



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gift of Catholic Education

Four Catholic schools fall within our territorial jurisdiction as a parish. We minister to these schools in terms of presiding over their liturgical celebrations including Remembrance, Advent, and other liturgical feasts. More and more, we have to pray and support the continued mission of the Catholic schools in creating distinctive communities permeated by freedom, love, and faith.

The mission of Catholic education is the same as our mission as a Christian community. Catholic education promotes personal transformation towards a Christ-like relationship with God and others, as well as the social transformation that establishes gospel values in our society.

As we reflect on Catholic Education, I would like to refer to today's gospel imperative to follow what the Pharisees and Scribes say and not what they do. In a real way, Christ realized too well the growing contradiction between faith and life on the part of the religious leaders and educators of His time. In our own time, we are confronted with this same issue of transparency in many professions, including those involving our trust and confidence.

Do as I say, not as I do can be a confession of our own hypocrisy. Indeed, it can be a realization of our own inability as teachers, parents, preachers, and educators to achieve that elusive unity between our words and our actions. Our experience with power and authority, whether in parenthood, or the teaching or preaching profession, speaks of our constant struggle to overcome the darker side of our being human. Inherent, as it were, in the exercise of leadership is its own seeking to exercise authority for its own sake. We have witnessed in our recent history that there are failures in our exercise of leadership, and we realize that there will always be failures in the exercise of our parenthood, our teaching profession, or our priestly ministry. Such realization is critical in facing the challenge of education.

Speaking for myself, my every homily is not only for you, but also for myself. I do have to struggle and cope with my groping efforts to achieve that integrity of word and action in my life as a Christian and as a priest. It all boils down to the Christian virtue of humility which is the ultimate lesson of our gospel today. Humility is the strength that comes as a result of our total acceptance of our human limitations. Humility provides truth when we are arrogant, insight when we are weak, and compassion when we are indifferent. It makes us realize that we are not God, after all, and that we depend on His divine power and presence to cope with the limitations of our human condition. And may God help us to always remember that He is our Teacher and we are His disciples. Amen.

ERRATUM: Remembering our beloved dead.... The highlighted lines were included in error. "As we remember our loved ones, we offer our prayers for them. We are encouraged to show sympathy and support for our families in their time of bereavement, especially those families who are alone in coping with this difficulty and challenge. **This is also part of the reason we have proposed the columbarium to be established in our Lower Hall and the basement of this church. The columbarium project would open up ministries around grief support, renewal of friendships in family relationships during the time of bereavement, perpetual care for the remains of our loved ones and our continued prayers for our beloved dead, especially during the celebration of All Souls' Day and death anniversaries of our family and friends.** We pledge that every gesture of affection and friendship we show to one another on behalf of our beloved dead becomes a sign of God's love for all of us. The legacy of love and friendship that our loved ones have left us should inspire and move us to live a life full of love and concern for one another."

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Healing Lines

Even though we may not be touched by abuse in our families, we are affected by abuse daily. We see it portrayed in the media, we hear about the atrocities perpetrated on others through war, poverty and discrimination, and we witness it through the mistreatment of others around us (strangers, friends, and relatives). Let us humbly pray that we readily recognize signs of abuse and take action to stop it whenever we can. Let us offer protection and solace to those abused in our faith community and Church.

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

Real Votive Candles

Real Votive Candles are now waiting for you to light for your prayer intentions. The candle racks are in the alcoves of the Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy inside St. Mary's Chapel. It is said that when you leave the candle you have lit, the Angels finish up your prayers.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions can now be booked online at saintmichael.ca, the link is on the homepage next to the Mass schedule, or directly via: [Mass Intentions Booking Form \(google.com\)](http://MassIntentionsBookingForm.google.com). The parish office will follow up on booking requests before any Mass Intention is confirmed and scheduled.

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

Oct. 26 - Dec. 14 (excluding Nov.2) 7:00-8:30 pm.

There is a seven week video series on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary which began on Thurs. Oct. 26 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! 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 or phone (403) 249-0423, ext. 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items - can be dropped off in the SSVF Food Chest in the Church Narthex (Gathering Area). Arrangements for pick up can also be made by e-mailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: canned soup, canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal, and syrup. Please note that we do not need tuna or pasta. **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.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

Greetings to our fellow parishioners and visitors, and thank you to all volunteers, new and seasoned! Your dedication to our community is appreciated! A few of the many items discussed at our meeting on October 24 were: Memorial Mass on November 2 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, An annual display of the posters featuring our Church building, Hosting the Eucharistic Miracles display, Printing bulletins weekly instead of monthly. More details on these and the other items discussed will be available on the website after our next meeting on November 28. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (403) 249-0423. To read minutes from our meeting in September, or any past meeting, please go to: saintmichael.ca/bulletin.

Catholic Education Sunday

November 4 & 5

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 4 & 5, 2023. Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta. Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students.

For more information, please visit: <https://theccfe.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>.



St. Michael Catholic Community Fellowship Dinner - Cancelled

The previously planned Community Fellowship Dinner is cancelled for Sunday, November 5.

