



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Pentecost Sunday

A Pentecost Reflection

Today we have the Feast of Pentecost. This is in some sense the climax of the Easter story. Up until now, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus has been amazing. Yet it has only impacted a small number of people in Galilee and Jerusalem. Pentecost changes that. It is time to preach the good news to the whole world. The last thing they needed before they were ready to roll was the Holy Spirit. What did the Holy Spirit provide? In a word, POWER.

Let's back up a bit. The first words of our story are, "When the day of Pentecost had come." What does that tell us? It means that the Feast of Pentecost was a thing even before what we think of as the first Pentecost. It was part of the Jewish liturgical calendar. Pentecost is the Greek name. In Hebrew it is called the Feast of Weeks. So next time you are reading in the book of Leviticus, and you see a reference to the Feast of Weeks, you should know that is the same thing as Pentecost.

The event it was traditionally associated with was the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Remember the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and God rescued them with the ten plagues and the Passover and the parting of the Red Sea. Now after winning that victory, they were in the middle of the desert, and they had no idea what to do next. God appeared to the people on Mt. Sinai. It says Mt. Sinai was covered in smoke because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The people were so scared that only Moses and Aaron went up the mountain. Still God gave them the law and told them how this new covenant was going to work.

The disciples are in a similar situation. They have won a huge spiritual victory at Easter. Yet they really do not know what to do next. God comes down to them, again with fire, and establishes this new covenant community called the Church.

John Paul II saw some similarities with modern Catholicism. You can have Catholics who are baptized, they get first communion, first reconciliation, and confirmation. It is really a great spiritual victory to receive the grace of all those sacraments. Yet often there is a sense of not knowing what to do next. This is why St. John Paul II called for a new Pentecost. Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have repeated that call. Yet what does it look like?

First, it involves power. The Holy Spirit makes the gospel powerful. It makes Peter powerful in our first reading. Remember when the disciples were locking themselves in a room for fear of the Jews? Suddenly they are proclaiming Jesus right in the middle of Jerusalem. It is not like it has become safe. They have just found some courage. That is the Holy Spirit. He gives us the wisdom to know the truth and the ability to speak it boldly. That is a gift that is badly needed in a culture that is quick to cancel people for saying something they do not like.

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Healing Lines

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." Jesus is clear in His messages about how we should treat others. Let us also emulate this message of peace especially as we help those around us who are in need of support as they struggle with violence, abuse, and discrimination in their lives.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, May 18 at 5pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, May 19 at 8:30am Morning Prayer: Fr. Jose Bustalino
Sunday, May 19 at 9am: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, May 19 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, May 19 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dc. Randy Gritter

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.instagram.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 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00am to 8:45am
Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30am to 12:00pm noon

Home & Hospital Visits

If **you** or a **family member** is sick and 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

Volunteerism, anyone?

We need volunteers in most ministries. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (EME) Committee is actively campaigning for more volunteers. With the return of our Basket Collection during weekends, we need volunteers in the Hospitality Ministry to increase the number of ushers and greeters who can help with the collection baskets. With the lifting of restrictions of the Communion with the Cup and if we proceed the pre-pandemic practice, we require to double the number of Eucharistic Ministers who can help administer Holy Communion during the weekend Masses. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca

Our financial reporting system has not been at pace since the start of the year due to turnovers of our diocese-designated bookkeepers and due to problems in the diocesan data-recording "Parish Friendly" program which will soon be replaced with a new system. Non-reporting is not intentional at all. Transparency is a priority. We are working on the issues. Hopefully by the end of this month, we will be able to update our books and come up with our regular financial reports, as published in the bulletin. We appreciate your trust and understanding.

CANCELLED: Children's Liturgy | Sunday, May 19, 2024

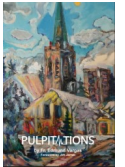
CANCELLED: Coffee Connection | Sunday, May 19, 2024

Basket Collection | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection has been re-introduced upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. We thank you for your continuing support. God is never outdone in love and generosity!

Pulpitations | Collection of Homilies and Writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas

"It is with great honor to introduce **Pulpitations**, a remarkable collection of homilies and writings by Fr. Edmund Vargas... to celebrate his 45th anniversary of priestly ordination. This treasure memorializes the profound impact his homilies, writings, and guidance have had on all of us that comes from his deep and unique understanding and commitment to the Gospel message." (from Foreword by Jim Jarrell) Copies are available at the Gift Shop.



Elements of the Catholic Mass | May 18 & 19, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Book of Gospels: The Book of Gospels, the repository for the Word of Christ, is another symbol of the Lord present to the Church. Since it is His own word, the proclamation of the Gospel is honoured with a kiss and candles and incense as if it were Christ himself. <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-book-of-the-gospels>

Pentecost Sunday | Sunday, May 19, 2024

Everyone is encouraged to wear red for Pentecost Sunday on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at any of the Masses.

