



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Education Sunday

Seeking God in our respective lives is the essence of education, especially Catholic education. The goal of education, catechesis and evangelization is to make God the center of our lives so we can enjoy God as fully as it is possible in this life, refraining us from holding on to too many things.

"From the youngest of students and onward, the youth of today fill our Catholic schools with a vibrant energy that compels us to move forward and embrace the future. We watch them grow in faith, through a strong foundation that has been modeled to them at school, home and church and we are excited by their journey. It is this joy that propels us to embrace the future with hope and faith." "Let us celebrate Catholic schools with a renewed energetic spirituality and vibrant faith that mirrors the energy and enthusiasm that we see in our students. Let us hold them up as lights of the world, as we throw open the doors of the future and stand ready to journey in its light."

In our efforts to educate our world according to the values of the gospel, we have to realize that we need to witness to those values we profess to live by. Pope Paul VI emphasizes: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses..."

As we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday, let us reflect on the spirit of love and sacrifice that our Eucharist represents. We become bread broken for others. We become witnesses for God's love and forgiveness in a world that is so filled with hatred and indifference. With the spirit of Christ's love, expressed through His self-sacrificing death on the cross that is repeated in the Eucharist, we enrich our society with the leaven of the Gospel, transforming this world into a more loving and more caring one.

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Healing Lines

Where does abuse come from? 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.

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-12 pm. Please contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca for more details.

Ministry Fair

November 5-6

Our Stewardship (Ministry Fair) weekend will be taking place after this weekend after all Masses. This is an opportunity for your respective ministries to engage with parishioners who might be interested in volunteering. If your ministry would like to participate, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Catholic Education Sunday

November 5-6

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 5 and 6, 2022. 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 thecccef.ca.

Remembrance Day

November 11

The office will be closed on Friday, November 11. Daily Mass will be offered in the Day Chapel, but Holy Hour is cancelled.

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 8-12: Friday, November 25 (5:00pm - 10:00pm)

Retreat for grades 4-7: Saturday, November 26 (10:00am - 2:00pm)

To register, visit the links below:

Retreat for grades 8-12: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKVLKmd5HWHi6O6INcMzLb73astUfZm-kpfZV2hSjC8OII_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Retreat for grades 4-7: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfuqHFvm8mBhtGZIKMkl7CQndZA3VW/LZPnC9GNtLaVu8pRY8w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Advent Recollection

November 26-27

Please join us for our Advent Recollection celebrated by Father Edmund on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27 at 1 pm in the Day Chapel.

Giving 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 isupport@saintmichael.ca.

Mass Schedule for This Weekend

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

Sunday, November 6, 9 am Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 6, 11 am & 5 pm Masses: Fr. Raul Hernandez

Events and Announcements

Steve Bell Concert

December 2

St. Michaels 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 favourites. 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.

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, 9:30-11:30 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

Volunteers Needed!

Hamper Day Monday, December 19

This weekend after all Masses, come meet members of the Hamper Organizing Committee and learn more about our program.

Thank you to all our faithful parish members who signed up last weekend to assist with hamper preparations and delivery. After two years of reduced activity, we plan to prepare and deliver 170 hampers on December 19. We 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 that it can take up to 4 weeks to process the police check, although it is a simple online process. 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.

Referrals: Referrals will be accepted from parish schools, 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 Jan 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 that are not on our list will still be used and 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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

November 13-21, 2023

Join Fr. Edmund on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 13-21, 2023, on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Book now and save \$150 per person. Prices: single person - \$6,849, 2 people - \$5,699, 3 people - \$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	Janeth Rodriguez
Blessie San Buenaventura	Grant Schmick
Greg Choquette	Bonnie, Stefan and Coen Van de Mosselaer
Janet and Pal Nyilas	
Gary Pearce	

For the Souls of:

Kent Jesse Diosdada Leones Maria Trotta

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 5

5 pm: Joe Tallerico †

Sunday, November 6, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Natalino Fernandes †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ernesto Bennachio †

Tuesday, November 8

6 pm: All Deceased CWL Members †

Wednesday, November 9

9 am: Straface Family †

Thursday, November 10

9 am: Mary Kay Falby †

Friday, November 11

9 am: Int Bautista Family

Saturday, November 12

5 pm: Int of Ana

Sunday November 13, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Ruth Roach †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Int of Ana

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