



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Next Reality

Today's gospel indicates that we are almost at the end of a liturgical cycle. Jesus gives us today a report on the last days. It seems that all would go wrong: revolutions, fights among nations, natural disasters, extreme weather disturbances, signs in the skies, betrayals and a litany of all other apocalyptic fears. On December 31 in the year 999, the old Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome was filled with people in sackcloth and ashes expecting a sudden end to the world. And we all remember how many expected the same end to the world again at the beginning of the third millennium. In a way, true religion is born and built on tested faith, applied hope and activated love, often ushered in by the extreme circumstances of life.

The current anxiety over the end of the world is similar to the expectation of the early Christians about Christ's imminent return. During Paul's time, the expectation of Christ's imminent return was construed as an excuse for giving up productive work, a license for social irresponsibility and an alibi to act as pious busybodies. Paul's rule that "anyone unwilling to work should not eat" was invoked in the context of this mentality.

We still have to continue to tackle today's tasks and challenges. After all, eternity is shaped by today's efforts. Today's gospel exhortation is courageous constancy amidst fear and anxiety. In all our troubles, we have to see the opportunity to witness to our faith, confident of God's grace and our ultimate redemption. We have to live our life in accordance with the will of God. We have to strive to be more conscientious with doing His will in everything we do or plan to do in this journey from our earthly life to the eternal life Christ has won for all of us.

As we gather today, reflecting on the end of our own life and the end of the world, we continue to work and pray for peace in the world, for justice in our communities and in our world. We continue to pray for those who are upset because of their fear for the future, for people, especially children, who are abused in their homes or place of work and for those whom love and hate us. We have to work for the coming of God's kingdom in our world through our respective professions or state of life.

May our Eucharistic celebration, that relives the endurance and perseverance of our Lord Jesus in his suffering and death on the cross, inspire in all of us, these same virtues of endurance and perseverance as we continue to tackle daily tasks with their inherent difficulties and challenges.

FrEdmund@saintmichael.ca.

Oliver Vargas †

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Oliver Vargas, eldest brother of Fr. Edmund. He died on November 9 in the Philippines at the age of 76 years. The funeral will be on November 16. May he rest in peace!

Mass Schedule for this Weekend:

Saturday, November 13, 5 p.m. —Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 14, 9 a.m. —Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, November 14, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. — Fr. Raul Hernandez

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 p.m.

Wednesday to 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 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Due to the new Covid restrictions Adoration on Fridays is being suspended until further notice

Office Hours:

Tues-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**.

Events and Announcements

Parish Pastoral Council

In the process of re-establishing the Parish Pastoral Council, please provide five (5) names of parishioners who you think and feel can represent our community. Please email the names to Luisa Adams at ladams@saintmichael.ca. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, November 16.

Rosary Prayer Group

All are invited to pray the rosary and Divine Mercy Prayers at St. Mary's Chapel every Tuesday, starting November 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will maintain social distancing and wear masks during prayers. The Rosary Group prays for the community and personal intentions.

2022 Contribution Envelopes

Next year's 2022 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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Big thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of October we helped 20 families in need (33 adults and 31 children). We are now preparing for this year's Christmas Hamper distribution. As the COVID cases remain high, we expect the need to increase as well.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS can be dropped off in the SSVP Food Chest in the Gathering Area or make arrangements 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. Michael's Parish website: 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 at SSVP@saintmichael.ca or 403-249-0423 ext 122.

SSVP Christmas Hamper Outreach 2021

Hamper night is Tuesday, December 14

We are happy to announce that St. Michael's will have Christmas hamper distributions this year. Due to COVID restrictions, we will have a smaller event, but we need your assistance more than ever as requests for help at Christmas are coming in. SSVP is working to meet the needs and deliver hampers while maintaining the safety of our volunteers and recipients.

This year, we're unable to handle food donations but we will process Angel Tree gifts. SSVP will purchase all required food from our wholesaler and would welcome your support for this in the form of monetary donations. Donations to SSVP may be dropped in the collection basket, placed in a green SSVP donation envelope and dropped at the church in the SSVP locked box located in our Food Chest, or made online: Donate Now— St. Michael Catholic Community (Canadahelps.org). Please select: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (including Christmas Hampers) in the "Funds" drop-down menu. Tax receipts will be issued in January 2022 for any monetary donations.

Angel Tree

Look for the Angel tree table set-up in the Gathering Area. For all those interested in purchasing a gift, angels with gift ideas will be dispensed after weekend Masses Sunday, November 21, Saturday, November 27 and Sunday, November 28. For those of you unable to attend Mass in person to obtain an angel you can still purchase a gift for a child in need. Email us at 2021angeltree@gmail.com and indicate how many angels you would like to buy gifts for. Please provide your name and a contact phone number.

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to dispense angels on the above mentioned dates. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact SSVP@saintmichael.ca.

Healing Lines

Myth: Redemption only comes through suffering. **Reality:** Personal suffering can be an occasion for our own growth, but it is never the cause of growth. In other words, suffering is not necessarily redemptive. It embitters some persons rather than urging them towards growth. We can be redeemed in our suffering, but we are never redeemed because of our suffering. God does not require any one or any groups of persons to pay a demanding price in order to purchase redemption. God grants wholeness and healing as free gifts of peace. For women in the church, the revolutionary theology of the cross of Christ, a witness to His active choice to take a stand against the injustice in the world, has been distorted into a reactionary theology of suffering, a justification for the passive and unprotesting acceptance of their own unjust victimization. (*Mary Potter Engel on Christian Myths about Abuse*)

E-Transfer

You can now donate using e-transfer service. Sign in to your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to jsupport@saintmichael.ca.



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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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR

The inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, *Scotus* is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI

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FORMED NOW: HOLY HEROES AND THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN

Holy Heroes and the Formation of Children

with Dr. Ben Akers and Ken Davison

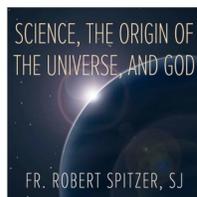
FORMEDNOW

A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

LISTEN

SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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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**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 13

5 p.m.: Pedro Soto †

Sunday, November 14: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m.: Mounzer Baghdan †

11 a.m.: For all Parishioners

5 p.m.: Kochersia Anthony †

Tuesday, November 16

6 p.m.: Irene D Mello †

Wednesday, November 17

9 a.m.: Sheila Foster †

Thursday, November 18

9 a.m.: Eleanor Hambley †

Friday, November 19

9 a.m.: Serafino Marra †

Saturday, November 20

5 p.m.: Francoise Du Toit †

Sunday, November 21: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9 a.m.: Giovanni Bombini †

11 a.m.: For all Parishioners

5 p.m.: Kurian Anthony †

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:

Lillian Anderson
Erlinda Barrios
Micheline Bird
Mary Devroom
Dr. Rachel
Diego Gomez
Jun & Lynn Guevarra
John David Haw
Austen Hill

William Hill
Sierra Knight
Rosemarie Magno
Norma Padolina
Georgina Pintaric
Lawrence Raffin
Nina Robledo
Hazel Tolentino
Carlos Useche

For the Soul of:

Oliver Vargas

Pray for our Seminarians

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

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish: September 2021			
	August	September	October
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$82,649	\$80,777	\$91,499
Operating Costs	\$70,964	\$69,959	\$66,834
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	\$11,685	\$10,818	\$24,665
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$16,109	\$11,467	\$16,939
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,415,588	\$5,395,519	\$5,375,581
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$39,958	\$42,245	\$46,901
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$18,739	\$19,559	\$29,044

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