



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

In many documents, the Church is described as mother church. The Church's commitment to love and life is embodied in the vocation of a mother who has to make sacrifices for her family and the community.

After I just arrived in Calgary decades ago, my mother Elizabeth wrote me from the Philippines a moving letter about her nostalgia for a son who was now a world away from her, concluding with a quote from the Book of Lamentations: *"The Lord's unfailing love and mercy will continue, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise."* I have to confess that I have tended to overlook the struggles of my mother in coping with the challenges of marriage and family life. In a way, I owe my faith and my priesthood to my mother who instilled in me the spirit of love and sacrifice.

The celebration of Mother's Day is an opportunity for all of us to focus on the invaluable contribution of mothers in building up our society and our church. As we reflect on the admirable qualities of motherhood, we should see these qualities as something we can all develop and share with others. These life-giving, nurturing and reconciling functions are not exclusive of mothers but belong to all of us, especially as a church community. As a church, we are called upon to exercise God's qualities of love and concern for others.

Our reflection on Mother's Day would not be complete without mention of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who became the mother of Jesus and our mother. Journeying with her son from Bethlehem to Calvary, Mary is rightly referred to as the first follower of Christ, the first Christian. Her motherhood is also a portrait of the good shepherd in imitation of her son whose suffering, death and resurrection has become her principle of life. She has become a model for mothers and shepherds in her struggle to keep the faith in God's unfailing love and mercy.

Let me close with a prayer for mothers: *"Holy God, you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness of these mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families. Listen to their prayers, and bless them in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven. Amen."* fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

Mother's Day... "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. Most countries including US, Australia, Canada and India celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May. 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

Connect with us

Follow us on social media at [@saintmichael.ca](https://www.facebook.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 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 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

Undie Sunday

St. Michael's **Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League** extend their sincerest appreciation to all parishioners who donated funds and 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 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.

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.

Movie Night

Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Discover how a miraculous bridge of ice over the St. Lawrence River in 1879 would help reignite the faith of a country and inspire the birth of a National Shrine. From the arrival of North America's first missionaries to the Virgin Mary's first official crowning in 1904 and beyond, the place known as Tr is Rivi res has become a bastion of faith, favours and Marian Devotion.

Our Lady of the Cape is coming to Calgary at the end of May and the Women's Ministry is very excited to be able to host a docudrama before this historical event! Please attend a screening of *The Bridge of Roses* at St. Michael's on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. to learn more.

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 or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at 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.

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, 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 †

Tuesday, May 10

6 p.m.: Vincenza Brisinda †

Wednesday, May 11

9 a.m.: Florence Saunders †

Thursday, May 12

9 a.m.: Miu Kwan †

Friday, May 13

9 a.m.: Lourdes D'Mello †

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 †

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.

Contact us

For general inquiries: info@saintmichael.ca

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	February	March	April
<u>General Collections</u>			
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
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$23,147	\$14,200	\$27,023
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,301,694	\$4,330,486	\$4,314,014
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
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.