



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Love is the Reason for the Resurrection

"I asked God to take away my pride. God said 'No'. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up... I asked God to grant me patience. God said 'No'. Patience is the byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned. I asked God to give me happiness. God said 'No'. I give blessings. Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said 'No'. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said 'No'. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful... I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea!"

The reality of the resurrection is based on love. Resurrection is giving up pride in the name of love. Resurrection is earning patience in the midst of tribulations. Resurrection is being happy by counting our blessings. Resurrection is going through suffering and pain to get closer to God.

Resurrection is growing up in the spirit. Resurrection gives us the legacy of love for one another. The reality of our own resurrection is rooted in our decision to love. Resurrection is the consequence of our decision to give up our life in the name of love.

Easter is Christ's invitation for us to witness to His good news. Easter is the confirmation of the sacredness of our humanity.

Christ's resurrection invites us to the miracle of a transformed life. It invites us to invite Christ to do in us what He has done to billions before us. It invites us to love again after we have failed. It invites us to trust again after being betrayed. It invites us to believe again after our faith has been shaken. For by His resurrection, Christ is alive in our midst, wanting to work miracles in our lives.

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Healing Lines

"Lord Jesus Christ, You told the women of Jerusalem not to weep for You, but to weep for themselves. Be with women who suffer violence in their homes, as they weep for their sons caught up in the violence. Be with the women who live in domestic violence, who have learnt not to weep for their own pains, who have suffered so long they are numb. Strengthen your Church in its care and support of all who are in pain. Help us to be sensitive and caring for you are the Lord who suffers and serves."

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, March 30 at 9pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas, Fr. Jose Bustalino, Fr. Kevin Chukwurah, and Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, March 31 at 8:30am: Morning Prayer with Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, March 31 at 9am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, March 31 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, March 31 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino

Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday: Thursday, March 28 | Mass 7:00pm | Adoration 8:00pm - 12:00am
Good Friday: Friday, March 29 | Services 12:00pm and 3:00pm
Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30 | Mass 9:00pm
Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 31 | Mass 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

