



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Remembrance Weekend...

This is the month of remembrance. We recall the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. We remember their death that separates the rest of us who are still in this pilgrimage on earth.

Death brings emptiness and even devastation in our life and relationships. Death, especially as a result of abuse and violence, becomes abominable not only for us, but for our God, who is the Lord of all life and death. But out of the devastation, emptiness, and abomination, something positive emerges in us. We re-discover love, even in the midst of hatred and violence. We renew friendship and personal closeness that would not have been so intimate and loving. We also realize more forcefully and more powerfully that we are not supposed to be pitted against each other and that we are indeed partners in dealing with our own mortality and human weaknesses.

In this offering of the Holy Eucharist, which celebrates the violent and abominable crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we behold power of redemption that comes about through His resurrection. In Jesus Christ, we find the meaning of our own suffering and pain. In Him, we find the context and meaning of our own death. Death becomes the defining moment of our entire life, ushering us to the life that lasts forever. Death is a masterpiece, as it were, that unites all together the pieces of memories and experiences of a lifetime.

Our greatest legacy and pledge we can make at this point of our lives is to resolve to live our respective lives in the most loving and caring way, in imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ whose life and ministry was marked with love, compassion, self-sacrifice, and self-giving.

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Healing Lines

Bullying Awareness week is November 13-17. This year's theme is "Make a Noise About Bullying". Bullying is a conscious, willful, and deliberate act of power through aggression that is repeated, unequal power, which creates fear in the victim and an inability to act. Bullying includes: physical aggression (hitting, kicking, taking or damaging belongings), verbal aggression (insults, name-calling, and repeated teasing), social exclusion, intimidation through spreading nasty rumors or threatening, sexual aggression, and cyber-bullying.

Bullying Helpline: call or text 310-1818.

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 & 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live stream
at 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

Confirmation Registration Open!

Registration for Confirmation Prep is now open. If you have a child in grade 6 and up, you can register them on our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/confirmation/>.

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary | October 26 - December 14 (excluding November 2) | 7:00-8:30 pm.

There is a seven week video series on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in the Day Chapel. Please feel free to show up for any, or all, of the days. For more information about the series, please visit the website at saintmichael.ca/events.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, where we can write the names of beloved dead, is now in the gathering area throughout the month of November.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! 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 Narthex. Arrangements for pick up can also be made by e-mailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. 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 that 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 emailing SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone (403) 249-0423, ext. 122.

Partnership of Hope

St. Michael's newest sponsored refugee family arrived on November 7, 2023. There are five people in the family. We are looking for donations of household items, clothing, gift cards for groceries, or clothing. Monetary donations are always welcomed. If you would like more information on how you can help, or if you have anything to donate, please contact: Jocelyn Fitzgerald at cefitz@shaw.ca or 403-650-9741. Please do not drop items off directly at the Church, as there is no space to handle the items. Thank you for your continued support.

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

Sanitary countertops have recently been installed in our washrooms and kitchen area. If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, please contact Fr. Edmund or the Office for details. You can also make a donation with memo/note: countertops. Thank you.

Deacon Ordination | Saturday, November 18

Randy Gritter, a parishioner, will be ordained Deacon along with 11 candidates from other parishes on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00am by Bishop McGrattan at St. Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome.

Angel Tree | November 25 & November 26

The Angel Tree will be available in the Gathering Area after select Masses on the weekend of November 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3. Help us by signing up to provide a child's special gift to be included with the hamper going to the family. Referrals for a hamper are accepted from parish schools, and through the SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423, ext. 122. Monetary donations in support of the Hamper Program may be directed to SSVP. Questions? Send to christmashampers@saintmichael.ca.

"Community Night" | Friday, December 1 | Starting at 6pm

A Community Night will be celebrated on Friday, December 1 with a Mass at 6:00pm, followed by a reception. The Mass will be presided by Fr. Edmund who also celebrates his birthday on the day (Philippine time). The reception will be tendered by our Knights of Columbus. A free will offering is suggested. Entertainment will be provided by Ad Hoc Band with Marvin Matthews, our Volunteer Coordinator. The Ad Hoc Band has raised thousands of dollars for various charitable organizations. The Partnership of Hope, which looks after our Refugee Program, will receive what would have been their performance fee. Register at saintmichael.ca/bulletin.



The Rite of Commissioning for All Liturgical Ministers | December 2 & December 3

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers will be held at all the December 2 & December 3 weekend Masses. During these First Sunday of Advent Masses, Auxiliary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (who require a written mandate from the Bishop) come forward after the homily and are joined by the other liturgical ministers in their respective places for this rite. The Liturgical ministers include, among others, ushers, hospitality ministers, sacristans, lectors, altar servers, and musicians. Ministry means doing something on behalf of Christ Himself.

"One Starry Night" Pageant | Friday, December 8 | Starting at 6:00 pm

There will be a Children's Nativity Pageant on Friday, December 8 beginning with a Mass at 6:00pm, Pageant at 6:30pm, and a cookies and juice Reception to follow. There will also be family friendly activities in the Narthex. A free will offering is gratefully accepted or simply donate online. If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP <https://forms.gle/feVcPxtps5GR69qH6>.

