



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Time is Near! (Luke 21:8)

Today's anxiety over the end of the world is similar to the expectation of the Thesalonians about Christ's imminent return. This end-of-the-world syndrome has to be approached with the same recommendation prescribed by Paul in his letter to them. During Paul's time, the expectation of Christ's imminent return was construed as an excuse for giving up productive work, a license for social irresponsibility and an alibi to act as pious busybodies. Paul's rule that "anyone unwilling to work should not eat" was invoked in the context of this mentality.

We still have to continue to tackle today's tasks and challenges. After all, eternity is shaped by today's efforts. Today's gospel exhortation is courageous constancy amidst fear and anxiety. In all our troubles, we have to seize the opportunity to witness to our faith, confident of God's grace and our ultimate redemption. We have to live our life in accordance with the will of God.

We have to become enduring witnesses to Christ's resurrection and its promise of eternal life until we come to the moment when we behold Christ's glory by living our life with perseverance and endurance amidst difficulties and challenges.

As we gather today, reflecting on the end of our own life and the end of the world, we continue to work and pray for peace in the world, and for justice in our communities and in our world. We continue to pray for those who are upset because of their fear for the future, for people, especially children, who are abused in their homes or place of work, and for those who love and hate us. We have to work for the coming of God's kingdom in our respective lives.

The Eucharist, which relives Christ's endurance and perseverance in His suffering and death on the cross, should inspire us with these same virtues of endurance and perseverance as we continue to tackle daily tasks with their inherent difficulties and challenges. fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

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 belonging), verbal aggression (insults, name-calling, and repeated teasing), social exclusion, intimidation through spreading nasty rumours or threatening, sexual aggression, and cyber-bullying. If you are experiencing this reach out for help at **Bullying Helpline** - Call or text [310-1818](tel: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:

Fridays: 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

2023 Contribution Envelopes

Next year's 2023 contribution envelopes are now available for pickup in the Gathering Area. Please look for your name alphabetically-organized, and note that your number may have changed from last year. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 403-249-0423.

Baptism

To register your child for Baptism, please visit <https://saintmichael.ca/baptism/>. The next Baptism preparation course will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 9 am to 12 pm. Please contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca for more details.

Chalice

November 19 & 20

"The Eucharist Commits Us To The Poor." - Catechism

Please welcome Canadian recording artist and Chalice Champion Chris Bray, who will speak at all November 19 & 20 Masses about the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in need through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. Sponsorship is a powerful way to live out the faith we profess! Chalice is Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission to its 52 sponsor sites in 14 countries.

NET Youth Retreats at St. Michael's

Calling all youth grades 4-12! Join NET Ministries at St. Michael's for one of our incredible youth retreats. It will be a time to meet new friends, eat pizza, and encounter God in a new and exciting way!

Retreat for grades 8 to 12: Friday, November 25 (5 pm to 10 pm)

Retreat for grades 4 to 7: Saturday, November 26 (10 am to 2 pm)

To register, visit the links below:

Retreat for grades 8 to 12:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKVLKMD5HWhi6O6INcMzLb73astUfZm-kpfZV2hSjC8OII_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Retreat for grades 4 to 7:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuqHFvm8mBhtGZIKMkl7CQndZA3VWLZPnC9GNtLaVu8pRY8w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Advent Pasta Fundraiser Night

Saturday, November 26

Please join us for Pasta night - Fundraiser hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, November 26 after the 5 pm Mass. The proceeds will go to our Christmas Hamper program as well as a new playground for St. Michael's Catholic School. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses (November 12/13, 19/20) or at the office during the week. Cost: \$5 for child (ages 3 to 13) and \$10 for adult (ages 14 and up).

Advent Recollection

November 26 or 27

Please join us in the Day Chapel for our Advent Recollection (retreat) celebrated by Fr. Edmund on Saturday, November 26, 1 pm to 3 pm, or Sunday, November 27, 1 pm to 3 pm.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 29

Giving Tuesday marks a global movement dedicated to charitable giving. As we approach the end of 2022, we ask that you remember St. Michael's in your year-end giving. To donate, visit saintmichael.ca/giving or e-transfer to support@saintmichael.ca.