CANCELLED: Coffee Connection | Thursday, May 23, 2024

CANCELLED: Moms and Tots | Thursday, May 23, 2024

CANCELLED: Coffee Connection | Sunday, May 26, 2024

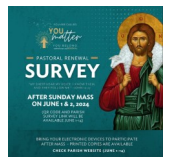
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Mezzanine | Various Times

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition will be held at St. Michael Catholic Community between May 24 and June 2. It will be an awesome display of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, but **we need YOUR help**. Volunteers are needed to assist in this spiritually impactful opportunity. A message regarding the Exhibition will be announced at each weekend Mass and members of the organizing committee will be in the Narthex after each Mass, easily identifiable by the red sashes that they are wearing. To volunteer, or to get more information, please visit our website via the link or the QR code. <https://saintmichael.ca/eucharistic-miracles-exhibition/>



Diocesan-Wide Pastoral Renewal Survey | June 1 and 2, 2024 | Bring Electronic Devices | All Weekend Masses

Immediately following all weekend Masses on June 1 and 2 (Corpus Christi Sunday), we invite all parishioners (18 years and older) to participate in the Pastoral Renewal Survey. Please plan to bring your family, friends, and electronic devices to complete the survey online after Mass. A paper version will also be available. Your voice matters, and your participation is vital, as it will help shape the future of our Church's mission and outreach. Please read the Bishop's Letter at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e1TfIMYUsRqB9bvcj7qEpa7VfbfwRrGa/view>. Thank you for your support!



40 Hours for Vocations | Friday, June 7, 3:00pm to Sunday, June 9, 8:00am | Day Chapel

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, June 7, 3:00pm to Sunday, June 9, 8:00am. To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-49625041-40hours>

Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, June 9, 2024 | Sanctuary Mass 11am | Narthex Gathering 1:00-3:00pm

A Parish Renewal Gathering will be held on Sunday, June 9 starting with the 11:00am Mass, followed by lunch in the Narthex. The Parish Renewal Gathering proper starts at 1:00pm and concludes at 3:00pm. In preparation for the gathering, a 40-hour Adoration begins on Friday, June 7, 3:00pm and ends on Sunday, June 9, 8:00am. Details will be announced later.

Events and Announcements

44th Annual Hike For Life/ Mother's Day Rose Sale

Thank you for supporting both of these events. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life Program. Online donations for Hike For Life can still be made and will be accepted until June 28th at www.calgaryprolife.com. From St. Michael's CWL and Knights of Columbus.

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | Friday, June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

The final Youth Rally "Impact Night" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church is scheduled on Friday, June 14 from 7:00-9:00pm. The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3-12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. Registration is still open. Please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program)

We are pleased to let you know our newest sponsorship family will be arriving mid May. Our financial commitment for this family is for one year. According to the Refugee Sponsorship Program the estimated amount needed to support this family for one year is approximately \$40K. Your help is needed, to help us achieve this goal. Financial Donations can be made out to St. Michael's earmarked "Partnership of Hope". Tax receipts will be issued. This family is from Iran originally but have been in Turkey for many years as refugees praying for a way out. St. Michael's has given them a way out. Life in Turkey has been very, very hard. The family consists of Mom, Dad, and three boys aged 16, 14, and 7 years. For more information to help, please contact Jocelyn Fitzgerald at 403-650-9741 or cefitz@shaw.ca. For information on volunteering, please [click here](#).

Art Walk 2024 | Cancelled

Art Walk 2024 will not be held this year due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be back in 2025! Details to follow at a later date.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! 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 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 you can arrange for a pick-up, by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, and conditioner. *MONETARY DONATIONS* can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the 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 or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): <https://mailchi.mp/3b8e51ef3ef7/beyond-bulletin-insert-solemnity-of-all-saints-6237819?e=6937123d2f>

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

Sundays | After Morning Masses | 10:00am and 12:00pm

Children's Liturgy:

Group A: Start time 8:30am - Ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Group B: Start time 10:30am - Ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Regular Events:

Mondays | Bible Study: "Galatians: Set Free To Live in the Spirit" | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

Wednesdays | Into the Breach | Day Chapel | 6:00-7:30am

Thursdays | Moms and Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

May 2024

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May 20 | CANCELLED: Bible Study "Galatians: Set Free To Live in the Spirit"

May 23 | CANCELLED: Moms and Tots

May 23 | CANCELLED: Coffee Connection

May 24 to June 2 | Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Mezzanine | Various Times

May 26 | CANCELLED: Altar Server Training

May 26 | CANCELLED: Coffee Connection

May 26 | Confirmation 2024 | Sanctuary | 2:00pm

May 28 | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm

May 28 | SSV Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm

May 30 | Moms and Tots | Last Session | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am

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, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one, please email the office with your request, noting consent.

Bert Saunders
Cecile Manning
Duncan Smith
Evelyn Dumanski
Annette LaMarca
Bill Tapuska

Pat Burchnall
Chester Wisniewski
Father Greg Coupal
Michael Park
Cecilia Bausa Legaspi

Helen Gal
Karen O'Brien
Rosemary Pangilinan
Kelvin Holitski
Joan Mills

For the Souls of:

Barbara Joan Belot

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.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please visit the office.

Saturday, May 18:

5 pm: Braz Athaide and Nina Burford †

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

9 am: John and Betty Schnitzler †
11 am: For All Parishioners
5 pm: John Furtado †

Tuesday, May 21:

6 pm: Intentions of Costa Family

Wednesday, May 22:

9 am: Pietro Gagliardi †

Thursday, May 23:

9 am: Valerie Ann Napier †

Friday, May 24:

9 am: Trina and Maximiliano Lara †

Saturday, May 25:

5 pm: Jennie Parinas †

Sunday, May 26: The Most Holy Trinity

9 am: Intentions of Vanessa A. Brown
11 am: For All Parishioners
5 pm: Wayne Schuster † and Family

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