



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

## The Power And The Presence

*Alleluia! You are witnesses. Forty days after Easter, witnesses saw Jesus taken up into heaven. Don't just stand around looking at the sky! Jesus instructs those who love Him to continue to witness, teaching all people the Gospel.*

Christ's ascension, which we celebrate today, deals with a reality that is beyond the physical and the earthly. In theology, Christ's resurrection and ascension are referred to as two aspects of one reality. The ascension is the end of his physical appearances to His disciples and beginning of Christ's spiritual presence among them. Where the physical ends, the spiritual somehow begins.

The spiritual represents a higher reality which can subsist on its own. The spiritual gives the physical its soul and significance. In death, the spiritual separates from the physical. In the resurrection and ascension, the spiritual, by its own power, reunites with physical for the fullness of human life in God.

Christ's resurrection demonstrates His power and dominion over death itself, that is, the power of the spiritual over the physical. As Christ commissions His disciples to be witnesses, He gives them the assurance of His powerful presence through the Spirit.

Our Christian life is about a power and a presence that encompasses the physical and the earthly. The resurrection and ascension assert Christ's power and presence among us as we are commissioned to bring His message to the world. Christianity is about the continuing presence of God in the Church and in the world. God's presence is brought to the world through our life in the Spirit.

Indeed, we are commissioned to be a living testament of a people who adheres to the power and presence of Christ's resurrection and ascension. [fredmund@saintmichael.ca](mailto:fredmund@saintmichael.ca)

## Healing Lines

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations". (Matt 28:16-20)* As we follow Christ's commissioning to us all, be sure to include those who are vulnerable and suffer interpersonal violence in all its' forms. These will be touched by you through your caring actions and administrating to their current traumas.

## 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

### **43rd Annual Hike for Life**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Calgary Pro-Life Association's 10K Hike For Life at Prince's Island on May 13. All donations go directly to Pro-Life and **are still being accepted until June 30th**. All funds raised will go to support the Respect for Life program.

### **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.beloveddaughtersyyc.com](http://www.beloveddaughtersyyc.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.

### **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.

### **Feed the Hungry**

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

Through the generosity of one of our parishioners, St. Michael's will once again have the opportunity to provide volunteers for the Feed the Hungry dinner on Father's Day, Sunday June 18 at the St. Mary's Cathedral hall. Volunteers will be needed in the morning for hall set-up and hamper preparation and in the afternoon for serving guests. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the gathering area starting the week of May 22. Please join us!

## Events and Announcements

### 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 **April we helped 11 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:

Dolores Fitzsimmons Erlinda Villaruel

## 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 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 †

### Tuesday, May 23

6 pm: Helen Craig †

### Wednesday, May 24

9 am: Rosalie Guinsatao †

### Thursday, May 25

9 am: Intentions of Appave Family

### Friday, May 26

9 am: Uriel Rincon †

### Saturday, May 27

5 pm: Carlos Flores †

### Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday

9 am: Maria Catrina & Peter Nguyen †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Emanuele & Giuseppina Iavasile †

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