



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Kind of Kingship

The French philosopher Blaise Pascal classifies reality in three orders. These orders, according to their increasing importance and value, are: the order of *body* (which includes visible things, money and politics), the order of *mind* (which includes knowledge, understanding and artistic talent) and the order of *charity* (which includes love, wisdom and grace). The second order is infinitely higher than the first one. The third order is infinitely superior to the two other orders.

Christ's kingship belongs more to the last order of charity. His kingdom was of a different order and reality. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to Pilate with a mastery and a majesty which suggest a complete transcendence over the power of Rome.

The greatness of Christ in chains dominates, history and universe. The reality of His kingship belongs to the highest order in the classification of Blaise Pascal. His kingship is that of love, wisdom and grace. No kingdom has a power comparable to the power of love.

In many ways, our becoming church is all about building this kingdom of love, wisdom and grace on this earth.

We endeavor to love as Christ loves. He is king, but He kneels before His followers and washes their feet. He is the king who was born in a stable, that is, in poverty and humility. He is the king who died on a cross between two criminals to save us from sin and death. We follow His gospel values to the eternal path that will allow us to live forever.

*"Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. Amen."* [Fredmund@saintmichael.ca](mailto:Fredmund@saintmichael.ca).

## Mass Schedule for this Weekend:

Saturday, November 20, 5 p.m. —Fr. Raul Hernandez  
Sunday, November 21, 9 a.m.—Fr. Raul Hernandez  
Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.— Fr. Edmund Vargas

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

## Rite of Commissioning Ceremony

All Eucharistic ministers with or without the recent renewal mandate will all be re-commissioned at the start of every liturgical year, starting with the First Sunday of Advent being, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore, after the homily on the weekend of November 27-28, Auxiliary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist are asked to come forward to the Altar space to be re-commissioned. Other liturgical Ministers and volunteers are requested to stand in their places to receive a blessing.

## Blessing of Anniversary Couples

There will be a special blessing for couples that have celebrated a wedding anniversary this month on the weekend of November 27-28. Let us celebrate the sacrament of Marriage as an essential component of our life as a Christian community.

## Advent Mission

Join Michael Chiasson and the Access52 Team for a one-night mission designed to prepare and inspire your Advent experience on Wednesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. The night will be filled with inspiration, talks, stories and music. Free event. All ages welcome.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**We are looking for new members.** If you are interested, contact us by email [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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.

Our hamper assembly efforts require some volunteers spread out over a period of several days prior to hamper delivery evening. Stay tuned for further details. For more information, contact us at [hampervolunteers2021@gmail.com](mailto:hampervolunteers2021@gmail.com).

### Drivers Needed for Hamper Delivery

We require 2 adults per car for the hamper delivery. Volunteers please email [hampervolunteers2021@gmail.com](mailto:hampervolunteers2021@gmail.com). We will email you the Model Code of Conduct form for volunteers delivering hampers to sign and return. If volunteers do not have a partner we will match you up with someone else without a partner.

### Angel Tree

Look for the Angel tree table set-up in the Gathering Area after the weekend Masses on Sunday, November 21, Saturday, November 27 and if any available, Sunday, November 28. Enquire early to ensure you get an angel. 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](mailto: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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca).

### Healing Lines

*Myth: "Abuse is my cross to bear."* **Reality:** Jesus chose His cross, and He bore it for our sake. A woman does not choose to be abused, and no one is "helped" in any way by her being abused.

*Myth: "I can't leave my abusive spouse, because the Church teaches that that is a sin."* **Reality:** A spouse who occasions grave danger of soul or body to the other or to the children, or otherwise makes the common life unduly difficult, provides the other spouse with a reason to leave, either by a decree of the local Ordinary or, if there is danger in delay, even on his or her own authority.

(Canon Law 1153 §1)

## 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](mailto: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.

## Christmas at St. Michael's

### Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Daily Mass at 9 a.m.

Masses at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

(Livestreamed at 8 p.m.)

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to noon*

### Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

Masses at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

(Livestreamed at 11 a.m.)

*Parish office closed*

### Sunday, December 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

*Parish office closed*

### Tuesday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents

Daily Mass at 6 p.m.

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to noon*

### Wednesday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family

Daily Mass at 9 a.m.

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to noon*

### Wednesday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family

Daily Mass at 9 a.m.

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to noon*

### Thursday, December 30

Daily Mass at 9 a.m.

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon*

### Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Daily Mass at 9 a.m.

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

*Parish office: 9:30 a.m. to noon*

### Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

*Parish office closed*

### Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

*Parish office closed*

## 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 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 †

### Tuesday, November 23

6 p.m.: Lourdes Javier †

### Wednesday, November 24

9 a.m.: Lenora Cordova †

### Thursday, November 25

9 a.m.: Ma Estrella Villablanca †

### Friday, November 26

9 a.m.: Salvatore Lucente †

### Saturday, November 27

5 p.m.: David Graham †

### Sunday, November 28: 1st Sunday of Lent

9 a.m.: Marie Larocque †

11 a.m.: For all Parishioners

5 p.m.: Frank and Helen Gal †

## 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](mailto:columbarium@saintmichael.ca).

### Please Pray For:

Erlinda Barrios	Sierra Knight
Micheline Bird	Rosemarie Magno
Mary Devroom	Norma Padolina
Dr. Rachel	Georgina Pintaric
Diego Gomez	Lawrence Raffin
Jun & Lynn Guevarra	Nina Robledo
John David Haw	Hazel Tolentino
Austen Hill	Carlos Useche
William Hill	

### For the Souls of:

Lillian Anderson  
Genieieve Swerhone

## 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: September 2021			
	August	September	October
<b><u>General Collections</u></b>			
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
<b><u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u></b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$16,109	\$11,467	\$16,939
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<b><u>Current Loan Balance</u></b>	\$5,415,588	\$5,395,519	\$5,375,581
<b><u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u></b>			
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](mailto:finance@saintmichael.ca).