

# St. Michael's — St. Benedict — Canadian Martyrs

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

## Roman Catholic Parishes

December 14<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday of Advent) – December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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**Office Hours:** Mon/Tue/Fri: 9 –12noon (closed during Mass times) **Administration:** Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo, Teresa Richardson, and Chara Sargeant (**Bulletin**)

### Sunday Mass times December:

Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup> Canadian Martyrs

Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup> St. Benedict

Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup> St. Michael's

### Weekday Mass times (year round):

Tuesday 6:30<sup>PM</sup> Haven

Wednesday 10:30<sup>AM</sup> Nursing Home

Wednesday 3<sup>PM</sup> Bethany

Friday 9<sup>AM</sup> St. Michael's

**Low-gluten communion hosts are available.**

**Please see Fr. before Mass.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11<sup>AM</sup> - 12<sup>PM</sup> (noon) – St. Michael's

Sat: 4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 4:55<sup>PM</sup>– St. Benedict (only when Mass falls on Saturday)

By appointment: Contact Fr. Benjamin directly on his mobile

### Eucharistic Adoration:

**St. Michael's:** Every Friday from Mass: 8<sup>AM</sup> to 9<sup>AM</sup> (Except for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, when it is after Mass: 9:30<sup>AM</sup> to 12<sup>PM</sup>)

**St. Michael's Haven:** Every first Tuesday of the month, 5:30<sup>PM</sup> to 6:30<sup>PM</sup>

**Marriage Prep:** Please contact Fr. Benjamin at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

**Mass Intentions:** Please contact Fr. Benjamin directly. Suggested donation: \$10.00

Fr. Benjamin is available on his mobile at any time outside Mass times for EMERGENCIES and to administer the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**.

To request Communion to the Sick, Baptism, or Funeral, please call Fr. Benjamin at the office, or directly on his mobile.

**Reminder:** You can request the sacraments when you are in ANY hospital.

**St. Michael's Sunday Masses can be followed at 91.3FM**

### **ALL MASS INTENTIONS December 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Fay Laskowski +/ Steve Laskowski and family

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Michael Martinka+/Irene & Anthony Richardson

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Muriel Kolla+/ Don & Kathleen Kolla

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tues. 6:30<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Michael's Haven: Catherine Reding+/ Kathleen Zolinsky

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 10:30<sup>AM</sup>**

Cudworth Nursing Home: Roydon Gruending+/Phil and Terry Medernarch

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 3<sup>PM</sup>**

Middle Lake Bethany: Hilda Lieffers+/Kim and Carla Medernach

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Vesta Renneberg+/ Danny Kirzinger

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Audrey Reaser+/ Shawn & Jaunita Kolla

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Bill Tobin+/ St. Benedict Parish

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Nettie Kaminecki+/Jim and Liz Wilde



### Christmas Flowers



This is the **LAST WEEKEND** that donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted. If you would like to help beautify our church for Christmas in memory of loved ones, please direct your donations to Heide Kolla 306-233-7215, or put an envelope in the collection marked "Christmas Flowers" Be sure to include your name, and the people you are making the donation in memory of. Thank you for your consideration.



**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray that all experiencing grief, loss, sadness, illness, and struggles during this holiday season will know the healing presence of Jesus in times of difficulty. "O come, O come, Emmanuel."



**ST. MICHAEL'S**-503 Main Street,  
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0  
Mass Time - December: Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>

*Together we listen, receive, believe,  
and serve from the heart of Jesus*

**Parish Council:** Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Term:** Grace Jungwirth (Chair), Glen Lingel (Vice Chair), Teresa Richardson (Secretary), Vince Dierker (K of C Representative), Stuart Kolla (Maintenance), Kyle Slobodian 1<sup>st</sup>. **Term:** Don Kolla, Catherine Mazurkewich, Audrey van der Gracht, Ida Rose Wilde  
**Finance Committee:** Catherine Mazurkewich (Chair), Derreck Kolla, Michael Wilde, Lee Hauber  
**Cemetery Committee:** Don Kolla (Chair), Ida-Rose Wilde, James Hauber, Raymond Jungwirth- For all cemetery related information: Teresa Richardson **Parish Covenant of Care Coordinator:** Grace Jungwirth

**Knights of Columbus –**

Next meeting: Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
Rosary: 7 PM



**CWL –**

Next meeting: **Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**, @ 7:15 PM



**Parish Council -**

Next meeting: Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

**Coffee Sunday – Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> after 11<sup>AM</sup> Mass**



**Rosary Prayer Group(MMP)**

[www.mmpcanada.ca](http://www.mmpcanada.ca)

**Thurs, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3<sup>PM</sup> – St. Michael's**

*2025 Collection envelopes are  
available in the East entrance*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed!  
Tuesday's at the Haven, from 1 - 2<sup>PM</sup>.  
We still hold many beautiful blessed shawls that  
are waiting for anyone in need of some welcomed  
comfort. Please don't shy back on inquiring

**Prayer Shawls:**

Sylvia Meszaros - (306) 256-7198

**Yarn/wool donations:**

Gen Trischuk – (306) 256-3904



Any yarn and or monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

**Congratulations to Helanna Gessner for  
winning the Christmas Raffle Basket!**

Thanks to those who donated and  
supported the Raffle!

