



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Sixth 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. [fredmund@saintmichael.ca](mailto:fredmund@saintmichael.ca)

P.S. Happy Mother's Day!

## Healing Lines

*"Arise then...women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!"* (Howe, Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870). Mother's Day is celebrated to honor all mothers and express gratitude for the hardships they bear in bringing up a child. Mother's Day came into being due to the efforts made by Ms. Julia Ward Howe and Ms. Anna Jarvis. Since then people across the world have been celebrating Mother's Day with joy and devotion. Blessings and Good Wishes on Mother's Day to all mothers of all ages!

## 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

### Pastoral Care Ministry Update

Augusto Bitter, our coordinator and his wife Emilia are now looking for volunteers to work in this important ministry. You may wish to join us as a new volunteer, resume your previous (pre-pandemic) volunteer activity, to join another area of this ministry, or to help us recruit others who may respond to your invitation to serve. For details, please reach out to him at [abitter@telus.net](mailto:abitter@telus.net) or 403-804-5047.

### 43rd Annual Hike for Life

*Saturday, May 13*

Please join Fr. Edmund in support of the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own or you can make a donation to Fr. Edmund or any other team member from now until May 13. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and **will still be accepted until June 30th**. All funds raised will go to support the Respect for Life program. Father Edmund would like to thank all who have made donations.

### Saturday Night Lights with Michael Chiasson & Access 52

*Saturday, May 27 - 6pm*

All students for life (Grade 7-12) are invited to an amazing youth experience on Saturday, May 27, 6-8pm after the 5pm Mass. This will be followed every last Saturday of the month: June 24, 6-8pm.

To register please go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/591820590317>.

### Women's Conference by Beloved Daughters Ministry

*May 26-27*

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their first annual women's conference entitled, "Restoring the Feminine Heart." Conference will be held from May 26-27, 2023 at St. Luke's Parish (Calgary, AB) and guided by guest speakers Heather & Jake Khym of Life Restoration Ministries. For more information visit: [www.beloveddaughtersyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyc.com)

### "TRAiD for MAiD"

*Tuesday, May 30 - 7pm*

True Assistance in Dying: why is MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) embedding itself in our country? St. Michael's Catholic Women's League will be hosting Dr. Peggy Thomson-Gibson, MSCM. FRCP(C), as she presents on how to "Defend the Faith without Raising our Voice" to shed the light of faith through prayer, action and sacrifice on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome to attend this timely event.

### Moms and Tots

*Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30 am*

Moms and Tots is every Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 am in the St. Nicholas Room. This program will end for the season with our last meet on June 1st (come for a celebration!) and return in September.

### CCEF Ignite the Spark Gala

*Thursday, June 1*

Please join the [Calgary Catholic Education Foundation](http://www.calgarycatholiceducationfoundation.ca) in an evening of celebrating and fundraising at **Ignite the Spark** on June 1, 2023, at Telus Spark. Hosted by Michael Chiasson of Access52, you'll be dazzled all evening with live entertainment, inspiring stories, a decadent display of food & beverage, plus an online live auction & wine raffle. Tickets are on sale now and available at <https://bit.ly/ignitethespark>. Proceeds support enhanced learning opportunities for students and schools in the Calgary Catholic School District.

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### Feed the Hungry

*Sunday, June 18 at St. Mary's Cathedral*

St. Michael's will be sponsoring dinner at Feed the Hungry on Sunday, June 18 at St. Mary's Cathedral hall. If you're interested in helping, there are different food prep and dinner service volunteer roles available for you to sign up for. Please sign up in the gathering area.

### St. Mike's Garden

St. Mike's Garden group is looking for volunteers to assist with the cultivation, weeding and watering of the raised flower beds on our property. The vegetables will be distributed at the end of the season to various schools to provide nutrition to those in need. If you are interested, please contact, [Leticia.sheldon@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:Leticia.sheldon@cssd.ab.ca) for further information.

### St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

Greetings to our fellow parishioners and visitors at Saint Michael Catholic Community. We hope that you enjoyed a blessed and joyful Easter! Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make the Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday liturgies as beautiful as they were. Your dedication to our catholic community is appreciated.

Highlights from our meeting on April 25:

- A Children's Liturgy Coordinator has been hired. Children's liturgies start on Sunday mornings in June.
- Michael Chiasson of Access52 updated us on the success of the Saturday evening youth events.
- Coffee is being served after both Sunday morning Masses (volunteers needed for 11 am)
- Coffee after Thursday morning weekday Masses will begin late May (volunteers needed)
- The next Name Tag Sunday will take place the last weekend in May.

If you would like to read the minutes from our most recent meeting, or any past meeting, please go to: [www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin](http://www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin) Questions? Concerns? Please reach us at 403-249-0423.

### 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 **March we helped 25 families**. 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](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.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

*November 13 to 21, 2023*

**Holy Land Pilgrimage Alert!** The space reduction date is May 14 on the Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land tour with Fr Edmund on November 13-21. After May 14, reservations will be based on first-come first-serve availability. After the reduction date, air rates can vary and the legal names and dates of birth are required to request airline space. It takes approximately 48-72 hours to hear back from the airlines if we can get the seat back at the same rate or what else they can offer.

## 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:

Steve Bollman	Lilly Kalmar	Kevin Thorvaldson
Judy Chu	Jamie Malagon	Jennifer Tipper
Josh & Trish Helman & Family	Grant Schmick	Antoinette Vincent
Jacob Jensen	Danielle Swerhone	Chester Wisniewski

## For the Souls of:

Lenard Knapik                      Edward Stephenson

## 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

	February	March	April
<b>General Collections</b>			
Collections	\$87,523	\$89,701	\$111,438
Operating Costs	\$122,238	\$144,019	\$122,648
Surplus (shortfall) YTD OpCosts	(\$34,715)	(\$54,317)	(\$11,210)
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,487	\$14,822	\$16,480
Building Loan Interest — none			
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	\$3,877,683	\$3,855,737	\$3,833,298
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign</b>			
Together in Action YTD	\$7,674	\$31,733	\$36,675
<b>% TIA Goal \$121,243.00</b>		26%	30%
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,774(M)	\$2,729(M)	\$2,674(M)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 13

5 pm: Monica Rincon †

### Sunday May 14, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 am: Marie Larocque †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Eleanor Sta Maria †

### Tuesday, May 16

6 pm: Intentions of Maya

### Wednesday, May 17

9 am: Ernesto Banacchio †

### Thursday, May 18

9 am: Lionel Gardner †

### Friday, May 19

9 am: Beryl & Sckalk Du Toit †

### Saturday, May 20

5 pm: Nemesio Desales IV †

### Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter

9 am: Deborah Winsor †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Pietro Gagliardi †

## Contact Us

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