Partnership of Hope

I would like to introduce to you St. Michael's newest sponsored refugee family arriving on November 7, 2023. There are five people in the family. Dad-Mehdi (Matthew), Mom-Negar (Mary), Aryan 11 yrs. (M), Adryan 9 yrs. (M) and Manley 5 yrs. (F). Originally from Iran, they were called to the Catholic faith and have been baptized. Since then, their lives have been in danger, and it is unsafe for them to return to Iran. They have been living in Turkey as refugees, where they are badly mistreated. Life in Turkey has been very difficult. As refugees they are not allowed to work, and any odd jobs they might find are poorly compensated. They are unable to move around freely. They are very excited to start their new life in Canada, to be welcomed and become part of the St. Michael's Community, to be able to attend Church to pray peacefully, to work and have their children attend school. Your help is desperately needed. We are looking for donations of household items, clothing, gift cards for groceries, or clothing. Monetary donations are always welcomed. There are many volunteer opportunities available to help them settle into their new life here. If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact: Jocelyn Fitzgerald; cefitz@shaw.ca; 403-650-9741. If you have anything to donate, please contact Jocelyn either by email, text or phone. 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

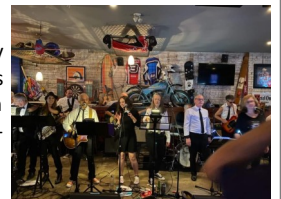
Sanitary countertops have recently been installed in our washrooms and kitchen area. If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, please contact Fr. Edmund or the Office for details. You can also make a donation with memo/note: countertops. Hopefully, we can all help maintain cleanliness in our Church we love. May God continue to bless our families and individuals for their continuing support.

Community Night

Friday, December 1, 6pm

A Community Night will be celebrated on Friday, December 1 with a Mass at 6pm, 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 and the Catholic Women's League. 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.

Please register at saintmichael.ca/bulletin.



Events and Announcements

"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 (Gathering Area). A free will offering is gratefully accepted or simply donate online. If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP <https://forms.gle/feVcPxtps5GR69qH6>

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.

Christmas Hamper Program

Sign up: November 18 & 19 After All Masses | Assembly & Delivery: Monday, December 18

Our Christmas Hamper assembly and delivery date is Monday, December 18. Volunteer sign up for all our needs will take place on the weekend of November 18 & 19 after all Masses. Referrals are being accepted from Parish schools and through the SSVF. To refer someone, please call the SSVF intake line at 403-249-0423, ext. 122. Questions? Contact christmashampers@saintmichael.ca

Angel Tree

November 25 & 26

The Angel Tree will be in the Gathering Area. Come select an Angel from the tree and volunteer to provide a gift for a child whose family is receiving a food hamper.

2024 Missals

Living With Christ Missals 2024 for adults and children are available for purchase at the Gift Shop or the Office.

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers

December 2 & 3

The Rite of Commissioning for all Liturgical Ministers will be held at all the Dec. 2 & Dec. 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.

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 4: 5pm - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah

Sunday, November 5: 9 am - Fr. Kevin Chukwurah

Sunday, November 5, 11 am - Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 5, 5 pm - Fr. Edmund Vargas

November Calendar:

November 5 | Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Gathering Area | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses

November 5 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Pageant - Rehearsal for Choir & Narrators | Green Room & Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm

November 5 | Sunday | Cancelled: Community Fellowship Dinner

November 6 | Mondays | Bible Study | Green Room | 7:00-9:00pm

November 7 | Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

November 7 | Tuesdays | RCIA | Green Room | 7:00-9:00pm

November 8 | Wednesdays | TMIY | Gathering Area | 6:00-7:30am

November 8 | Wednesdays | Women's Ministry | Children's Main Theatre & Green Room | 9:30am-12:00pm

November 9 | Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9:00am Mass

November 9 | Thursdays | Moms & Tots | Green Room | 9:30-11:30am

November 9 | Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00-11:30am

November 9 | Thursdays | Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary | Day Chapel | 7:00-8:30pm

November 9 | Thursday | First Reconciliation Session 2 | Sanctuary | 6:00-7:30pm

November 9 | Thursday | Pastoral Care Training Session | Mezzanine | 7:00-9:00pm

November 12 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Pageant - Rehearsal for Primary Actors | Green Room & Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm

November 13 | Monday | Office Closed for Remembrance Day

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 | Gathering Area | After All Masses

November 19 | Children's Nativity Pageant - Rehearsal for Choir, Narrators, & Primary Actors | Green 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 | Gathering Area | 6:30-8:30pm

November 25 | Saturday | Angel Tree Begins

November 25 | Saturday | Baptism Prep | Green Room | 9:00am-12:00pm

November 26 | Sunday | Children's Nativity Pageant - Rehearsal for Choir, Narrators, Primary Actors, & Secondary Actors | Green Room, Sanctuary, and Guardian Angel Room | 12:00-1:00pm

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:

Elizabeth Chandless	James Martin	Eileen Peta
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

For the Souls of:

Dominador Nisperos Rady-Minda Buning Andrew MacDonald

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

	July	August	September
General Collections			
Collections	\$82,695	\$71,009	\$80,404
Other Income	\$71,834	(\$1,928)	\$13,570
Operating Costs	\$145,033	\$120,402	\$209,168
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	\$9,496	(\$51,321)	(\$115,194)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$40,786	\$24,190	\$17,879
Current Loan Balance	\$3,766,370	\$3,744,046	\$3,721,240
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$45,295	\$47,782	\$54,212
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	37%	39%	45%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,354	\$1,328	\$3,623

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, November 4

5 pm: Donna Flanagan †

Sunday, November 5, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Mary Simpson †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ernesto Benacchio †

Tuesday, November 7

6 pm: Mr. & Mrs. Chu Moy Chang †

Wednesday, November 8

9 am: Tomasa & Gregorio Hidalgo †

Thursday, November 9

9 am: Intentions of Ariah Pinto

Friday, November 10

9 am: Andy-Dick Niyintunze †

Saturday, November 11

5 pm: Joe Tallerico †

Sunday, November 12, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Leonoro Cordova †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Catherine Henry †

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