



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God Over Wealth

Today's parable about the dishonest manager is one of those "how much more" parables in the gospels. The dishonest manager, counting on his master's generosity he experienced in the past and acting on his behalf, reduced some of the debts of his clients which constituted the amount he would have gotten as his own commission. If the dishonest manager somehow provided for his future by his clever manipulation of wealth, "how much more" will we as Christian believers do the same by using our resources to build God's kingdom in the world and in our hearts.

The parable is a powerful exhortation to rely on God's mercy and power to save as well to be clever and diligent with the resources entrusted to us. Reliance on God disposes us to be good stewards of his resources, especially by sharing our resources with those who have less or none.

Reliance on God means not relying on material wealth which has become the almighty power of our times. Our world seems to be forever chasing the almighty dollar, transforming it to be the main goal in life and the main motivation for every business venture or any human activity, without due consideration of the good of the many who are left with little or nothing. It is not that money should be demonized and considered the absolute root of all evil. Money should not be deified and put in direct opposition to God's love and providence in our life. Money has a purpose. Money cannot be the master of our life. We cannot be a slave to money and claim to serve and love God at the same time. God's jurisdiction over us mandates that we have to share our rich resources with those who are poor and have less in terms of material wealth. This is the reason the prophets of old like Amos were protested against the wealthy of his time. Jesus, in his prophetic role, denounced the insensitivity of those who made material wealth as the central force of their life, especially at the expense of the poor and the needy.

As a prophetic community, we have to be the voice that echoes the principles of Christian justice and charity which Christ and the prophets before him proclaimed. By our own efforts, we have to show our willingness to share our wealth and resources with those who have less or none. This is what it means to a community committed to the values proclaimed by Christ in the gospels. As a church, we have no choice other than to show our solidarity with the poor and underprivileged and to condemn and denounce those who are insensitive to the poverty and suffering of so many in our midst.

As a resource-rich community, we are exhorted to use our money and wealth to advance to our journey of faith, by assuring our spiritual wealth before the presence of God.

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Healing Lines

Naming Violence. Both survivors and men who have offended may minimize the violence and reinterpret what occurred in order to excuse or erase the violence. In order for a woman to say "No!" to violence, she must see what is happening as violence. Despite these advances in societal awareness about violence against women, denial is still a common characteristic of abused women. Many women do not name behaviour as abusive because it would shatter their desperate efforts to have a normal life. They may resist telling people about it because they do not want to be stereotyped, or labelled a "battered woman". They can feel overwhelmed at the difficult choices that they now face. Reach out to those people who may need a kind word and a listening ear.

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.facebook.com/saintmichael.ca)

Also, join Flocknote by texting **SMCYYC** to **514-900-0130** or by visiting flocknote.com/smcyyc



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

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

If you have a child who is in grade 2 or older, they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For more information, and to register, please visit our website at <https://saintmichael.ca/first-communion-and-reconciliation/>.

Volunteer Catechist Opportunity

If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion program, please contact Francesca at sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 126.

Gift Shop Meet and Greet

Sunday, September 18

The Gift Shop is hosting a meet and greet and serving coffee and cookies after the 11am Sunday Mass. All are invited.

IWIN

Sunday, September 25

IWIN (I'm Worth It Now) is a registered charity that was started right here at St. Michael's Catholic Community by the Catholic Women's League. IWIN's mandate is twofold - to raise awareness about human trafficking - an atrocity that is occurring right here in our own city - and to provide survivors of human trafficking throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan with backpacks of basic necessities. IWIN is coming back to SMCC and would like to invite you to the following events:

On Sunday, September 25, IWIN, with the support of the SMCC Catholic Women's League, will be hosting a Red Sand Service outside the main doors of St. Michael's after the 9am, 11am and 5pm masses. We would love for you to participate. It is a short service raising awareness about human trafficking where red sand is poured into the sidewalk cracks. This is to serve as a reminder that we cannot merely walk over the most marginalized people in our communities - those who "fall through" the metaphoric cracks. The red sand also symbolizes the blood Christ poured out for all His children.

On Tuesday September 27 at 6:30 pm (following the 6 pm Mass) please join IWIN and the Catholic Women's League in St. Mary's Chapel for a 30 minute presentation where you can learn more about IWIN and human trafficking in Canada. There will be a Q&A period following the presentation.

Please consider donating any of the following items that will go directly to survivors of human trafficking. There will be a place to drop off donations the weekends of September 24/25 and October 1/2:

- full size bottle (1 litre/33fl oz.) of shampoo and conditioner
- full size bottle (500ml/17fl oz.) of body wash
- full size bottle of lotion
- bath loofa
- toothbrush (individually packaged)
- full size tube of toothpaste
- full sized women's deodorant
- women's socks
- journal (cannot contain any messaging, just plain paper)

Alternatively, if you wish you make a financial donation, IWIN accepts cheques made out to IWIN or etransfer to iwincalgary@gmail.com. Tax receipts will be provided for donations \$25 or more.

