



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Conversion Factor

Today's readings underscore the theme of healing and reconciliation not only as a task we, as a Christian community, have to undertake in the world around us, but especially as individuals who have to be continually converted to God's love and forgiveness.

The prophet Ezekiel, in the first reading, preaches conversion, warning the people to turn away from their evil ways and return to God's grace. His prophecy shows God's care and concern for his people and God's invitation to healing and reconciliation. The prophet's message is directed to the conversion of the individual rather than the communal responsibility of the people to repent. The individual's conversion leads communal conversion.

The gospel reading today talks about winning back lost or wayward members of the community back to God's grace and the life of the community. The personal conversion of the individual is underscored in this exhortation to deal with frictions of community life in the spirit of love and prayer. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the community in Rome of the importance of love as the basis of all the actions and activities of believers. Conversion of heart is a movement from above, brought about by the gift of God's love and mercy. The fulfillment of the law, St. Paul explains, is brought about by an inward attitude of love. Love inspires the believer to experience true freedom in relation to the precepts of the law.

Our conversion experience is oftentimes characterized by a four-fold pattern: tension or crisis in our life, an insight from our past failure or disaster, an experience of God's mercy and the gracious invitation from God to a new life. Our conversion can be a multiple process. Our repeated failure to persevere in God's gracious love and presence makes us relapse to sin and inequity.

Our conversion to God is our personal journey of faith. And our life of conversion is always in the context of others who have to deal with their own respective lives of ongoing conversion. We are saved together, not alone. It is not enough that we mind our own salvation. We have to mind the salvation of others, especially in our community. Our church celebration today embodies this basic element of community that is rooted in our own personal conversion of faith and love.

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Healing Lines

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt. 18:15-20) As we begin a new school year and get into our fall projects, let us not forget that everywhere we gather in God's name is an opportunity to recognize and combat abuse in all its forms. Whether it is in our families, at our children's schools, in our workplaces, in our communities or on the street, we can be an instrument of peace and a role model. Learn about abuse and take an active part resisting it or helping others to heal from it.

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word 2023

START DATE: Sunday, September 10th, 2023 Start-time: 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM (doors open 15 minutes prior to start-time for sign-in/ name tags). Please Note: Children's Liturgy of Word is designed for children 3 years old (preschool) to grade 3 Questions? Please contact Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Mrs. Dixon cdixon@saintmichael.ca.

Help Wanted: Kids Kingdom Volunteers

All volunteers will need to complete paperwork and, in some cases, safe training modules. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator (Marvin) mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

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 is beginning on Tuesday, September 12 here 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 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com). The parish office will follow up on booking requests before any Mass Intention is confirmed and scheduled.

Grief Share Program at St. Michael Catholic Community

Tuesdays, starting September 12 at 7 pm

Have you lost a loved one recently? Or do you know someone who has?

The grief support ministry invites individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program for 2 hours every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks.

This program consists of a video seminar (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), group support discussions with facilitators and personal workbook.

The program runs every Tuesday night, 7-9pm, from September 12 to October 30. There is a \$20 charge for the booklet, and free will offerings will also be accepted.

For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249- 0423.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, September 9, 5 pm – Fr. Jose Bustalino

Sunday, September 10, 9 am – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 10, 11 am – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 10, 5 pm – Fr. Jose Bustalino

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Knitting Ministry

Thursdays, starting September 14 at 10 am

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please join us for fellowship as we work to create items for those in need. Last year we donated over 100 hats and scarves to Hearts for Humanity and this year we made six beautiful, colorful blankets for charity. We meet in the Church library on Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 starting on September 14. Call Carol at 403-282-6469 or Betty at 403-860-1486 for more information.

Women's Ministry

Wednesdays, starting September 20 at 10 am/7 pm

"Elements of the Catholic Mass" - is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced short videos, followed by group discussion". This is a 10 session study, with in person sessions on Wednesdays from 10:00 am -12:00 pm and online through zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Please click on this link to register <https://forms.gle/7YjviW7r5FQuh99C8> or register online at www.saintmichael.ca/bulletin.

