



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

His Kingdom Come!

The French philosopher Blaise Pascal classifies reality in three orders. These orders, according to their increasing importance and value, are: the order of *body* (which includes visible things, money and politics), the order of *mind* (which includes knowledge, understanding and artistic talent) and the order of *charity* (which includes love, wisdom and grace). The second order is infinitely higher than the first one. The third order is infinitely superior to the two other orders.

Christ's kingship belongs more to the last order of charity. His kingdom was totally of a different order and reality. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to Pilate with a mastery and a majesty which suggest a complete transcendence over the power of Rome.

The greatness of Christ in chains dominates history and the universe. The reality of His kingship belongs to the highest order in the classification of Blaise Pascal. His kingship is that of love, wisdom and grace. No kingdom has a power comparable to the power of love.

In many ways, our becoming church is all about building this kingdom of love, wisdom and grace on this earth.

We endeavor to love as Christ loves. He is king, but He kneels before His followers and washes their feet. He is king who was born in a stable, that is, in poverty and humility. He is king who died on a cross between two criminals to save us from sin and death. We follow His gospel values to the eternal path that will allow us to live forever.

Christ reigns over *"an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace"* (Preface, Christ the King).

"Almighty and ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise..." (Opening Prayer). fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

Family Violence does not happen in a vacuum. It couldn't be so widespread or have carried on so long in silence if it were only a matter of a few people not controlling their tempers. Abuse is rooted in a host of personal and social values that we have come to accept as right or necessary or "normal." *"God, we know that many of your children have been hurting for a long time. Open our eyes to their pain and help us to reflect on the values we hold which may contribute to the pain and silence around family violence."*

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.

Together in Action (Formerly Bishop's Appeal)

As of this writing, total collection amounts to \$27,657.50. The parish target for 2022 is \$121,243. We are still short by \$93,585.50. Please consider making a contribution by the end of the year.

Share Sunday

November 19 & 20

This weekend is Share Sunday! We are accepting monetary donations in support of our Christmas Hamper program. Tax receipts will be issued in 2023 for all donations received by December 31.

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 8-12: Friday, November 25 (5 pm to 10 pm)

Retreat for grades 4-7: 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:

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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. For tickets, please visit us at www.saintmichael.ca. Cost: \$5 for child (ages 3 to 13) and \$10 for adult (ages 14 and up).

Advent Recollection

November 26 & 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, & 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, please consider St. Michael Catholic Community as a recipient of your year-end charitable giving! To donate, visit saintmichael.ca/giving or e-transfer to isupport@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 19, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Troy Nguyen

Sunday, November 20, 9 am Mass: Fr. Troy Nguyen

Sunday, November 20, 11 am & 5 pm Masses: Fr. Troy Nguyen

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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 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!

Simbang Gabi at SMCC

Saturday, December 17

St Michael's Church is hosting the traditional Filipino Mass (Simbang Gabi) on Saturday, December 17, at 7pm starting with carols at 6:30 pm. Filipino families or individuals who are interested in helping with our Filipino Night reception, following the Mass, may email Fr. Edmund at Fredmund@saintmichael.ca or text 403-874-2015.

Christmas Hamper Outreach

Monday December 19

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 extension 122.

Donate:

We purchase food at wholesale prices, and include a grocery gift card in each hamper for the recipient to purchase their turkey.

Monetary Donations to SSVP are needed to offset this cost.

Donations 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 will be used by SSVP to address late hamper requests and after-Christmas hamper needs. Thank you to our parish schools conducting food drives in support of SSVP. Thank you to all our faithful parish members who volunteered. We will be in touch about your assignment.

We do need more volunteers to help deliver 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 volunteer and update your volunteer requirements, 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	Janet and Pal Nyilas
Blessie San Buenaventura	Ethel Raffin
Greg Choquette	Janeth Rodriguez
Bill Dingman	Grant Schmick
John Nely	Bryan Williams Jr.

For the Soul of:

Dr. Junjoe Alcantara Dr. Sean Grondin Gary Pearce

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 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 †

Tuesday, November 22

6 pm: Eghosa Omoregbee †

Wednesday, November 23

9 am: Intentions of Anne Arendt

Thursday, November 24

9 am: Nemesio Desales †

Friday, November 25

9 am: Ken Arundale †

Saturday, November 26

5 pm: Frank & Helen Gal †

Sunday November 27, 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Maria Deluca †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Sydney Appiah †

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