



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Love One Another

This Sunday's Gospel is part of the Last Supper event. This was after Judas Iscariot left the Upper Room to accomplish his act of betrayal. Jesus then gives his most important teaching and command to his disciples, the core of the entire Gospel proclamation: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you." Following this commandment is the sole way by which we will be known as Christians, followers of Christ. Self-sacrificing love is the true mark of a Christian.

Love means sacrifice. Love is a very common word. In fact, we use it very loosely and we have the tendency to trivialize it. Seldom do we realize the grandeur and profundity of its meaning and the seriousness of its challenge. In the Gospel, Jesus made a very important qualification to the love he is talking about: "Love one another as I have loved you." In other words, Jesus is urging us to follow his kind of love, that is, self-sacrificing love, even to the point of offering oneself for the beloved. Blessed Mother Teresa said: "True love causes pain. Jesus, in order to give us the proof of his love, died on the cross. A mother, in order to give birth to her baby, has to suffer. If you really love one another, you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices." That is why, in our experience, true love hurts. But the hurt becomes bearable, and even meaningful and necessary because it is borne out of love. That is precisely the difference between a donation and a sacrifice. A donation is something that comes out of the pocket; a sacrifice comes out of the heart. And God is not asking for our donation; rather, He is asking for sacrifice, something painful because it is what we give from our hearts filled with love.

Refer to St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 – all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in vain when there is no love. In other words, the value of anything we do will only come when we do it out of love. Then and only then can we be considered true followers of Christ. (Catholic For Life)

## 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

## **Altar Servers Meet, Greet, and Coffee**

The Altar Serving Ministry is hosting a meet and greet and serving coffee and cookies after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass this weekend. All are invited.

## **Praying the Rosary**

*Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday to Friday at 8:25 a.m.*

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month we offer our rosary/prayers to the blessed Virgin Mary for her intercession. Please join us in praying the rosary on Tuesdays after the 6 p.m. Mass and Wednesday to Friday at 8:25 a.m.

## **42nd Annual Hike for Life Virtual Event**

Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Raul as they support the Calgary Pro-Life Association's "virtual" 10K Hike For Life. 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, Fr. Raul or any other team member from now until June 12. All donations go directly to Pro-Life. All funds raised will go to support the Respect for Life program.

## **Undie Sunday**

St. Michael's **Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League** extend their sincerest appreciation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for lending us their shopping cart and for the donated items to our 3rd annual "Undie Sunday" event in support of Elizabeth House on April 23/24.

## **Adult Volunteers**

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 details.

## **Altar Servers**

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Michael's Catholic Community and part of the Altar Servers ministry? Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. The servers will be asked to attend initial training sessions and refreshers throughout the year. Becoming an active participant is a great way to learn more about the Holy Mass and our Catholic faith. We also hope to include FUN team-building events as well! If you are a registered, practicing member of the parish, between the ages of 8 and 16, and have received the Sacrament of First Communion, please consider joining the Altar Server ministry. For further info, please contact Marvin at [mmatthews@saintmichael.ca](mailto:mmatthews@saintmichael.ca).

## **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).

## **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 April we helped 31 families (44 adults and 24 children). 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 Kosticky, 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:

Geraldine Toth

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 14

5 p.m.: Ernesto Bennachio †

### Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 a.m.: John Tiberio †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Hugh Parker †

### Tuesday, May 17

6 p.m.: Steve Mitchell †

### Wednesday, May 18

9 a.m.: Deceased Members of Marra Family †

### Thursday, May 19

9 a.m.: Cecelia McGrath †

### Friday, May 20

9 a.m.: Nemesio Bong Desales †

### Saturday, May 21

5 p.m.: Jennifer Parinas-Bauer †

### Sunday May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 a.m.: Brian Roach †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Peter Gagliardi †

## 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

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**Bookkeeper** Michelle Gregory

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## A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	February	March	April
<b><u>General Collections</u></b>			
Collections	\$87,602	\$155,326	\$108,470
Operating Costs	\$100,902	\$103,197	\$101,320
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$13,300)	\$52,129	\$7,150
<b><u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u></b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$23,147	\$14,200	\$27,023
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<b><u>Current Loan Balance</u></b>	\$5,301,694	\$4,330,486	\$4,314,014
<b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u></b>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$2,813	\$8,103	\$9,105
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,345	\$6,514	\$8,005

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