



# Saint Michael Catholic Community



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Workplace Spirituality

Labor Day weekend presents itself as an opportunity to reflect on the Christian meaning of work. 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, giving us an incentive for progress in labor issues.

Every human work can be made holy. We can draw strength from God's grace, especially through the Eucharist. During the preparation of the gifts, we pray "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life...".

Human hands create the ordinary bread that is transformed into the Bread of Life. Human feet traditionally crushed the grapes that are transformed into the precious Blood of Christ. The central mystery of our life as a liturgical community - the real presence of Christ on the altar of sacrifice and the table of communion - presupposes human work which prepares the elements that will be consecrated and become a life-giving sacrament. Everything in our everyday life is given meaning by the Eucharist we share. The joy, the compassion and forgiveness that we experience in the Eucharist are meant to become part of the way we interact with family, friends and co-workers through the rest of the week. Work that is inspired by God's love changes and transforms our life and brings others closer to God who is the source of life's riches and resources. As stewards of God's gifts and talents, we have to remember to dedicate our work and effort for God's glory and the good of others.

In a way, human work is an actualization of 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. "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 Day weekend, 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.

As we take time to relax with family and friends this weekend, let us thank God for the good things that come to us through the gift of work. Let us ask him to continue to bless our labors as we dedicate them for the promotion of his kingdom here on earth and for the service of all his people.

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## 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 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](http://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:

Friday: 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

## Healing Lines

As we contemplate Christ's words to us, think of those who suffer 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, whether in Church, at home or in the streets. Reach out with love, become a disciple of Christ. "Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"



## Children's Liturgy of the Word 2023

*Starts Sunday, September 10th, 2023*

Program starts at 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM (doors open 15 minutes prior to start-time for sign-in/ name tags). Please Note: Children's Liturgy of Word is designed for children 3 years old (preschool) to grade 3. Questions? Please contact Children's Liturgy Coordinator - Mrs. Dixon [cdixon@saintmichael.ca](mailto:cdixon@saintmichael.ca).

## Help Wanted: Kids Kingdom Volunteers

All volunteers will need to complete paperwork and, in some cases, safe training modules. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator (Marvin) [mmatthews@saintmichael.ca](mailto:mmatthews@saintmichael.ca).

## Sacraments

Registration for all children's Sacraments are now open! If you would like more information, or would like to register your children for Baptism, First Reconciliation/ First Communion, or Confirmation, please visit the Sacrament section of our website.

## Sacrament Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteer catechists to teach the children First Reconciliation and First Communion. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please reach out to Francesca at [sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca](mailto:sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca)

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at [bryantdg@shaw.ca](mailto:bryantdg@shaw.ca) for more information, and to register for RCIA.

## RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA is beginning on Tuesday, September 12 here at St. Michael's, and we are looking for Sponsors for our new catechumens and candidates. In order to be a Sponsor, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. If married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Sponsors are asked to attend sessions every Tuesday night from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and accompany their candidate to Mass on Sundays. If you feel called to be a Sponsor, please contact Francesca at [sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca](mailto:sacramentprep@saintmichael.ca)

## Grief Share Program

*Tuesdays, starting September 12 at 7 pm*

Have you lost a loved one recently? Or do you know someone who has? The grief support ministry invites individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in a Grief Share Program for 2 hours every Tuesday evening for 8 weeks. This program consists of a video seminar (Christian based with personal stories from Christian experts who have experienced grief), group support discussions with facilitators and personal workbook. The program runs every Tuesday night, 7-9pm, from September 12 to October 30. There is a \$20 charge for the booklet, and free will offerings will also be accepted.

For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249- 0423.

## Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, September 2, 5 pm – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 3, 9 am – Fr. Edmund Vargas

Sunday, September 3, 11 am – Fr. Jose Bustalino

Sunday, September 3, 5 pm – Fr. Jose Bustalino

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### Knitting Ministry

Thursdays, starting September 14 at 10 am

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please join us for fellowship as we work to create items for those in need. Last year we donated over 100 hats and scarves to Hearts for Humanity and this year we made six beautiful, colorful blankets for charity. We meet in the Church library on Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 starting on September 14. Call Carol at 403-282-6469 or Betty at 403-860-1486 for more information.

