



Saint Michael Catholic Community



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missionary discipleship: What it means and why it matters

What would it feel like to be part of a parish that is filled with missionary disciples? Where almost every parishioner has a fire inside them to share their love of Jesus? Where people are hungry to be nourished by word and sacrament? Where people are sacrificial in their financial giving and where they serve the community, not to 'help Father' but to joyfully express their co-responsibility for the life and mission of the parish? Sound too good to be true? It is important to dare to dream. The first step to a renewed parish is to have a strong vision of what an actively engaged congregation of missionary disciples might look like.

A missionary disciple has encountered Jesus through a personal experience of the love and presence of God. As a result of this encounter, they have chosen to say 'yes' - to surrender to God's love and God's will for their life. They allow their entire life to be transformed by this relationship. Missionary disciples enthusiastically praise God, giving thanks for their many blessings and hunger for opportunities to encounter Jesus through the sacraments. They regularly attend Mass and frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have a robust personal prayer life. There are many different ways to habitually spend time with God. Prayer preferences are unique to each person and their individual relationship with God. The important thing is to regularly 'show up' for prayer. They look for opportunities to help others within the Christian community and outside of it. Missionary disciples want to do whatever they can to assist in the proper functioning of the parish and the care of those within it. And, importantly, they also have a heart to help the world become a more just place through generous service to those in need. They see everything they have as a gift from God and understand that sacrificial giving is a form of worship and a way of giving thanks. They are eager to learn more and more can about Jesus and the Church. Missionary disciples read the Bible and other spiritual books. They make it a priority to attend seminars, group studies, and retreat opportunities in order to grow and deepen their faith and discipleship.

They want to understand where God is leading them. They actively discern their vocational call so as to live the unique plan God has created them for fellowship. They share life with fellow disciples in a community that nurtures and supports their mission in the world. They actively seek to draw outsiders into the Christian community. They exhibit the fruits of the Spirit. *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* (Gal. 5:22-23) Missionary disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, and their faces and their lives radiate this reality.

Missionary discipleship is something we inherit or culturally acquire. It is more than following religious rules, attending Sunday Mass, or 'being good'. It is not a transactional relationship with a judgmental God. It requires a deliberate decision to follow Jesus. It has significant implications for the life and vibrancy of a parish. Attendance, stewardship, apostolic creativity, evangelization, vocations, and catechesis are all enriched. Transformed lives transform parishes, which in turn transform the world around them. fredmund@saintmichael.ca

Healing Lines

This Sunday is Grandparents' Day. This day has a threefold purpose: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer. Let's take time to honor the grandparents in our lives. Celebrate what they have to offer us and our children. Be aware that many grandparents suffer from elder abuse and may be in need of our help.

Mass Schedule for this Weekend

Saturday, September 7 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, September 8 at 8:30 am Morning Prayer: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 am: Fr. Kelvin Chukwurah
Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 am: Fr. Edmund Vargas
Sunday, September 8 at 5:00 pm: Fr. Edmund Vargas

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: 6:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am live-stream
at saintmichael.ca/Mass or on Facebook Live

Reconciliation:

Friday: 8:00 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 12:00 pm 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

Missa Pro Populo (Latin for "Mass for the People")

Our Sunday 11:00am Mass intention is usually celebrated for "the People of God at St. Michael's". Canon Law, no 534.1 requires the pastor to celebrate a Mass for all the people entrusted to his care on Sundays and holy days of obligation. This is partly why the pastor celebrates this particular Sunday Mass. He is also able to fulfill his obligation by applying the Mass intention on another day or delegating it to another priest.

Weekday Daily Mass | Day Chapel | South Door Entrance

Daily Mass will be held in the Day Chapel on weekdays: Tuesdays at 6pm, and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9am. Please use the South entrance doors to attend.

Prayer Book | Friday Daily Mass Intentions | Beginning September 20, 2024

Personal prayer intentions may be written in the Prayer Book that is located outside the Day Chapel. The prayer book will be replacing the Prayer Basket that was previously used.

Basket Collection | All Weekend Masses

The Basket Collection has been re-introduced upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council.

Coffee Thursdays Moved to Wednesdays | Beginning Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Beginning September 4, 2024, Coffee Thursdays will be moved to Wednesdays. See you there!

Parish Renewal

Over the next three weeks and at the Parish Renewal Gathering, we will explore the three Pastoral Priorities (Pillars) that will support and focus our efforts on our renewal journey. These three pillars are: #1: Being missionary disciples in Christ, #2: Being a Church of encounter and witness, and #3: Strengthening family life. Members of the team will be available in the Narthex after all Masses. Please stop by, grab a postcard, and share your reflections on each of the pillars.

