



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Pentecost Sunday

We are the Church!

While the word 'church' indicates a special building designated for worship, as in St. Michael's Church, it also refers to an assembly, a congregation, a gathering together of people, a community. The Second Vatican Council defines the Church as the People of God, who are constituted in Christ by the Holy Spirit. The Latin term for church 'ecclesia' derives from the Greek which means 'to call out of'. It is a people set apart, a people called out of darkness into Christ's wonderful light.

The Church as an organized society existing in our world and history is a visible reality. We call this the Church an institution, a hierarchy. The Church is also spiritual reality that transcends our world and our history. This is also referred to as the charismatic aspect of the Church. The Church is a mystery and a sacrament. It is a sign and instrument of a spiritual reality. The Church as a sacrament contains within itself as well as communicates God's power and presence.

The purpose of the Church is to make holy the members of Christ's body through the love given by Christ. By our baptism, we become part of the Church. We share in God's grace through the Church which is built on the foundation of Christ who is our way, the truth and the life. We are the Church.

Speaking of the Church as a parish: Pope John Paul II reminds us: *"It is necessary that in the light of faith, all rediscover the true meaning of the parish, that is, the place where the very 'mystery' of church is present and at work... The parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, 'the family of God', 'a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit', 'a familial and welcoming home', 'a community of the faithful'. Plainly and simply, the parish is founded on a theological reality because it is Eucharistic community."*

As we move beyond the pandemic times, let us transform our efforts into wonderful opportunities to relate with one another in a personal way, to encounter one another on behalf of Christ who works in our midst. fredmund@saintmichael.ca.

Healing Lines

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." Even in our darkest moments, God is with us. As in the poem by Mary Stevenson, "Footprints in the Sand", at the times we cannot see God's support He is quietly carrying us. For those of us who suffer the impacts of violence and abuse this can be of comfort. Let's support God's efforts by reaching out to those in need in our communities.

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 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 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

Weekday Mass Ministry

Saturday, June 4

The Weekday Mass Ministry is hosting a meet and greet and serving coffee and cookies after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass this weekend. All are invited.

Holy Hour

Friday, June 10

Please note, Holy Hour on Friday, June 10 will be cancelled. Mass however, will be celebrated in the Day Chapel.

42nd Annual Hike for Life Virtual Event

Please join Fr. Edmund and Fr. Raul as they support the Calgary Pro-Life Association's "virtual" 10K Hike For Life. You can join the St. Michael's team, start collecting pledges and hike on your own or you can make a donation to Fr. Edmund, Fr. Raul or any other team member from now until June 12. All donations go directly to Pro-Life. All funds raised will go to support the Respect for Life program.

Fr. Raul's Anniversary of Ordination

Thursday, June 16 at 9 a.m.

Come celebrate Fr. Raul's 16th year of Ordination on Thursday, June 16 with a Thanksgiving Mass followed by cake and coffee.

Adult Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Michael's Catholic Community and part of the Altar Servers Ministry? We are currently looking for volunteers to join our group and help with the training and scheduling of servers. With your participation, we will ensure our servers are active participants in the Holy Mass, having the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. If you are a registered, practicing member of the parish, please consider this opportunity and contact Marvin at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca for more details.

Altar Servers

Are you interested in becoming more involved in St. Michael's Catholic Community and part of the Altar Servers ministry? Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. The servers will be asked to attend initial training sessions and refreshers throughout the year. Becoming an active participant is a great way to learn more about the Holy Mass and our Catholic faith. We also hope to include FUN team-building events as well! If you are a registered, practicing member of the parish, between the ages of 8 and 16, and have received the Sacrament of First Communion, please consider joining the Altar Server ministry. For further info, please contact Marvin at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

St. Michael Choir

The Choirs for the Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses are reconvened. Those interested may indicate their intent by contacting Marvin Matthews at mmatthews@saintmichael.ca.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! During the month of May we helped 25 families (34 adults and 35 children). 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 SSVP 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.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, June 4, 5 p.m. Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, June 5, 9 a.m. Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, June 6, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Mass: Fr. Raul Hernandez

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 Kostecy, James Schnitzler, Matthew Schnitzler,
Ian Mahood, Santiago Torres

Please Pray For:

Anne Arendt
Doreen Arseneault
Stephen Bichel
Alessandro Bonvicini
Greg Choquette
Jack Davies
Michelle Deschenes
Mary Devroom

Charlotte Rath-Ewers
Darwin Eustaquio
Jenny Gabel
Georgina Pintaric
Grant Schmick
Marie Sullivan
Carol

For the Soul of:

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 4

5 p.m.: Joseph Cigan †

Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday

9 a.m.: Katherine D'Amour †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Intentions of Matthew and James Schnitzler

Tuesday, June 7

9 a.m.: Joe Talerico †

Wednesday, June 8

9 a.m.: Miguel and Clara Fajardo †

Thursday, June 9

9 a.m.: Intentions of James Pangilinan

Friday, June 10

9 a.m.: Susan Ward †

Saturday, June 11

5 p.m.: Alex Carvalho †

Sunday June 12, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9 a.m.: Dave Paley †

11 a.m.: For All Parishioners

5 p.m.: Pedro Soto †

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.

