



Saint Michael Catholic Community



800 85 Street SW | 403-249-0423 | parish@saintmichael.ca | September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Events & Announcements

Workplace Spirituality

This Labor Day weekend is an opportunity for us to reflect on the Christian meaning of work. The Labor Day celebration has its origins in the history of the workers' movements of the nineteenth century. Throughout our recent history, workers' groups have demanded greater value for their contribution to society, motivated by the need to establish human dignity in the workplace. Work is rooted in the value each human person permanently has in the eyes of God.

Created in God's image and likeness, each human person is a spiritual being. His or her work is an expression of the spiritual nature in each one of us.

Every human effort can be made holy. We can draw strength from God's grace. Our work is an essential part of our Christian life. Quality work requires the integration of the Christian virtues of justice, prudence, patience, love and truthfulness. A deep connection exists between daily dialogue with God and our routine in the workplace. We don't strive for holiness in spite of the work we do. It is in work that we are challenged to grow in holiness. It is through work that we build God's kingdom in this world. Our work shows forth the presence of God in our life. We should work in a way that reflects the attitude and the mind of Christ as expressed in the gospels. So long as we seek a closer relationship with God through our work, our problems and challenges we encounter in the workplace will strengthen our faith which enhances our work. By endeavoring to make our work a force for good, our work take on a new meaning that is fruitful for us and the entire created world.

Human work is an actualization God's image in us, transforming our human efforts as an encounter with God, a way of faithfully living out our Christian vocation. Work should sanctify us, not destroy us. As the Holy Father exhorts: "Let the Christian who listens to the word of the living God, uniting work with prayer, know the place of his work not only in earthly progress but in the development of the Kingdom of God, to which we are all called through the power of the Holy Spirit."

(Laborem Exercens, 28)

As we celebrate labor month, we also have to consider the plight of workers around the world facing economic exploitation and sexual harassment. In export zones, retail or service industry where the majority of workers are women, sexual harassment creates fear-filled environments. Domestic workers such as maids, nannies and home healthcare workers are often excluded from national labor standards. Workers are not often aware that something can be done to end repeated abuses they face in the workplace.

In Christ,

Fr. Edmund Vargas

Parish office closed

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labour Day. Mass will not be celebrated on Monday due to the statutory holiday.

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:

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. live stream

at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8.00 to 8.45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Prior sign-up required at saintmichael.ca.

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri from 9:30 a.m. 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**.



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 **(438) 700-8739** and follow the prompt. Once you're in, text any amount to the same number—anytime.

TITHE.LY

Be a witness. Share your story.

God wants you to be a blessing to others by sharing your personal testimony. By sharing how God has been at work in your life, you can encourage and edify others in their own faith journey. Your story could be exactly what someone else needs to hear right now. If you'd like to share your testimony, visit saintmichael.ca/witness.

Have you moved in the past year?

Let us know if you moved in the past year and didn't give us your new address, please call the office or email us at parish@saintmichael.ca

E-Transfer

We have a new method to receive your donation. You can now donate using e-transfer service. Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to support@saintmichael.ca

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

WATCH

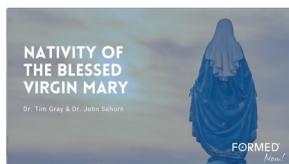
NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

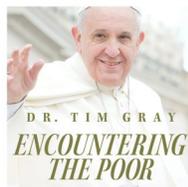


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Please join in prayer for Catholic Education, particularly for each of the parish's four neighbouring Catholic school's intentions. The Parish will pray for each of them at the following Saturday 5 p.m. Mass:

- 1st Saturday: St. Michael • 2nd Saturday: John Costello •
- 3rd Saturday: St Joan of Arc • 4th Saturday: Guardian Angel

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**.