Please follow us on social media as every follow/like makes a big difference to grow our community and spread the word.

Instagram: @iwin_calgary_

Twitter: @iwin_calgary

Facebook: @iwincalgary

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, September 17, 5pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 18, 9am Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday September 18, 11am & 5pm Mass: Fr. Raul Hernandez

Events and Announcements

Bible Study

Mondays starting September 26 at 7pm

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life. A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ. This study takes place over 10 in person sessions here at the church every Monday at 7pm, beginning September 26. Please note that this is in person only, no ZOOM sessions will be available. To register or for more info, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net

Women's Ministry Study

Wednesdays, starting September 28 at 10am/7pm

Conversion: Following the call of Christ - "Illuminating six biblical stories of conversion, Bishop Robert Barron explores how to follow the call of Christ toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Him." This is a 7 session study, with in-person sessions on Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm, AND ZOOM sessions on Wednesdays from 7pm - 9pm. The study begins on Wednesday September 28th (zoom and in-person).

Feast of St. Michael

Thursday, September 29 at 6pm

All are invited to come celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Michael the Archangel, on Thursday, September 29. There will be a Mass at 6 pm, followed by dinner put on by our Knights of Columbus. Wine will also be served. There is no cost, but free will offerings are warmly accepted. This will also be an opportunity to thank and celebrate all of our volunteers, as well as to gather as a Catholic community after two long years apart. To sign up please find the registration link on the St. Michael home page next to the Mass times. Kindly RSVP on or before Friday, September 23 to allow for food planning.

Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 1 at 2pm

In honor of St. Francis' feast on October 4, all are invited to bring their pets for a blessing on Saturday, October 1 at 2 pm, outside the church's main entrance. To ensure their safety, please make sure that your pets are leashed.

Priest Study Days—Cancellation of Daily Mass

October 4, 5, 6

Masses will be cancelled on October 4-6 as the priests will be away on study days.

Christmas Hamper Outreach

Monday, December 19

Save the date! Hamper Assembly Day will be Monday December 19. On that day, the bulk of hampers will be prepared and delivered. This year, the program will return to its usual scale, with some changes based on what we learned from adapting during the past two years of Covid-19 lockdowns.

Referrals: Referrals will be accepted from parish schools, and through the SSVV intake line at 403-249-0423 extension 122. Our referral process opens in later October. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Volunteer! Many hands will be needed in the days prior to, and during Hamper Day. If you wish to volunteer on Hamper Day, please contact Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca to discuss your interest and note that completion of some volunteer paperwork will be a requirement.

Join the Organizing Committee! If you are interested in joining the Hamper Organizing Committee, our initial meeting is Monday September 19 at 7pm at the church. Please contact Colleen at jcfitzpat@shaw.ca to confirm attendance and for further details.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our important outreach.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, contact us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the SSVV food chest in the gathering area. 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.

Sacred Heart Church Variety Hour

Saturday, October 8, 7-9pm, at the Jack Singer Concert Hall in Arts Commons

Guest Performers are Re/Mix, Drew Gregory Band and the Kristee Trio. This promises to be a special evening with some fantastic entertainment. Tickets are \$100 + tax which includes a \$50 tax receipt. Order tickets online at <https://www.artsccommons.ca/whats-on/sacred-heart-church-variety-hour>. Call Nettie at 403-875-7981 for help with ordering tickets. Please consider supporting this event by purchasing your tickets today. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund to build the new Sacred Heart Church in Strathmore; all details at www.sacredhc.ca. Thank you for your support!

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, Mark Kosticky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Clemencia Arcenas
Ernie Dino
Paul Groarke
Georgina Katigbak
Bill Tapuska
Christine Backhaus
Herma Cordero
Geraldine Rogers

For the Souls of:

John Davis

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17

5 p.m.: Margaret Kehler †

Sunday, September 18, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Intentions of Bushulak Family

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Cris Housman & Family

Tuesday, September 20

6 p.m.: Intentions of Austin Britto

Wednesday, September 21

9 a.m.: Intentions of Dvorak Family

Thursday, September 22

9 a.m.: Draquatin Kolenda †

Friday, September 23

9 a.m.: Teresa Zaccarias †

Saturday, September 24

5 p.m.: Intentions of Pastega Family

Sunday September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Louis & Doreen O'Shaughnessy †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Anne Grieve †

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