Steve Bell Concert

Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

St. Michael's is pleased to be hosting Steve Bell in a solo concert on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm. This will be an evening of story and song featuring music from his latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as Steve Bell classics and favorites. Tickets are \$25 and are available on-line at www.stevebell.com/events, or from the parish office. Visit www.stevebell.com/events for more info.

Mass Schedule for This Weekend

Saturday, November 12, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 13, 9 am Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 13, 11 am & 5 pm Masses: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Events and Announcements

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 October we helped over 20 families.

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 make arrangements by e-mailing us at 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 or phone 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Knitting Ministry

We invite everyone in the parish to join us in our fall project of knitting/crocheting hats, scarves, neck warmers, mitts for the needy (mostly adults). Last year we collected almost 100 beautifully made items which were donated to and gratefully received by several charities serving the homeless. There will be a collection box in the gathering area with an end date of December 15. Thank you for helping us meet this ongoing need!

Moms and Tots

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Moms and Tots are invited to join us for coffee, social and play every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the St. Nicholas Room.

Christmas Hamper Outreach

Monday December 19

Our target is to prepare and deliver 170 hampers on that day. We are now receiving referrals and accepting donations. Cash donations are especially needed, as detailed below.

Referrals: Referrals are accepted from Parish school counselors, and through the SSVP intake line at 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donate: Monetary Donations to SSVP are used to purchase food at wholesale prices, and may be made through:

- the collection box, noted for *Christmas Hampers*
- depositing the green envelopes located in the SSVP donation bin/lockbox in the gathering area
- online at saintmichael.ca/giving.

Please include your clearly printed name and address - tax receipts will be issued in January 2023.

Food Donations: Christmas Hampers contain a standard list of goods and quantities, purchased wholesale, at a substantial cost saving. SSVP provides support to families year-round, and food donations received this month that are not on our list will be placed in the larder, for use by SSVP to address late hamper requests and after-Christmas hamper needs. Thank you to our Parish schools who are conducting food drives in support of SSVP.

Thank you to all our faithful Parish members who signed up last weekend to assist with hamper preparations and delivery. It is great to see the desire to help, especially after the past two years of reduced service. We are contacting all those who signed up and will be in touch about your assignment.

We do need more volunteers to help with delivery on the night of December 19.

Importantly, those delivering hampers are required to have an updated Police Check on file, and complete Praesidium training. Note it can take up to 4 weeks to process but can be completed online. To check if your volunteer requirements are up to date, please contact Marvin Matthews MMatthews@saintmichael.ca

Gifts for Children: The Angel Tree will be available the weekend of November 26/27, where our Angel Gift Tags hold a child's special request. Shop for that special gift and return it to be enclosed with the hamper going to the family.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

November 13 to 21, 2023

Join Fr. Edmund on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 13 to 21, 2023, on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Book now and save \$150 per person. Cost: double \$5,699, single \$6,849 and triple \$5,669. For more information visit: gateway.gocollette.com/link/1122663.

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, Solomon Ip, Samuel O'Ejeregebe, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Don Bruce	Gary Pearce
Blessie San Buenaventura	Walid Rizkallah
Greg Choquette	Janeth Rodriguez
Janet and Pal Nyilas	Grant Schmick

For the Soul of:

Duncan MacKenzie

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	\$104,261	\$98,277	\$72,520
Operating Costs	\$110,627	\$87,636	\$98,750
Surplus (shortfall)YTD OpCosts	(\$6,366)	\$10,641	(\$26,230)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$47,766	\$13,738	\$15,672
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
Current Loan Balance	\$4,280,457	\$3,967,822	\$3,962,388
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action Collect YTD	\$19,283	\$21,239	\$24,642
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$15,982(YTD)	\$17,910(YTD)	\$2,893(M)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 12

5 pm: Intentions of Ana

Sunday, November 13, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Ruth Roach †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of Ana

Tuesday, November 15

6 pm: Intentions of Sean Odiase

Wednesday, November 16

9 am: Irene D Melo †

Thursday, November 17

9 am: Serafino Marra †

Friday, November 18

9 am: John Lee †

Saturday, November 19

5 pm: Rosina & Luigi Brisinda †

Sunday November 20, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: John Davis †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Lody Flores †

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