CWL General Meeting | Tuesday, September 10, 2024 | St. Michael's Room | 6:45pm

St. Michael's CWL will reconvene after the summer break with a General Meeting at 6:45pm (following Daily Mass) in the St. Michael's Room. Members and visitors are invited to join us as we plan the upcoming year based on our pillars of Faith, Service, and Social Justice.

Grief Share Program | Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm | September 10 - October 29, 2024 | Room 143 and 144

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 loved ones 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 a **personal workbook**. This program will run from September 10 - October 29, 2024 on Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm. Free will giving/ \$20 charge for the booklet.

For registration, contact the Parish Office at 403-249-0423 or email: peggy.tan@shaw.ca.

Bible Study "Bread of Life" | Wednesdays: Sept. 11 - Oct. 23, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room and Theater 10:00am - 12:00pm | or Zoom 7:00 - 9:00pm

The Women's Ministry will be offering a bible study called the "Bread of Life". This is a seven week study beginning September 11. "Bread of Life" is a five-part video series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist, culminating with Eucharistic consecration. There will be in-person morning sessions at St. Michael's (St. Nicholas Room and Theater) from 10:00am-12:00pm, and evening Zoom sessions from 7:00-9:00pm, on Wednesdays. The study is free, however a book for the consecration preparation is needed (\$25/paper copy or \$10/online kindle). To register please email womensministry@saintmichael.ca

Men's Ministry (formerly known as That Man is You) | Day Chapel and Narthex | Wednesdays | September 11 - December 4, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:30am

The study "Apostles of the New Springtime" begins. Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to billions proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Through the presentations of ten different internationally recognized speakers, we witness the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death itself. We journey through the Glorious Mysteries to see the infinite goodness of God triumph over evil. This journey takes us to Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, and Paris; we see the struggle, toil, hesitation, and eventually the transformation of St. Augustine. How this call to sainthood and apostleship continues throughout the ages to our very day and our own calling and personal mission. How does this all fit together for us? May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship, and faith, weekly starting Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 6:00-7:30am in the Narthex and Day Chapel. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org.



Knitting Ministry | Thursdays | Beginning September 12, 2024 | Church Library | 10:00am-12:00pm

The Knitting Ministry will resume meeting on Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Church Library starting September 12. If you knit or crochet, please join us for fellowship as we work on our projects for various charities. No registration needed.

Children's Liturgy | Sundays | Beginning September 15, 2024 | Guardian Angel Room | Session A: 8:30am and Session B: 10:30am

* Children's Liturgy of the Word/Mass Preparation for young children entering Kindergarten to Grade 3 will commence on Sunday, September 15, 2024. We require all families to register at the start of each program year to ensure we have an up-to-date database of attendees. Please note that registration from last year does not carry over to this session. * Continuing with the Mass Preparation Program introduced last year (2023-2024), doors will open at 8:15am for Session "A" and at 10:15am for Session "B". Registration and sign-in will take place at the front desk of the Guardian Angel's Room (north entrance). Session times are as follows: Session "A" at 8:30am and Session "B" at 10:30am Sunday Mornings. * Program Registration / Waiver Forms for the 2024-2025 goes LIVE, ONLINE on our parish website under the "Children's Ministry" webpage on Sunday, September 7, 2024 at 5:00pm. Please email Mrs. Dixon at cdixon@saintmichael.ca if you have any questions or concerns. Forms will be due as soon as possible! Children's Liturgy is FREE. Thank you, everyone! We look forward to another great school year!

ATTENTION: All Current and New Kids' Kingdom Volunteers

We are also on a quest to find some volunteer teachers! If you love children and are willing to share your time to spread God's love to our little ones, we would love to hear from you. No experience is necessary, and there is no planning involved! With super simple lesson plans, you'll enjoy an hour of seeing smiling faces and having a lot of fun! We need approximately 15 Adult/ Parent Volunteers for the entire year. Please consider assisting the little ones during Mass by contacting Mrs. Caroline Dixon via email at cdixon@saintmichael.ca or call 403-249-0423, ext. 105.

Youth Night with Face-To-Face Ministries | Wednesday, September 18, 2024 | Sanctuary | 7:00-9:00pm

There will be a Youth Night for Grades 6, 7 and 8 with Face-To-Face Ministries on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Sanctuary. Snacks will be provided. This is a free event; no registration is needed. Join us for fun, fellowship, and faith!

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

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Feast of St. Michael and Parish Renewal Gathering | Sunday, September 29, 2024 | Mass 11:00am, Reception 12:00-1:00pm, Gathering 1:00-3:00pm

Michaelmas, September 29, is the Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. At the 11:00am Mass, we will bless the new statue of St. Michael the Archangel by Timothy Schmalz, followed by a reception from 12:00-1:00pm in the Narthex and the Parish Renewal Gathering from 1:00-3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendar for this important parish celebration.