Contact us

For general info@saintmichael.ca

inquiries: 403-249-0423

Pastor Fr. Edmund Vargas

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Bookkeeper Michelle Gregory

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	February	March	April
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$87,602	\$155,326	\$108,470
Operating Costs	\$100,902	\$103,197	\$101,320
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$13,300)	\$52,129	\$7,150
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$23,147	\$14,200	\$27,023
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$5,301,694	\$4,330,486	\$4,314,014
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$2,813	\$8,103	\$9,105
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,345	\$6,514	\$8,005

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



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St Michael Conference
2021 Report to St Michael Catholic Community**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Michael Conference, was established 28 years ago, in January 1994.

The Mission of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is to live the Gospel message by serving disadvantaged individuals within our parish boundaries with respect, justice, and joy ... regardless of creed, ethnicity, or point of view. Members meet regularly to pray, deepen their understanding of the Society, share ideas, discuss challenges encountered in serving the poor, and develop fellowship. Our funding is entirely derived from the parishioners of St Michael Catholic Community who donate with great generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness, for which we are eternally grateful.

We currently have **40** active members serving in various capacities (e.g., home visitor, food purchaser, phone coordinator, banking director, or special advisor). Our executive team is comprised of the President, one vice-president, a treasurer, and a secretary. In the past year, our dedicated team of volunteers has contributed over **1600** hours in serving the needs of the less fortunate in our community. Two of our current members, **Paulette Crawford** and **Paula Smith** were *founding* members of the St Michael SSVP conference 28 years ago. They enthusiastically continue to donate their time and talent in serving the poor and providing guidance, support, and mentorship to those of us who gratefully benefit from their experience and expertise.

We are also blessed to have Father Edmund as our Spiritual Advisor, ably fostering the spiritual development of our members.

Home visits

In the past year, volunteers visited **320** homes, providing support to **543** adults and **508** children (including Christmas Hampers). Members always conduct visits in pairs, reaching out to individuals where they live ... listening, encouraging, and hopefully being a friend. We provide food hampers, and/or assist with rent, utilities, or other urgent needs as feasible. We refer individuals or families to other community agencies better equipped to meet ongoing needs when the situation is beyond our ability to manage.

Christmas Hamper Program

The **Christmas Hamper** program, made possible through numerous volunteer hours devoted by members of the Christmas Hamper Committee, is funded by the St Vincent de Paul Society. This year, **112** hampers were prepared and delivered, serving **435** individuals, of whom **213** were children. Due to COVID-19 challenges the Christmas hamper program was scaled back in comparison to previous years. Hampers consisted of nonperishable foods, gift cards and gifts for children.

The total value of the Christmas Hamper program this year was estimated at **\$30,000**, which comprised cash directly expended, as well as donated food and gifts.

Parish schools supported the program with food drives and student volunteers. Thank you to Collen Fitzpatrick and her Christmas Hamper team, Jeanne Besner and the SSVP members, Lora Saccomani our School's Liaison, the volunteers and the support of parish administration and staff in the success of this year's program.

Finances	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total Revenue	\$90,576.30	\$146,193.77	\$125,026.72	\$100,743.38
Total Expenses	\$110,582.75	\$98,438.45	\$108,571.15	\$75,572.11
Deficit/Surplus	(\$20,006.45)	\$47,755.32	\$16,455.57	\$25,171.07

Disbursements

Bank Service Charges	\$537.13
Bus Tickets	\$737.00
Christmas Hampers/Gift Cert.	\$25,418.84
Client Household Items	\$11.55
Client Medical	\$945.00
Client Other	\$1,006.90
Client Refugee Settling expense	\$7,159.34
Client Rent	\$27,400.00
Client Transportation	\$671.00
Client Utility	\$13,747.82
Food Purchases for Larder	\$10,267.50
Gift card expenses	\$4,378.06
Insurance	\$116.03
Paid to West Particular (Tithe)	\$14,880.00
SSVP Supplies	\$286.58
Twinning	\$3,020.00
	\$110,582.75

Please look for more information about the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in church bulletins throughout this 28th year!

“Help honours when, to the bread that nourishes, it adds the visit that consoles, the advice that enlightens, the friendly shake of the hand that lifts up sinking courage; when it treats the poor man with respect, not only as an equal but as a superior, since he is suffering that which we would perhaps not be able to bear ourselves; since he is among us as the messenger of God, sent to put our justice and charity to the test, and to save us by our works.”

(Frederic Ozanam, from an article in l’Ère nouvelle, October 21, 1848)

Please contact **the Society of St Vincent de Paul** at (403) 240-0423, extension 122 if you have questions or would like to join our Ministry.