### Women's Ministry

Wednesdays, starting September 20 at 10 am/7 pm

**"Elements of the Catholic Mass"** - is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced short videos, followed by group discussion". This is a 10 session study, with in person sessions on Wednesdays from 10:00 am -12:00 pm and online through zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Please click on this link to register <https://forms.gle/7YjviW7r5FQuh99C8>

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Special thanks to all St. Michael parishioners for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! If you have lost your job, please contact us for food support.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS.** If you are interested contact us by email [SSVP@saintmichael.ca](mailto: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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca). Currently we are looking for: flour, baked beans, canned soup, canned peaches or pears, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, Ketchup, Miracle Whip, oatmeal and syrup. **Please note that we do not need tuna or pasta.**

**MONETARY DONATIONS** can be deposited in the drop-box in the Food Chest or by online donations through the 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](mailto:SSVP@saintmichael.ca) or phone 403-249-0423 ext 122.

### Calendar of Events for September

- September 5 | Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel 6:30-7pm
- September 7 | Thursdays | Coffee Thursdays | Gathering Area | After 9 am Mass
- September 10 | Sundays | Coffee Sundays | Gathering Area after 9/11 am Masses
- September 12 | Tuesdays | Grief Share | Nursery Room | 7-9pm
- September 12 | Tuesdays | RCIA | Green Room | 7-9 pm
- September 13 | Wednesdays | TMIY | Gathering Area | 6-7:30am
- September 14 | Thursdays | Moms & Tots | Green Room | 9:30-11:30 am
- September 14 | Thursdays | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10-11:30am
- September 14 | Thursday | First Communion Parent Orientation Night | 6-7 pm
- September 16/17 | Saturday & Sunday | Ministry Fair | Gathering Area | After all Masses
- September 19 | Tuesday | Guardian Angel School Opening Mass | At School | 10 am
- September 20 | Wednesdays | Women's Ministry | Childrens Main Theatre & Green Room | 9:30am-12pm
- September 20 | Wednesday | St Joan of Arc School Opening Mass | St. Michael Church Sanctuary | 10:30 am
- September 21 | Thursday | Pastoral Zone Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 11am-12 pm
- September 23/24 | Saturday/Sunday | Ministry Fair | Gathering Area | After all Masses
- September 26 | Tuesday | PPC Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 7-9 pm
- September 26 | 4th Tuesday of every Month | SVDP Meeting | St. Gabriel Room 143 | 7-9 pm
- September 28 | Thursday | Women's Ministry Retreat | Day Chapel and Gathering Area | 7-9 pm
- September 28 | Thursday | John Costello School Opening Mass | At School | 10 am
- September 28 | Thursday | St. Michael School Opening Mass | At School | 1:30 pm
- September 29 | Friday | Feast of St. Michael/Michaelmas | Sanctuary - 6 pm | Reception, Gathering Area - 6:30-8:30pm

## 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).

## Pray for Our Seminarians

Peter An, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Solomon Ip, Samuel O'Ejerege, Benjamin Taylor, Santiago Torres, Joshua Walter

## Please Pray For:

Steve Bollman	Josh & Trish Helman & Family	Danielle Swerhone
Elizabeth Chandless	Jacob Jensen	Kevin Thorvaldson
Judy Chu	Lily Kalmar	Antoinette Vincent
Fr. Bob Dielissen	Jaime Malagon	Chester Wisniewski

## For the Souls of:

Lloyd Keon                      Brian Williams Jr.

## 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](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.

## Gifts to the Parish

	March	April	May
<b>General Collections</b>			
Collections	\$89,701	\$111,438	\$81,680
Other Income		\$29,020	\$4,343
Operating Costs	\$144,019	\$122,648	\$128,868
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$54,317)	(\$11,210)	(\$47,188)
<b>Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)</b>			
Building Fund Collections	\$14,822	\$16,480	\$23,709
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	\$3,855,737	\$3,833,298	\$3,811,203
<b>Diocesan Annual Campaign</b>			
Together in Action YTD	\$31,733	\$36,675	\$38,722
<b>% TIA Goal \$121,243.00</b>	26%	30%	32%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$2,729	\$2,674	\$6,426

## Mass Intentions

*Book an intention online at [saintmichael.ca](http://saintmichael.ca)*

### Saturday, September 2

5 pm: Elias Gomez Saldivar †

### Sunday September 3, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Ariah Pinto

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Ruth Robinson †

### Tuesday, September 5

6 pm: Brian Kelly †

### Wednesday, September 6

9 am: Kenneth Beckie †

### Thursday, September 7

9 am: Mark Corbett †

### Friday, September 8

9 am: Intentions of Pinto Family

### Saturday, September 9

5 pm: John Lee †

### Sunday, September 10, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Gerald Mudry †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Antonio Rita †

## Contact Us

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