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Catholic Christmas Market | Sunday, December 10 | Mezzanine | After 9am & 11am Masses until 4pm

St. Michael's is excited to host a Catholic Christmas Market featuring local Catholic and Christian goods from all sorts of wonderful vendors. This will take place on Sunday, December 10 in the Mezzanine after 9am and 11am Masses until 4pm. If anyone is interested in being a vendor, or a volunteer, please contact Colleen Joy at pcjoy@shaw.ca.

Hamper Day | Monday, December 18

Hamper Day is Monday, December 18. We will prepare and deliver 170 hampers on this day. Next week November 18 & 19: Members of the Hamper Organizing Committee will be in the Gathering Area after all Masses to answer questions and sign up volunteers for Hamper Day. Volunteers are needed! Parishioners are needed to help with: December 13 - Preparing and Wrapping Gifts/ December 16 & 17 - Set up/ December 18 - Hamper Assembly: fill and pack hampers, assist in the store room, re-stock shelves, and store hampers ready for delivery. Note: morning and afternoon sessions available. December 18 evening - Deliver prepared hampers to recipients' homes. Volunteers are asked to ensure they have completed the necessary paperwork required by the Diocese. To check if your volunteer requirements are up to date, please contact Marvin Matthews at MMatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Changes at the Sunday 9am Mass

Changes at the Sunday 9am Mass will be introduced in the new liturgical year. The Mass will be choir-less, with Jim Howells as instrumentalist and lead singer. This means our choir for the Saturday 5pm, and Sunday 9am & 11am, will no longer join Jim Howells at the Sunday 9am Mass, giving a bit of a break from the early Mass. This choir is composed of four (4) teams that rotate on a weekly basis.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, November 11 at 5pm - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 12 at 9am - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 12 at 11am - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah
Sunday, November 12 at 5pm - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah

November - Regularly Occurring Events:

Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Narthex | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses
Mondays | Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm
Tuesdays | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays | TMIY | Narthex | 6:00-7:30am
Wednesdays | Women's Ministry | Theatre & St. Nicholas Room | 9:30am-12:00pm
Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9:00am Mass
Thursdays | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30-11:30am
Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00-11:30am
Thursdays | Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary | Day Chapel | 7:00-8:30pm

November - Special Events:

November 12 | Sunday | Cancelled: Coffee Sunday for today
November 12 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Rehearsal for Narrators & Choir | St. Nicholas Room & Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm
November 12 | Sunday | Knights of Columbus Exemplifications Meeting | Theater | 1:00-3:00pm
November 13 | Monday | Office Closed for Remembrance Day
November 13 | Monday | Bible Study still held | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
November 14 | Tuesday | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm
November 16 | Thursday | Cancelled: Coffee Thursday for today
November 16 | Thursday | Bishop Carroll High School Retreat Day | 9:30am-3:30pm
November 17 | Friday | Confirmation Orientation | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:00pm
November 18 & 19 | Sign-Up for Christmas Hamper | Narthex | After All Masses
November 19 | Children's Nativity Rehearsal for Choir, Narrators, Primary Actors | St. Nicholas Room & Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm
November 19 | Sunday | Eucharistic Training Session | Sanctuary | 2:30-3:30pm
November 22 | Wednesday | Eucharistic Training Session | Sanctuary | 7:00-8:00pm
November 24 | Friday | Altar Servers Pizza Party | Narthex | 6:30-8:30pm
November 25 | Saturday | Angel Tree Begins | Narthex
November 25 | Saturday | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas Room | 9:00am-12:00pm
November 26 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Rehearsal for Choir, Narrators, Primary Actors, Secondary Actors | St. Nicholas Room, Sanctuary, and Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm
November 27 | Monday | Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting | St. Gabriel Rooms 144 & 145 |
November 28 | Tuesday | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7:00-9:00pm
November 28 | Tuesday | SVDP Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm
November 30 | Thursday | Christmas Hamper Food Sorting Day

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 Ejeregbe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Froilan Edillon	Kevin Thorvaldson	Judy Ivanski
Josh Helman	Antoinette Vincent	Mara Neely
Helen Gal	Chester Wisniewski	Alessandro Bonvicini
Lily Kalmar	Deacon Frank Peta	Jojo Deleon
James Martin	Eileen Peta	Rosa Duri

For the Souls of:

Rady-Minda Buning Graciela Otorala

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.

Gifts to the Parish

	August	September	October
General Collections			
Collections	\$71,009	\$80,404	\$97,285
Other Income	(\$1,928)	\$13,570	\$29,506
Operating Costs	\$120,402	\$209,168	\$164,849
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$51,321)	(\$115,194)	(\$38,058)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$24,190	\$17,879	\$13,724
Current Loan Balance	\$3,744,046	\$3,721,240	\$3,698,763
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$47,782	\$54,212	\$55,760
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	39%	45%	46%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,328	\$3,623	\$3,473

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, November 11

5 pm: Joe Tallerico †

Sunday, November 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Leonora Cordova †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Catherine Henry †

Tuesday, November 14

6 pm: Deceased CWL Members †

Wednesday, November 15

9 am: Zenaida & Juan Ocampo †

Thursday, November 16

9 am: Intentions of Fr. Julian Studden

Friday, November 17

9 am: Deceased Members of Li Chok Kang Family †

Saturday, November 18

5 pm: Tallerico & Brisinda Families †

Sunday, November 19, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Serafino Marra †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Sheila Foster †

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