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 Gathering Area or make arrangements by e-mailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: flour, baked beans, canned soup, canned peaches or pears, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, Ketchup, Miracle Whip, oatmeal 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.

Priest Study Days—Cancellation of Daily Mass

October 3, 4, 5 & 6

Masses will be cancelled on October 3-6 as the priests will be away on study days.

Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 7 at 2 pm

In honor of St. Francis' feast on October 4, all are invited to bring their pets for a blessing on Saturday, October 7 at 2 pm, outside the church's main entrance. To ensure their safety, please make sure that your pets are leashed.

Calendar of Events for September

September 5 | Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel 6:30-7pm

September 7 | Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9am Mass

September 10 | Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Gathering Area after 9/11am Masses

September 12 | Tuesdays | Grief Share | Nursery Room | 7-9pm

September 12 | Tuesdays | RCIA | Green Room | 7-9pm

September 12 | Tuesday | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 5:30pm

September 13 | Wednesdays | TMIY | Gathering Area | 6-7:30am

September 14 | Thursdays | Moms & Tots | Green Room | 9:30-11:30am

September 14 | Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10-11:30am

September 14 | Thursday | First Communion Parent Orientation Night | 6-7pm

September 16/17 | Saturday & Sunday | Ministry Fair | Gathering Area | After all Masses

September 19 | Tuesday | Guardian Angel School Opening Mass | At School | 10am

September 20 | Wednesdays | Women's Ministry | Childrens Main Theatre & Green Room | 9:30am-12pm

September 20 | Wednesday | St Joan of Arc School Opening Mass | St. Michael Church Sanctuary | 10:30am

September 21 | Thursday | Pastoral Zone Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 11am-12pm

September 23/24 | Saturday/Sunday | Ministry Fair | Gathering Area | After all Masses

September 26 | Tuesday | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7-9pm

September 26 | 4th Tuesday of every Month | SVDP Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 143 | 7-9pm

September 28 | Thursday | Women's Ministry Retreat | Day Chapel and Gathering Area | 7-9pm

September 28 | Thursday | John Costello School Opening Mass | At School | 10am

September 28 | Thursday | St. Michael School Opening Mass | At School | 1:30pm

September 29 | Friday | Feast of St. Michael/Michaelmas | Sanctuary - 6pm | Reception, Gathering Area - 6:30-8:30pm

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'Ejerege, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Steve Bollman	Josh & Trish Helman & Family	Kevin Thorvaldson
Elizabeth Chandless	Jacob Jensen	Antoinette Vincent
Judy Chu	Lily Kalmar	Chester Wisniewski
Fr. Bob Dielissen	Jaime Malagon	

For the Soul of:

Katherine (Kay) Schell

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

	March	April	May
General Collections			
Collections	\$89,701	\$111,438	\$81,680
Other Income		\$29,020	\$4,343
Operating Costs	\$144,019	\$122,648	\$128,868
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$54,317)	(\$11,210)	(\$47,188)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$14,822	\$16,480	\$23,709
Current Loan Balance	\$3,855,737	\$3,833,298	\$3,811,203
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$31,733	\$36,675	\$38,722
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	26%	30%	32%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$2,729	\$2,674	\$6,426

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, September 9

5 pm: John Lee †

Sunday September 10, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Gerald Mudry †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Antonio Rita †

Tuesday, September 12

6 pm: Intentions of Fely Ynigo & Family

Wednesday, September 13

9 am: Filomena Lucente †

Thursday, September 14

9 am: Marcia Humeniuk †

Friday, September 15

9 am: Intentions of Elizabeth Decoste

Saturday, September 16

5 pm: Mary & Jim Simpson †

Sunday, September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Helio Meneses †

11 am: For All Parishioners

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