



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Post-Thanksgiving Reflections

The Mass we celebrate is a thanksgiving banquet, a Eucharist. Eucharist comes from the Greek verb *"eucharisto"* which means *"I thank"*. Each Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer begins with these words: *"Father, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks"*. Our duty and our salvation... Why salvation? Because, in a way, we cannot be grateful and unhappy at the same time. Thanking God saves us from unhappiness. When we are grateful, we create a space in ourselves for God and others. When we are thankful, we become open to God's invitation to the "banquet" in God's life.

In a real way, giving thanks to God is to "repay to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). Religion is an act of justice, that is, giving back to God what is due to Him. The celebration of Thanksgiving Day, a holiday in our country, is a testament of a people that is thankful for God's bountiful blessings we now enjoy.

Besides giving back to God what belongs to Him, Christian religion offers us the values that are essential to good living and human happiness. It can be said that the core of the Canadian heritage is the spiritual vision of life based on Christian revelation.

As Christians, no person can be more important in our life than Christ himself. Christian spirituality is about centering our life on Christ. What we do in the context of our Christian life is an outward expression of our personal commitment to Christ. We do everything for him, making him the moving inspiration of our every thought, word and deed.

Christ becomes the supreme and ultimate value. He is the value of values. Marriage or ministry is transformed into sacramental expression of Christ's action in the world. Love for family or country is elevated to the level of divine love that has been shared with us through Christ. Our love for Christ enhances all our other loves. And it is in loving others for the sake of Christ that enable us to love without measure, making us love even those who are unlovable. Human love is strengthened by the grace of God through Christ. If we consider Christ as the value of values to be pursued, other values are placed in the proper perspective.

St. Augustine solemnly declares: *"Christ is not valued at all unless he is valued above all"*. fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

Faith communities and faith leaders have a unique role to play in responding to the needs of abuse victims and their families. First and foremost, faith communities need to be safe places to disclose abuse. Persons of faith who are abused often feel that their spirit has been broken, that God does not care about their life, that they are worthless in every way. The healing journey from victim to survivor is long and arduous; ongoing emotional support and many caregivers are required. Many persons of faith who are abused would like assistance from both community agencies and their faith fellowship. Become one of the chosen as we are asked to assist wherever we can.

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

Sacraments

Registration for all children's Sacraments are now open! If you would like more information, or would like to register your children for Baptism, First Reconciliation/ First Communion, or Confirmation, please visit the Sacrament section of our website.

Sacrament Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteer catechists to teach the children First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com for more information, and to register for RCIA.

RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA has begun at St. Michael's, and we are looking for Sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates. In order to be a Sponsor, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. If married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors are asked to attend sessions every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and accompany their candidate to Mass on Sundays. If you feel called to be a Sponsor, please contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca.

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 \(google.com\)](#). The parish office will follow up on booking requests before any Mass Intention is confirmed and scheduled.

Oktoberfest Luncheon

October 20th @ 11:30am

All 50+ Parishioners are invited to attend this free Luncheon. Register: camaro11@shaw.ca or phone 403-804-3268 prior to October 18, 2023.

Altar Server Training

Sunday, October 22 after 11am Mass

Are your children interested in joining the rest of the Altar Servers at the Altar? The next Altar Server training session will take place on Sunday October 22nd after the 11am Mass in the main sanctuary. This occurs on the 4th Sunday of every month. If you or your children are interested please send an email to altarservers@saintmichael.ca, request access to the Altar Server group on Flocknote, or just show up on October 22nd.

October – The Month of the Rosary

The Catholic Church dedicates October as the month of the Rosary. This is the month when Catholics honour Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our mother, in a special way. We invite family/friends to pray the Rosary.

At St. Michael, please join us to pray the Rosary:

Weekday: before daily mass: 8:20 am

Tuesday : after evening mass: 6:30 pm

October 24: The Living Rosary (Candle Light) After Evening mass: 6:30pm

The Rosary group, the Catholic Women's League and Fr. Edmund would like to invite you to join us to pray the living Rosary. In a living Rosary, each person stands in the place of a bead of the Rosary and leads the prayer when it is their turn. Each person will be holding a torch candle and will light the candle when it is her/his turn. We will be in a circle shape like a Rosary. Please feel free to pray in your own language when it is your turn. We look forward of you to join us, and to pray the Rosary together as a parish.

