easter

## Keep Working on Love

A key character in Richard Bach's Jonathan Livingston Seagull is Jonathan's teacher, Chiang. When the day comes for Chiang to say goodbye to his young student, Jonathan knows it is a special moment. He wonders what parting advice his old teacher will give him. Chiang utters it in just five words: "Jonathan, keep working on love." It is this same parting advice that Jesus gave to his own disciples: "Keep working on love..."

Indeed, Christ's example of love and sacrifice invites us to love beyond ourselves. It is this kind of selfless and unconditional love which Christ has shown us that conquers sin and even death itself. With this kind of love, death is transformed from the taking away of life into a voluntary return of the gift of life to the Giver of life.

Love reaches the eternal level when it goes beyond ourselves, when we are able to love others more than ourselves. It is this kind of love that makes our human relationships last, transforming them to eternity. This kind of love outlives death, defeating death's power over us. Unconditional and selfless love is the real measure of Christian life. His kind of love is the reason for the resurrection.

Our love for one another has to be filled with the love that inspires the Eucharist, the living memorial of Christ's love for us. This re-enactment of Christ's sacrifice in Calvary, which is the ultimate expression of His self-giving, inspires and powers us to love as He does. The love Christ has left as a legacy is the greatest of God's gifts. When we learn to love as Christ loves, we learn to believe and hope without seeing. St. Augustine declares in one of his writings: "He (Christ) disappeared before our eyes, that we might find Him in our hearts."

During this Easter season, let us continue to discover the love that Christ has placed in our hearts. This is the season for our hearts to memorize the example of Christ's love.

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## Healing Lines

Women may not want to leave their abusive partners because they care for them, hoping that the relationship can be salvaged if they just hang in there a bit longer. Women want to spare their partners the embarrassment of being an abuser and worry about damage to their career or reputation. They don't want them to be arrested or jailed or get a criminal record. They make excuses for them, even citing the sanctity of the marriage and the mandate to forgive people who hurt them. How can we "feed, tend and show love" for these women as Christ asks us to?

## 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 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](http://saintmichael.ca/Mass) or on Facebook Live

### Reconciliation:

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

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

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

### Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 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

## **Blessing of Anniversary Couples**

There will be a special blessing for couples who have celebrated a wedding anniversary this weekend of April 30/ May 1. Let us celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as an essential component of our life as a Christian community.

## **Altar Servers**

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Michael's Catholic Community and part of the Altar Servers Ministry? We are currently looking for volunteers to join our group and help with the training and scheduling of servers. With your participation, we will ensure our servers are active participants in the Holy Mass, having the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions.

If you are a registered, practicing member of the parish, please consider this opportunity and contact Marvin at [mmatthews@saintmichael.ca](mailto:mmatthews@saintmichael.ca) for more further details.

## **St. Michael Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council members, based on nominations by parishioners and appointment by the Pastor, are as follows:

Augusto Bitter, Gerard Brand, Bob Choquette, Sheila Gaela, Lory Iovinelli, Teresa Klassen, Michael McGee (Finance), Nidia McIntosh, Tom Novecosky, Brian Popp, Kris Renger, Peggy Tan, Margaret Tapuska, Adam Valdez and Pam Van de Mosselaer.

*"In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established... The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish."* (Canon 536 #1). By Canon Law, unlike the Finance Council, ceases at the end of the term of a pastor and the new pastor re-establishes a new one. Based on nominations by parishioners and by appointment by the Pastor, the members will serve for a two-year term, renewable once. The new council will hold a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. The council will then meet on Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. and every fourth Tuesday of the month, except July and August. It a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the community. Although the Council is not a body which makes binding decisions, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council are to be taken seriously when grounded in prayer, discernment and communal wisdom.

## **Columbarium Access Cards**

With our recent door control upgrade, we have now completed programming the access cards for the Columbarium. Please note, you will only receive a card if the niche is currently being occupied as per the contract agreement. The cards are available for pick-up at the office. We thank you for your understanding and patience during this process.

## **St. Michael Choir**

The Choirs for the Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses are reconvened. Those interested may indicate their intent by contacting Marvin Matthews at [mmatthews@saintmichael.ca](mailto:mmatthews@saintmichael.ca).

## **Coffee Reception**

Beginning in May, we will hold a coffee reception after the weekend Masses: Saturday, May 7, after the 5 p.m. Mass (1<sup>st</sup> weekend), Sunday, May 15, after the 9 a.m. Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend), Sunday, May 22, after the 11 a.m. Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend) and Sunday, May 29, after the 5 p.m. Mass (4<sup>th</sup> weekend). If you are interested in volunteering for the coffee receptions, please contact Marvin Matthews at [mmatthews@saintmichael.ca](mailto:mmatthews@saintmichael.ca).

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul *and for all the donations for Share Sunday!* During the month of March we helped 39 families (58 adults and 32 children). The need is growing: we provided \$10,864 in rent and utilities assistance.

If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:columbarium@saintmichael.ca).

## Pray for our Seminarians

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

## Please Pray For:

Wesley Almond	Rick Hagel
Anne Arendt	William Hill
Doreen Arseneault	Joseph Javier
Stephen Bichel	Sierra Knight
Alessandro Bonvicini	Daniela Masek
Tina Burian	Norma Padolina
Greg Choquette	Georgina Pintaric
Ray Cole	Leslie Pickering
Jack Davies	Grant Schmick
Michelle Deschenes	Duncan Smith
Charlotte Rath-Ewers	Marie Sullivan
Darwin Eustaquio	Carol
Jenny Gabel	
Alden Gibson	

## For the Soul of:

# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday, April 30, Memorial St. Marie de L'Incarnation**

5 p.m.: Jorge Jacome †

## **Sunday, May 1, Third Sunday of Easter**

9 a.m.: Deceased Members of L'Heureux Family †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Giovanni Di Marzo †

## **Tuesday, May 3, Feast St. Philip & St. James**

6 p.m.: Jean Abt †

## **Wednesday, May 4**

9 a.m.: Siris Puerto †

## **Thursday, May 5**

9 a.m.: Marcelina De Guzman †

## **Friday, May 6, Memorial St. Francoise de Laval**

9 a.m.: Intentions of Joelle Chu

## **Saturday, May 7**

5 p.m.: Tony Schwarz †

## **Sunday May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9 a.m.: Alex Fulgenzi †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Terry Gratton †

## 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.

## Contact us

**For general inquiries:** [info@saintmichael.ca](mailto:info@saintmichael.ca)  
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**Bookkeeper** Michelle Gregory  
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## A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	January	February	March
<b><u>General Collections</u></b>			
Collections	\$82,396	\$87,602	\$155,326
Operating Costs	\$103,444	\$100,902	\$103,197
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$21,048)	(\$13,300)	\$52,129
<b><u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u></b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$17,288	\$23,147	\$14,200
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<b><u>Current Loan Balance</u></b>	\$5,319,181	\$5,301,694	\$4,330,486
<b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u></b>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$1,585	\$2,813	\$8,103
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,236	\$3,345	\$6,514

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at [finance@saintmichael.ca](mailto:finance@saintmichael.ca).