



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Deacon's Reflection

By Dc. Randy Gritter

We are in what the church calls Ordinary Time. The color is green. One of the reasons for that is because in Ordinary Time we are supposed to grow in a slow and steady way much like the way plants grow. The feast days are there to celebrate our faith, but a lot of the growth in our faith happens between feast days when we just live our lives and choose to cooperate with the grace of God every day again. Today's readings fit with this as well. There are some plants talked about. First, we have a cedar of Lebanon. This is a massive tree. It is big and beautiful. The wood is strong. They were very expensive. Much of the temple was made from cedars of Lebanon. They could grow to about 40 meters tall. They were just impressive trees. Often, they were used as symbols of an empire. In fact, Ezekiel 31 compares the empire of Egypt to a cedar of Lebanon. So, when Ezekiel 17 says that out of the nation of Israel will come a great cedar, it means something of great strength and world-wide influence. The obvious fulfillment of this is the church. It is a massively influential institution that came from the Jewish faith by a special act of God.

Now this is the backdrop for the parable we have in our gospel. Jesus talks about a mustard seed. It starts out small. Then it grows into the largest of shrubs. Shrubs? Really? Actually, the Greek word used here can also mean vegetable. So, we are not talking about the largest of trees. Jesus is taking that image from Ezekiel and giving it a twist. Could the birds make nests in its branches? They could. Yet mustard plants only grow to be 2 or 3 meters tall. Most birds would look for something a little taller, like maybe a cedar tree!

Yet what is the mustard plant known for? Sure, it has small seed. Yet it also has strong roots. Mustard plants will grow underground in all directions and can easily take over a garden. So, the important growth is not what you see but what you do not see. It can look like it is dead, but the roots are still healthy, and it comes back strong. Jesus is saying the Kingdom of God is like this. An Empire? Sure. Yet a very different beast than human empires.

Again, the comparison to the Church is interesting. The church grew from a small number of people on Pentecost to eventually taking over the Roman Empire in the 4th century. Yet it did not grow like typical human empires. It did not raise an army and fight battles. It did not make political alliances. It grew in a way that was invisible. It went in all directions, and it connected with people in a lot of different ways. It was a bit like the roots of a mustard plant. rgritter@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

Father's Day is a celebration inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day, celebrating fatherhood and male parenting and to honor and commemorate fathers, forefathers and father-figures. The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on July 5, 1908 in a church in West Virginia. Sonora Dodd thought independently of the holiday one Sunday in 1909 while listening to a Mother's Day sermon and she arranged a tribute for her father on June 19, 1910. We wish Happy Father's Day to all fathers in our parish and encourage them to be part of the solution to end family violence.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, June 15 at 5pm: Fr. Kevin Chukwurah with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, June 16 at 8:30am Morning Prayer: Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, June 16 at 9am: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, June 16 at 11am: Fr. Edmund Vargas with Dc. Randy Gritter
Sunday, June 16 at 5pm: Fr. Jose Bustalino with Dc. Randy Gritter

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 a **family member** is sick and 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

Our financial reporting system has not been at pace since the start of the year due to turnovers of our diocese-designated bookkeepers and due to problems in the diocesan data-recording "Parish Friendly" program which will soon be replaced with a new system. Non-reporting is not intentional at all. Transparency is a priority. We are working on the issues. Hopefully by the end of this month, we will be able to update our books and come up with our regular financial reports, as published in the bulletin. We appreciate your trust and understanding.

Parish Renewal Survey Update

Bishop McGrattan would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for participating in the Pastoral Renewal Survey. We received 769 responses from our parish, as of last weekend. There were 132 uncompleted and unsubmitted responses. Your feedback is crucial in helping us understand the needs, hopes, and dreams of our faith community. The more parishioners who participate, the more impact our survey report will have in guiding our parish and diocesan pastoral planning. High survey participation provides a rich, meaningful, and more accurate understanding of our community's current needs. *If you didn't have the opportunity to complete the survey, we'd love to hear from you. The Diocese of Calgary has extended the survey period to June 21 to allow us to reach more parishioners. Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey before then. May God bless the renewal of our faith community.*

Wifi Password Change

Effective last weekend, the password for the "St. Michael-Public" WiFi network was changed to **smccwifi85**. The password is all in lowercase letters with no spaces or symbols. You may need to reconnect with the new password if you were previously connected.

Basket Collection | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection has been re-introduced upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. We thank you for your continuing support. God is never outdone in love and generosity!

Elements of the Catholic Mass June 15-16, 2024 | Before All Masses

The Mystery of Faith: During Mass, immediately after the consecration of the Bread and Wine, the priest, with the Eucharist on the altar in front of him says, "The mystery of faith." Why is this done? What does it mean? <https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass/season:1/videos/the-mystery-of-faith>

Feed the Hungry | St. Mary's Cathedral | Sunday, June 16, 2024

St. Michael will once again be supporting Feed the Hungry on Father's Day, June 16, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Volunteers are needed for many roles. Please consider volunteering. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering area.

Auditions for Sunday 5pm Music Group

Auditions are being taken for the following positions with The Inspiration Band ("inspiration" + "in the spirit") for the Sunday 5pm Mass: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals. You must be 18 years of age or older. Experience in a band setting and music knowledge an asset. If you are interested, please contact Demetrio (band leader) at demetrio@shaw.ca or call/text 403-605-4592.

44th Annual Hike For Life and Mother's Day Rose Sale | Donations Accepted Until June 28, 2024

Thank you for supporting both of these events. All donations go directly to Pro-Life to support the Respect For Life Program. Online donations for Hike For Life can still be made and will be accepted until June 28th at www.calgaryprolife.com. From St. Michael's CWL and Knights of Columbus.

Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | Sunday, June 23, 2024 | 12:00-2:00pm

Are your children interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry? The next Altar Server training session will take place on Sunday, June 23 after the 11am Mass in the Nave (main sanctuary). This occurs on the fourth Sunday of most months. If you or your children are interested, please send an email to altarservers@saintmichael.ca, request access to the Altar Server group on Flocknote, or just show up on June 23. This is a 2 hour session so please prepare accordingly.

Share Sunday-SSVP

- Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will distribute a list of food items needed, after each mass on June 22/23rd.
- In order to be kind to the environment, we ask that you use a cloth bag for your groceries, and you bring it to the church on June 29th/30th.

Thank you!

Parish Renewal Gathering | Rescheduled to Sunday, September 28, 2024

The Parish Renewal Gathering (originally scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2024) is rescheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024. Details will follow at a later date.

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. Registration is still open. Please see the details and itinerary in the link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218566>

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Pastoral Council Update

Our last meeting before summer break was held last night. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition has been successful. Thank you to Pam Van de Mosselaer, Kris Renger, and the organizing committee for their exceptional work in bringing the exhibition to Saint Michael, and to the many volunteers who have made it possible! There will be a Eucharistic Procession on June 2 after the 11:00 am Mass.
- A Book of Intentions will be introduced to replace the Prayer Intention Basket. Watch for further details.
- Coming soon – Friday weekday Masses will return to St. Mary's Chapel. (Expected Date: Friday, July 5, 2024)

We wish all of you a happy and restful summer. If you would like to attend one of our meetings as an observer, or if you have any questions concerns,

please reach us at (403) 249 0423. To read the minutes from our meeting in April, please go to: [Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2024 - St. Michael Catholic Community \(saintmichael.ca\)](#)

Partnership of Hope (Refugee Program)

We are pleased to let you know our newest sponsorship family will be arriving mid May. Our financial commitment for this family is for one year. According to the Refugee Sponsorship Program the estimated amount needed to support this family for one year is approximately \$40K. Your help is needed, to help us achieve this goal. Financial Donations can be made out to St. Michael's earmarked "Partnership of Hope". Tax receipts will be issued. This family is from Iran originally but have been in Turkey for many years as refugees praying for a way out. St. Michael's has given them a way out. Life in Turkey has been very, very hard. The family consists of Mom, Dad, and three boys aged 16, 14, and 7 years. For more information to help, please contact Jocelyn Fitzgerald at 403-650-9741 or cefitz@shaw.ca. For information on volunteering, please [click here](#).

Knitting Ministry

Knitting Ministry is finished for this year and will resume in the fall of 2024. See you then!

Art Walk 2024 | Cancelled

Art Walk 2024 will not be held this year due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be back in 2025! Details to follow at a later date.

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, or you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122. DONATIONS of non-perishables and monetary 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. MONETARY DONATIONS can also be done online 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. WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. If you are interested, contact us by email SSVP@saintmichael.ca or phone 403-249-0423, ext. 122.



Pantry Needs :
syrup,
canned ham,
canned chili or
canned stew,
Hamburger Helper,
shampoo,

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Short Version): [Current Bulletin Insert.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Diocese of Calgary Beyond Bulletin (Full Version): [Beyond Bulletin - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Coffee Connections:

Thursdays | After Daily Mass | 9:30am

Sundays | After Morning Masses | 10:00am and 12:00pm

Children's Liturgy:

Group A: Start time 8:30am - Ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Group B: Start time 10:30am - Ages 3 Years to Grade 3

Regular Events:

Tuesdays | Rosary Group | Day Chapel | 6:30-7:00pm

June 2024:

June 16 | CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday

June 16 | Philippine Independence Day | Mass 1:00pm | Reception 2:00-4:00pm

June 20 | Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting | Theater | 7:00-9:00pm

June 22 | Baptism Prep | St. Nicholas Room | 9:00am-12:00pm

June 22-23 | Share Sunday | SSVP Distributes Grocery Bags | Narthex

June 23 | CANCELLED: Coffee Sunday

June 23 | Altar Server Training | Sanctuary | 12:00-2:00pm

June 25 | SSVP Meeting and Potluck | Room 145 | 7:00-9:00pm

June 29-30 | Share Sunday | SSVP Grocery Bags Returned Filled

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:

If you would like to request a prayer for a loved one, please email the office with your request, noting consent.

Evelyn Dumanski	Michael Park	Kelvin Holitski
Annette LaMarca	Cecilia Bausa Legaspi	Joan Mills
Pat Burchnall	Helen Gal	Deacon Vivian Pinto
Chester Wisniewski	Karen O'Brien	Rina VandeGeer
Father Greg Coupal	Rosemary Pangilinan	Lenore Youngberg

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: support@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.

OFFERINGS

January - April 2024 Collections and Other Income

Parish Support	\$ 327,647.00
Building Fund	\$ 74,148.00
Together In Action	\$ 26,721.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 12,812.00

Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please visit the office.

Saturday, June 15

5 pm: Gladys Zerr †

Sunday, June 16: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Intentions of Faye & Wally Muscoby †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Christel Schunicht †

Tuesday, June 18:

6 pm: Charles Hayes †

Wednesday, June 19:

9 am: Ken Klein †

Thursday, June 20:

7 pm: Gladys Zerr †

Friday, June 21:

9 am: Intentions of Fajardo Family

Saturday, June 22:

5 pm: Intentions of Brian and Giselle Noronha †

Sunday, June 23: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Antonio Vespa †

11 am: For All Parishioners

5 pm: Pasqualina Durante †

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