Bible Study "Daring to Walk the Talk: Putting Your Faith Into Practice" | Mondays: Sept. 30 - Dec. 2, 2024 | St. Nicholas Room | 7:00 - 9:00pm

"Daring to Walk the Talk" is an inspiring study designed to help participants live their faith more fully. It introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. Participants will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. It will begin on Monday, September 30 with 8 in-person sessions (no zoom) in St. Nicholas' meeting rooms and will occur every Monday at 7:00 pm. There will be no class on Monday, October 14 and Monday, November 11, 2024. To register or to get additional information, please contact Augusto Bitter at abitter@telus.net.

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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Don at bryantdon40@gmail.com to learn more about RCIA.

RCIA Sponsors Needed!

RCIA is beginning on Tuesday, September 17 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

Society of Saint 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.



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Weekly Events:

Sundays	Coffee Connection: After 9am and 11am Mass (Begins September 8) Children's Liturgy (Begins September 15)
Mondays	Bible Study (Begins September 30)
Tuesdays	Rosary Group Grief Share Program (Begins September 10) RCIA (Begins September 17)
Wednesdays	Coffee Connection: After Mass (Began September 4) Men's Ministry (Begins September 11) Women's Ministry Bible Study (Begins September 11)
Thursdays	Knitting Ministry (Begins September 12)

September 2024:

September 10	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 10	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 and 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 10	CWL General Meeting St. Michael's Room 6:45pm
September 11	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 11	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 12	Knitting Ministry (Begins) Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 12	First Reconciliation Parent Gathering Sanctuary and Narthex 6:00-8:00pm
September 15	Children's Liturgy (Begins) Guardian Angel Room Session A: 8:30am Session B: 10:30am
September 17	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 17	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 & 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 17	RCIA (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 18	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 18	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 18	Face-To-Face Ministries Session Sanctuary 7:00-9:00pm
September 19	Knitting Ministry Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 21-22	Ministries Fair Narthex Before and After all Masses
September 22	Altar Server Training Sanctuary 12:00-2:00pm
September 23	Sacraments for Teens Session 1 (Begins) Library 7:00-8:30pm
September 24	Rosary Group Day Chapel 6:30pm
September 24	Grief Share Program Rooms 143 & 144 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	PPC Meeting St. Michael's Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	RCIA St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm
September 24	SSVP Monthly Meeting St. Gabriel Room 145 7:00-9:00pm
September 25	Men's Ministry: "Apostles of the New Springtime" Day Chapel and Narthex 6:00-7:30am
September 25	Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Bread of Life" St. Nicholas Room 9:30am-12:00pm
September 26	Knitting Ministry Library 10:00am-12:00pm
September 26	First Reconciliation Session 1 Sanctuary and Narthex 6:00-7:15pm
September 27	SSVP Mass for 30 Year Celebration Sanctuary 6:00pm
September 29	St. Michael Feast Day and Parish Renewal Gathering Mass 11:00am Reception 12:00-1:00pm Sanctuary Gathering 1:00-3:00pm
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Office Closed
September 30	Bible Study: "Daring to Walk the Talk" (Begins) St. Nicholas Room 7:00-9:00pm

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 Ejeregbe, 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	Helen Gal	Rina VandeGeer
Annette LaMarca	Karen O'Brien	Lenore Youngberg
Pat Burchnall	Rosemary Pangilinan	Susan Neri
Michael Park	Kelvin Holitski	Roberta Hickey
Cecilia Bausa Legaspi	Deacon Vivian Pinto	Leo Pelletier

For the Souls of:

Funeral:

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

	May	June	July
General Collections			
Collections	\$106,018	\$126,858	\$114,707
Other Income	\$11,765	\$9,790	\$10,715
Operating Costs	\$153,823	\$114,753	\$165,123
Surplus (shortfall) YTD Optg Costs	(\$36,040)	\$21,896	(\$39,701)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage)			
Building Fund Collections	\$11,765	\$9,790	\$10,751
Current Loan Balance	\$3,537,676	\$3,514,192	\$3,491,012
Diocesan Annual Campaign			
Together in Action YTD	\$29,689	\$31,103	\$33,241
% TIA Goal \$121,243.00	24%	26%	27%
Society St. Vincent de Paul (monthly)	\$1,915	\$1,048	\$3,711

Mass Intentions

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

Mass Intentions are not final and can be moved to accommodate urgent pastoral needs.

Saturday, September 7:

5 pm: Intentions of Ernie & Jhernelyn Parinas

Sunday, September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Gerald Mudry †

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's

5 pm: Intentions of Kevin Uzomechine

Tuesday, September 10:

6 pm: Mary Simpson †

Wednesday, September 11:

9 am: Mark Claerhout †

Thursday, September 12:

9 am: Joe Davis †

Friday, September 13:

9 am: Pierre Toussaint †

Saturday, September 14:

5 pm: Elpidio & Regina Pagdanganan †

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am: Vince Helton †

11 am: For the People of God at St. Michael's

5 pm: Marie Rocha †

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