Sharing Your Time & Talent

We have a number of ministries that could be strengthened by your involvement. If you feel that you have a gift to offer, visit our website at saintmichael.ca/volunteer and fill out the "I Want to Help" form. If you have any questions about volunteering in the parish, please contact us at info@saintmichael.ca or by calling

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4

5 p.m.: Intentions of Ernie Parinas

Sunday, September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Bill Caldwell †

11 a.m.: For all Parishioners of St. Michael

5 p.m.: Julia & Anacleto Billedo †

Monday, September 6

9 a.m.: Gerry & Noemi Billedo †

Tuesday, September 7

9 a.m.: Filomena Lucente †

Wednesday, September 8

9 a.m.: Jose Ovidio Diaz †

Thursday, September 9

9 a.m.: Cecilia McGrath †

Friday, September 10

9 a.m.: Intentions of John Lee

Saturday, September 11

5 p.m.: Intentions of John Lee

Sunday, September 12: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Gerald Mudry†

11 a.m.: For all parishioners

5 p.m.: Jerry Reyes †

Events and Announcements

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Mass schedules for this weekend

Saturday, September 4th 5:00 PM—Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 5th 9:00 AM—Fr. Edmund Vargas & Fr. Raul Hernandez

Sunday, September 5th 11: 00 AM & 5:00 PM—Fr. Raul Hernandez

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. During the month of June we helped 14 families in need (24 adults and 11 children). Here are ways you can help us: **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.



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).

A letter from Fr. Edmund Vargas about the recent changes in September

September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

This month's planned re-opening of our church facilities for meetings and programs is now delayed until October due to the current pandemic situation. Only "essential" meetings will be held in-person in our facilities until then.

The weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the main sanctuary. Our chapel may not be safe or comfortable enough for attendees. Our main sanctuary with its HVAC system and size provides healthy air supply and ample space for proper social distancing. Observance of other health protocols, including the wearing of masks, is highly encouraged.

Due to lowering viewership and to encourage in-person attendance, our livestreaming of the weekday Masses will be discontinued. Our Sunday 11am Mass for Parishioners (Missa Pro Populo) will be livestreamed, especially for those who cannot come for health and other reasons.

The Mass of Installation for the New Pastor on Tuesday, September 21, 7pm will proceed, as scheduled. The Mass on September 29 (Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael) at 9am will be followed by a light reception, as planned. But the September 29, 6pm Mass will be cancelled. Our "Welcome Weekend" will have to wait until the current pandemic conditions improve.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward in the midst of this pandemic.

We pray for healing, health and holiness.

Fr Edmund

Women Ministry New Program—SYMBOLON

The Women's Ministry is hosting a virtual faith formation program in September titled Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained. This study will be hosted via Zoom every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every Thursday at 10:00a.m. beginning September 22&23. To sign up for the program please click [here](#).

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.

Please Pray For:

Mike Bird
 Mary Devroom
 Lorraine Fleming
 Diego Gomez
 Austen Hill
 Josh Kelly
 Kaitlain Kelly
 Weston Kelly
 Sierra Knight
 Rosemarie Magno
 Shirley Mathias

Giulia Nicoletti
 Georgina Pintsaric
 Cora Rovetti
 Joseph Ruckenthaler
 Marilyn Soby
 Bill Tapuska
 Hazel Tolentino
 Carlos Useche
 Brian Williams
 Fely Ynigo

For the Souls of:

Pray for our Seminarians

Peter An, Mark Kostecky, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler, Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Contact us

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A View of Our Finances

| Gifts to the Parish: July 2021 | | | |
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| | May | June | July |
| <u>General collections</u> | | | |
| Collections | \$87,541 | \$79,887 | \$82,596 |
| Operating Costs | \$66,787 | \$69,420 | \$87,492 |
| Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs | \$20,754 | \$10,468 | (\$4,896) |
| <u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u> | | | |
| Building Fund Collections | \$15,928 | \$15,285 | \$19,672 |
| Building Loan Interest — none | | | |
| Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall) | | | |
| <u>Current Loan Balance</u> | \$5,356,125 | \$5,351,646 | \$5,415,588 |
| <u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u> | | | |
| Together in Action Collections YTD | \$32,558 | \$36,878 | \$39,223 |
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| Society of St. Vincent de Paul | \$14,319 | \$15,593 | \$17,541 |

If you have any questions, please contact Michael McGee, Finance Council Chair at finance@saintmichael.ca.