



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Conversion Factor

Today's readings underscore the theme of healing and reconciliation not only as a task we, as a Christian community, have to undertake in the world around us but especially as personal individuals who have to be continually converted to God and His command of love and forgiveness.

The prophet Ezekiel, in the first reading, preaches conversion: warns the people to turn away from their evil ways and return to God's grace. His prophecy shows God's care and concern for his people and God's invitation to healing and reconciliation. The prophet's message is directed to the conversion of the individual rather than the communal responsibility of the people to repent. The individual's conversion leads communal conversion.

The gospel reading today talks about winning back lost or wayward members of the community back to God's grace and the life of the community. The personal conversion of the individual is underscored in this exhortation to deal with frictions of community life in the spirit of love and prayer. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the community in Rome of the importance of love as the basis of all the actions and activities of believers. Conversion of heart is a movement from above, brought about by the gift of God's love and mercy. The fulfillment of the law, St. Paul explains, is brought about by an inward attitude of love. Love inspires the believer to experience true freedom in relation to the precepts of the law.

Our conversion experience is oftentimes characterized by a four-fold pattern: tension or crisis in our life, an insight from our past failure or disaster, an experience of God's mercy and the gracious invitation from God to a new life. Our conversion can be a multiple process. Our repeated failure to persevere in God's gracious love and presence makes us relapse to sin and inequity.

Our conversion to God is our personal journey of faith. And our life of conversion is always in the context of others who have to deal with their own respective lives of ongoing conversion. We are saved together, not alone. It is not enough that we mind our own salvation. We have to mind the salvation of others, especially in our community. Our church celebration today embodies this basic element of community that is rooted in our own personal conversion of faith and love.

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Healing Lines

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me..." As we contemplate Christ's words to us, think of those who suffer domestic violence and discrimination. They need our love, compassion and support. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse and prejudice, in ourselves and for those who touch your lives; in Church, at home and in the streets. Reach out with love, become a disciple of Christ.

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 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.

Moms & Tots

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am

Calling all parents and their little ones, "Moms and Tots" is back! Parents with newborns, babies, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us for coffee, social and play every Thursday morning in the St. Nicholas Room. No registration required.

Women's Ministry Meet and Greet

Sunday, September 11

The Women's Ministry is hosting a meet and greet and serving coffee and cookies after the 9 am Sunday Mass. All are invited.

Feast of St. Michael

Thursday, September 29 at 6 pm

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.

Knitting Ministry

Wednesday, September 14 at 10 am

We are excited to start meeting again and invite you to join us on Wednesday, September 14, from 10 am to 12 pm in the Gathering Area for fellowship and sharing as we work on our projects. We meet every second Wednesday and welcome anyone who knits or crochets. If you have any questions or want more info, please call Carol at 403-282-6469 or Christine at 403-686-2820.

Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 1 at 2 pm

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 4th, 5th and 6th as the priests will be away on study days.

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 June we helped 31 families (41 adults and 32 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, September 10, 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 11, 9 am 11 am & 5 pm Mass: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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

Please Pray For:

Clemencia Arcenas
Kayanne Bradford
Ernie Dino
Donald Estrada
Paul Groarke
Georgina Katigbak
Grant Schmick
Duncan Smith
Bill Tapuska

For the Souls of:

Georgina Pintaric
Rene Trudel
Queen Elizabeth II

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

5 pm: Leslie Choquette †

Sunday, September 11, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Gerald Mudry †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: John Lee †

Tuesday, September 13

6 pm: Angele Kathrein †

Wednesday, September 14

9 am: Christopher and Jothi Miranda †

Thursday, September 15

9 am: Miu Kwan †

Friday, September 16

9 am: Saverio Zaccarias †

Saturday, September 17

5 pm: Margaret Kehler †

Sunday September 18, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Bushulak Family

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of Cris Housman and Family

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

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A View of Our Finances

Gifts to the Parish			
	June	July	August
<u>General Collections</u>			
Collections	\$88,979	\$81,748	\$104,261
Operating Costs	\$99,482	\$113,358	\$110,627
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Operating Costs	(\$10,503)	(\$31,611)	(\$6,366)
<u>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</u>			
Building Fund Collections	\$33,887	\$13,726	\$47,766
Building Loan Interest — none			
Surplus Mortgage Repayment or (shortfall)			
<u>Current Loan Balance</u>	\$4,297,135	\$4,299,062	\$4,280,457
<u>Diocesan Annual Campaign</u>			
Together in Action Collections YTD	\$15,710	\$17,741	\$19,283
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$12,530	\$13,777	\$15,982

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