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 SSVP 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 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.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm – Fr. Jose Bustalino

Sunday, October 15, 9 am – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, October 15, 11 am – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, October 15, 5 pm – Fr. Jose Bustalino

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Christmas Hamper Program

Hamper Day is Monday December 18th. We are accepting referrals for Christmas Hampers through the SSVP Intake line, 403-249-0423 ext. 122. Our Christmas Hamper Volunteer Sign Up blitz for all December 18th volunteer needs will take place after all Masses on the weekend of November 18/19.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

The first meeting of Pastoral Council after the summer break was held on September 26. All members of the parish were invited to attend. The minutes from the meeting will be available after our meeting on October 24. In the meantime, please read below some of the matters we discussed.

Highlights:

- A memorial Mass will be celebrated for parishioners who passed away during Covid. It will be held on November 2, All Souls' Day at 6 pm.
- We are hoping to hold blood donor clinics once again at the church. A request will be sent to Canadian Blood Services.
- The prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, our patron, will be recited before Masses starting in October.

If you would like to read the minutes from any past meeting, please go to: www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin Questions? Concerns? Please reach us at (403) 249 0423.

Catholic Education Sunday

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://thecccef.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>



St Michael Catholic Community Fellowship Dinner

Save the Date! Our monthly Sunday night dinner is back! Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 5th at 6 pm (after the 5 o'clock Mass) We will provide the main course and sides. Please bring a dessert and/or Free Will Offering. We hope to see you there!

Partnership of Hope

I would like to introduce to you St Michael's newest sponsored refugee family arriving on November 7th, 2023.

There are five people in the family. Dad-Mehdi (Matthew), Mom-Negar (Mary), Aryan 11 yrs. (M), Adryan yrs. (M) and Manley 5yrs (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. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts in kind.

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.

URGENT NEED: We are looking for accommodations for them, if anyone is able to help with that it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me either by email, text or phone if you have anything to donate. **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.

Calendar of Events for October

October 1 | Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Gathering Area after 9/11am Masses
October 1 | Sunday | Lectio Divina 2024 Fundraiser (Bake Sale) | Gathering Area | After All Masses
October 2 | Monday | Office Closed | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 2 | Mondays | Bible Study | Green Room | 7-9pm
October 3-6 | Priest Study Days | Mass Celebrated by Visiting Priest
October 3 | Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel 6:30-7pm
October 3 | Tuesdays | Grief Share | St. Gabriel Rooms 143&144 | 7-9pm
October 3 | Tuesdays | RCIA | Green Room | 7-9pm
October 4 | Wednesdays | TMIY | Gathering Area | 6-7:30am
October 4 | Wednesdays | Women's Ministry | Childrens Main Theatre & Green Room | 9:30am-12pm
October 5 | Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9am Mass
October 5 | Thursdays | Moms & Tots | Green Room | 9:30-11:30am
October 5 | Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10-11:30am
October 7 | Saturday | Blessing of Pets | Outside Main Entrance | 2pm
October 9 | Monday | Office Closed | Thanksgiving Day
October 18 | Wednesday | Trico Presentation | Gathering Area | 5-9pm
October 19 | Thursday | John Costello Student Faith Day Celebration | At School | 10:30am
October 19 | Thursday | First Reconciliation (Session 1) | Sanctuary | 6-7:30pm
October 20 | Friday | Oktoberfest Luncheon 50+ Years | Gathering Area | 11:30am
October 21 | Saturday | Baptism Prep | Green Room | 9am-12pm
October 22 | Sunday | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | After 11am Mass
October 24 | Tuesday | PPC Meeting | Office Conference Room | 7-9pm
October 24 | Tuesday | CWL Meeting and Living Rosary | St. Michael's Room | 5:30-9:00pm
October 24 | 4th Tuesday of Every Month | SVDP Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 145 | 7-9pm

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	Helen Gal	Kevin Thorvaldson
Froilan Edillon	Lily Kalmar	Antoinette Vincent
Josh Helman	James Martin	Chester Wisniewski

For the Souls of:

Patricia Chang Gemma Martini

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, October 14

5 pm: Francisco Arreaza †

Sunday October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Henry Noronha †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Jesus Castro †

Tuesday, October 17

6 pm: Joseph Baul-Rodrigues †

Wednesday, October 18

9 am: Hidalgo & Calderon Families †

Thursday, October 19

9 am: Intentions of Myron Sereda

Friday, October 20

9 am: Felix Dsouza †

Saturday, October 21

5 pm: Mary Brown †

Sunday, October 22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Luigi Baffa †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Sheila Foster †

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