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, and 5 pm

Sunday 11 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00am to 8:45am
Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30am to 12:00pm 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.**

~~~ Lenten Insights ~~~

Lenten Insights (1-5): All "Lenten Insights" are available here: <https://saintmichael.ca/bulletin-4th-sunday-lent-2/>

Events and Announcements

Incense | All 11:00am Masses and Special Occasions

Incense will be used at all of the 11:00am Masses, including special occasions and funerals.

Handling Panhandling at SMCC and Other Places

What do we do? Respectfully acknowledge the person asking for money and politely say "no". Panhandling is illegal (Calgary by-law 3M99). Panhandlers may not be homeless or may panhandle as part of a larger syndicated operation. Our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul also distributes groceries to needy families in the area throughout the year. Or you may contact one of the city's social agencies that help, including the Drop-in Centre (263-6217), Mustard Seed Street Ministry (269-1319), Salvation Army (410-1111), CUPS (221-8781), Alpha House (234-7388), and EXIT (262-9953). Let us help our Church and other organizations help street people help themselves and re-discover their sense of human dignity and respect. If you see a panhandler in need or trouble, or if you have encountered an aggressive panhandler, you may call the Panhandling Outreach Worker (221-8788) or the Police (403-266-1234).

2023 Tax Receipts

2023 tax receipts have been mailed. If you have not received your receipt, please check with the office. Some receipts did not have an address and some were sent back to us with an incorrect address.

Children's Liturgy Schedule

March 16/17: Last Day of Children's Liturgy before Easter Break | Session "A" 8:30 AM | Session "B" 10:30 AM

March 23/24: NO Children's Liturgy (re: Easter Break)

March 30/31: NO Children's Liturgy (re: Easter Break)

April 6/7: Children's Liturgy Resumes | Divine Mercy Sunday | Session "A" 8:30 AM | Session "B" 10:30 AM

Collection Baskets are back this Easter...

Those interested to volunteer for this undertaking, please contact the office. After all March 16 and 17 weekend Masses, the Finance Council reported on our finances and members were available for queries and clarifications after each Mass. "Wealthy" in capital assets with a loan to amortize, more cash can help us to keep up with our growing expenses and needs. A big Church requires considerable payroll, repairs, and maintenance. For the past few years, we have not reached our Together-in-Action (TIA) goal which means that our General Fund covers the shortfall. We also share our contributions with SSVF, Christmas Hampers, Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program), and other charities.

St. Michael Catholic Community Pastoral Council

We hope that you are having a holy and blessed Lent, in preparation for Easter. We worked our way through a full agenda at our meeting on Tuesday, February 27. Highlights include: * A presentation by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. A parish-wide presentation will be made at all Masses March 16 and 17.

* Re-introduction of collection baskets at Easter Masses. Volunteers will be needed. * Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7, from 2- 3 pm, with a reception to follow. More details to be provided. / The meeting in March is cancelled as it falls in Holy Week. Our next meeting will be on April 16. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (403) 249-0423. To read the minutes from our meeting in January, or any past meeting, please go to: <https://saintmichael.ca/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes-january-23-2024/>

Divine Mercy Novena | Begins on Good Friday | March 29, 2024

Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday. A copy of the Divine Mercy Novena will be available at the entrance to the Day Chapel. For more information, please visit St. Michael's website at <https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/divine-mercy-novena-2.pdf>

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration | Sunday, April 7, 2024 | Reconciliation 1:15pm, Holy Hour Sanctuary 2:00pm, Reception Narthex 3:00pm

There will be a Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7, 2024. It will begin with Reconciliation at 1:15 pm in the Confessional Rooms, followed by Holy Hour in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm, and Reception in the Narthex at 3:00pm. Please note: the Holy hour has been moved to the Sanctuary to accommodate numbers attending, not the Day Chapel as previously published. Also, please note that incense will be used during the celebration.

Bible Study Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit | Begins Monday, April 15 | 8 in-person Sessions on Mondays | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00pm

Monday's Bible Study for Spring 2024 is "Galatians: Set Free to Live in the Spirit". Jeff Cavins will explain how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit, the meaning of "justification", and how faith and works are an integral part of it. This study will start on April 15, 2024 and will have 8 "in-person" sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas Room every Monday at 7:00 pm. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

Lectio Divina Workshops: Encounter Christ the Living Word | Wednesday, April 17 | Day Chapel | 7:30pm

The Seeds of the Word Community is glad to participate in the Pastoral Renewal by providing a Lectio Divina Workshop: 'Praying with the Word of God: Encounter Christ the Living Word' for the Parishes of the Diocese of Calgary. A workshop will be offered at St. Michael's on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30pm in the Day Chapel. (Please note: the workshop previously scheduled for April 10 has been cancelled). All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please register at <https://forms.gle/y1zSixLpthjMk6Gg7>

2024 Youth Rally "Impact Nights" | April 19 and June 14 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

Youth Rally "Impact Nights" for Grades 7-12 at St. Michael's Church are scheduled on the following nights from 7:00-9:00pm: | Friday, April 19 | Friday, June 14 | The Youth Nights are coordinated through Michael Chiasson of Access 52. They are an expanded version of our recent Youth Gatherings. It is a free event, with free will offerings graciously accepted.

Events and Announcements

40 Hours for Vocations | Day Chapel | Friday, April 19, 3:00pm to Sunday, April 21, 8:00am

In collaboration with the Diocese of Calgary, St. Michael's will be hosting 40 continuous hours of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations from Friday, April 19 at 3:00pm until Sunday, April 21 at 8:00am. To sign up to be an adorer for one or more hours, click this link: www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8A623A7FD0-48428431-40hours

Vocations Rally | Sanctuary and Narthex | Sunday, April 21 | 11:00am-3:30pm

The entire Diocese of Calgary is invited to join us for our Diocesan Vocations Rally on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21, beginning with the 11:00am Mass. Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not, through the testimony and wisdom of our priests, religious, consecrated, and married people. Admission is free and lunch is provided. Please register at <https://www.catholicyc.ca/vocations.html>

Fr. Edmund's 45th Year Celebration as a Priest | Friday, April 26, 2024 | Mass 6:00pm | Reception 7:00pm

Join Fr. Edmund in celebrating 45 years as a priest! The celebration will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and will begin with Mass at 6:00pm, followed by a Reception at 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 24 by signing up here: <https://forms.gle/7bW9NRcdvCUCNfbFA>

Beloved Daughter's Ministry: Women's Conference | Sanctuary | Friday, May 3, 7:00-9:00pm and Saturday, May 4, 8:30am-4:00pm

Join Beloved Daughters Ministry for their second annual women's conference entitled "Worthy and Made New." The conference will be held from May 3-4, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Community with guest speakers Crystalina Evert and Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC. For more information visit www.beloveddaughtersyc.com



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | Friday, May 24 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 | Mezzanine | Various Times

SAVE THE DATES! The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition is coming to St. Michael Catholic Community beginning May 24 and continuing through June 2, 2024. This is an awesome display of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to deepen their faith. More details to follow after Easter.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona | November 3-12, 2024

Fr. Edmund Vargas will lead a Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona on November 3-12, 2024. If you are interested in joining, please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

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 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 you can arrange for a pick-up, by emailing us at SSVP@saintmichael.ca. Currently we are looking for: syrup, canned ham, canned chili or stew, Hamburger Helper, shampoo, and conditioner. *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 or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



March 2024:

March 30 | RCIA Retreat | Day Chapel and St. Nicholas Room | 8:00am
March 30 | Easter Vigil | Sanctuary | 9:00pm
March 31 | Cancelled: Coffee Sunday
March 31 | Easter Sunday | Mass at 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

April 2024:

April 2 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30 -7:00pm
April 2 | Cancelled: RCIA
April 3 | TMIY | Day Chapel | 6:00am
April 3 | Women's Ministry Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00am
April 4 | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas' Room | 9:30am
April 4 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am
April 7 | Divine Mercy Sunday | Reconciliation 1:15pm | Holy Hour Sanctuary 2:00pm | Reception Narthex 3:00pm
April 9 | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30 -7:00pm
April 9 | CWL General Meeting | St. Michael's Room | 6:30pm
April 9 | RCIA | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00-9:00pm
April 10 | TMIY Last Session | Day Chapel | 6:30am
April 10 | Women's Ministry Bible Study | St. Nicholas Room and Theater | 10:00am
April 11 | Moms & Tots | St. Nicholas Room | 9:30am
April 11 | Knitting Ministry | Library | 10:00am
April 11 | First Communion Session 3 | Various Rooms | 6:00-7:30pm
April 13 | Confirmation Retreat | Various Rooms | 9:30am-3:30pm

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | Narthex | Starting 9:30am
Sundays | After Morning Masses | Narthex | Starting 10:00am and 12:00pm



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, Andre Boudreau, Joshua Capicio, Bennet Chacko, Jonathan Dobek, Samuel Ejeregebe, Evin George, Solomon Ip, Jeffrell Painaga, Antonio Pasqualotto, Mikhel Sari, Benjamin Taylor, Joshua Walter

Please Pray For:

Jojo Deleon	Bill Dingman	Bert Saunders
Rosa Duri	Joey Stevenson	Cecile Manning
Elizabeth Chandless	Pietro Jr. Duri	Duncan Smith
Helen Gal	Aaron Armstrong	Evelyn Dumansk
Demy Navarro	Rina VandeGeer	Chester Wisniewski

For the Souls of:

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.

Gifts to the Parish

	October	November	December
General Collections			
Collections	\$97,285	\$89,909	\$148,442
Other Income	\$29,506	\$58,358	\$57,002
Operating Costs	\$164,849	\$135,449	\$119,954
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$38,058)	\$12,819	\$85,491
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$13,724	\$18,512	\$129,611
Current Loan Balance	\$3,698,763	\$3,675,809	\$3,653,177
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$55,760	\$62,408	\$74,471
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	46%	51%	61%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$3,473	\$6,455	\$25,278

Mass Intentions

Book an intention online at saintmichael.ca

Saturday, March 30

5 pm: James Esch †

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9 am: Pedro Ganal †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Intentions of the Hurtado Family †

Tuesday, April 2

6 pm: Maria Jose and Helio Meneses †

Wednesday, April 3

9 am: Ron Tainsh †

Thursday, April 4

9 am: Italo Das Molins †

Friday, April 5

9 am: Intentions of the Bitter Family

Saturday, April 6

5 pm: Hong Ngo †

Sunday, April 7: Divine Mercy Sunday

9 am: Ellie Felker †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Zenaida and Juan Ocampo †

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