**VAN SERVICE – Winter Months**

Our van is available to serve our parishioners  
who need a ride to the church for Sunday  
Mass. Please contact Vince at 306-233-8633  
to reserve. **Pick-up starts 1h before Mass.**

**Sunday Mass Ministries**

**11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary:** Vince  
**Ushers:** Edward & Leonard  
**Screens:** Ann  
**Servers:** Eric & Leo  
**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Bernadette, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Garry,  
**Prayers of the Faithful –** Kim  
**Offerings:** James & Kim  
**Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine

*Advent Penitential/Confessions  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7<sup>PM</sup>*

**11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Rosary:** Phil  
**Ushers:** Garry, Clarence  
**Screens:** Grace J.  
**Servers:** Chelsea, Jax, Kennedy  
**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Doreen,  
**Prayers of the Faithful –** Catherine  
**Offerings:** Bernadette, Vince, & Tammy  
**Counters:** Garry, Catherine, Heide

**7:30<sup>PM</sup> – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcomers:** Jim & Liz  
**Rosary:** Glen  
**Ushers:** Danny, Darrel  
**Screens:** Grace J.  
**Servers:** All  
**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Barbara,  
**Prayers of the Faithful –** John K.  
**Offerings:** Edward & Leonard



**11<sup>AM</sup> – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcomers:** John & Audrey  
**Rosary:** Vince  
**Ushers:** Edward & Leonard  
**Servers:** Chelsea & Brianna  
**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – John v, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Teresa,  
**Prayers of the Faithful –** Kathleen  
**Offerings:** John & Audrey

**Thanks be to God**

# The Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

## The Advent Wreath

A third candle (pink) is lit on the Advent Wreath for the third Sunday of Advent. This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born.

*"It is Christmas every time you speak out for life, and let God love others through you!"*

– Mother Teresa

### Saskatchewan Pro-Life memberships are now due.

Due to the postal strike the SPLA membership renewal letter will not reach our members before the end of the year. We ask, if possible, can members renew online (\$25/year) at the website [www.saskprolife.com](http://www.saskprolife.com) or by e-transfer to: [info@saskprolife.com](mailto:info@saskprolife.com)

Also, due to the strike, we will not be mailing our Christmas greetings and year-end donation request letter. If you would like to make a donation to SPLA for the 2024 tax year, please contact our office @ 306-992-6941, 306-352-3480, or email [info@saskprolife.com](mailto:info@saskprolife.com)



**2025 CWL Membership** renewals are now being accepted. For the next few Sundays, memberships will be accepted before and after mass in the east entrance. The fee for 2025 is \$50. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, addressed to "CWL Membership". Please be sure to include your name. Envelopes are available in both entrances of Church. Contact Heide Kolla 306-233-7215 for more information

### November Finances 2024

Sunday Collections	\$3,824.00
Preauthorized Giving	\$1,007.00
Parish Recovery	\$1,355.24
Other income (mailed in donations, Booklet recovery, Conexus interest)	<u>\$6,207.67</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,393.91</b>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,783.13</u>
<b>Profit for November</b>	<b>\$ 3,610.78</b>
Not included in above	
Diocesan Mission Works	\$ 295.00

### FOR SALE

<u>QTY.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
3	13ft. solid oak church benches	\$500.00
1	15ft. solid oak church bench	\$500.00
5	8ft. wooden tables (need some TLC)	\$20.00
84	wooden chairs (some need TLC)	\$5.00

Proceeds to go towards the purchase of new tables and chairs for the Assembly Room at St. Michael's Parish.

Contact: Catherine Mazurkewich, Finance Council Chairman, at 306-233-7125



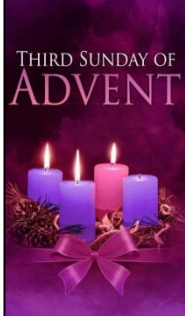
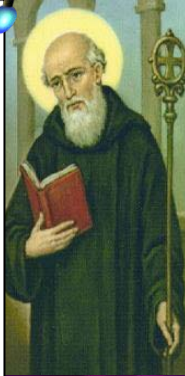
# ST. BENEDICT

10 1<sup>st</sup> Street South (Church Avenue)  
St. Benedict, SK S0K 3T0

**Mass Times:**  
December: Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>  
January: Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>

## Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Penitential/Confessions -  
St. Michael's ~December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7<sup>PM</sup>  
Christmas Eve ~ Canadian Martyrs @ 5<sup>PM</sup>  
~ St. Michael's @ 7:30<sup>PM</sup>  
Christmas Day ~ St. Benedict @ 9<sup>AM</sup>  
~ St. Michael's @ 11<sup>AM</sup>  
January 1<sup>st</sup> (The Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God) ~ St. Michael's @ 9<sup>AM</sup>



## Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers: Laverne  
Sacristan: Laverne  
Cross Bearer: Colleen  
Servers: Draude's  
Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Ushers: Reg  
Sacristan: Reg  
Cross Bearer: Reg  
Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Ushers: Laverne  
Sacristan: Laverne  
Cross Bearer: Colleen  
Servers: Draude's  
Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, so that those who are lonely, ill, or  
in harm's way may know the joy of this season,  
we pray: Be born in us, be born in our world.  
*The Redeemers*



# CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1<sup>st</sup> Street North  
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

**Mass Times:**  
December: Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>  
January: Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>

### READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Marj and Janice  
Sat. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Tim and Janine  
Tue. Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Andrea and Gloria  
Sat. Dec 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Marj and Janice

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Don & Kenny  
Sun. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Tim & Allen  
Sun. Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Ken P.

### CHURCH CLEANERS:

December: Colleen  
Baumann

## Confirmation Retreats



**St. Peter, Unity**  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 9<sup>AM</sup>-3<sup>PM</sup>  
**St. Patrick, Saskatoon**  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 12<sup>PM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>  
**Little Flower, Leader**  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 9<sup>AM</sup>-3<sup>PM</sup>  
**St. Augustine, Humboldt**  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 12<sup>PM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>  
**Holy Spirit, Saskatoon**  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9<sup>AM</sup>-3<sup>PM</sup>  
**St. Anne, Saskatoon**  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12<sup>PM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>  
**Registrations will be  
open on December 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Pilgrimage of Hope: There is still time to make  
your gift and receive a charitable donation tax  
receipt for this year. Give online at:  
<https://dscf.ca/baa/> or for more information  
contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic  
Foundation at [admin@dscf.ca](mailto:admin@dscf.ca) or call (306) 659-  
5851.

“We are called to support our communities  
and have a special awareness and sensitivity to  
those who are feeling lost and even forsaken by  
the world around them.” – Bishop Mark Hagemoen.  
The BAA total presently stands at \$860,000 (61  
percent of the \$1.4-million goal).  
THANK YOU for your generosity!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Advent: Don't worry! Be happy!**

*"I want you to be happy, always be happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone; the Lord is very near"*  
(Philippians 4:4)

Today is "Gaudete Sunday," a Sunday for rejoicing. Yes, we are waiting; yes, our longed-for Saviour is still on the way; but the time of his arrival grows very near. Today's gospel highlights the message of John the Baptist that he is not the Christ. 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' (John 3:16)

St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians painted the authentic picture of "Gaudete Sunday", a moment to pause the usual attitude of watchfulness, readiness and constancy in prayer, and to focus on a somewhat foretaste of Christmas. This message of joy is seen in the three readings of today.

However, it is important to remark that over and above this joyful mood of today's readings, the heart of today's message has a thing about kindness, empathy and compassion. Especially, in the gospel where John the Baptist said, "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same.' (Luke 3:11) Kindness, care, empathy and compassion - these are among the defining values of every human being.

Further in his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul told us never to worry (4:6). But it is so difficult not to be worried about one thing or the other in this life. When I was going through the readings of today and came across the name of the country – Israel (Zephaniah 3:14). Immediately, I started thinking about what is happening between Israel and Palestine. Then, I was worried. Feeling for the people of Gaza and also for the Israelis still being held hostage for over a year (what a trauma!).

What can I do about this situation?

I am not Benjamin Netanyahu (the Prime Minister of Israel), I am Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo and there is little I can do in this capacity. Yet, there is so much I could do by keeping that region in my prayers; as St. Paul urged us to pray for whatever we need, whatever is troubling us (Philippians 4:6).

Today's lessons have deep connections to the essential values of all humanity, to be compassionate is to be fundamentally human and humane simultaneously. It is at the heart of what makes every person human. Our world today is in dire need of leaders (not politicians) with compassionate spirits who can easily see the pain and abandonment of others and get involved (yielding).

Christmas is the greatest yielding ever known in recorded history. It is the yielding of divinity to humanity, the abandonment of glory to pain, suffering and betrayal, the emptying of the greatest power and splendour and the taking of the form of nothingness (human) so as to restore the nothingness to a nobler and more graceful somethingness (status). God becoming man that man might become God. That was the greatest compassionate act ever know in recorded history.

**Prayer:**

**Thank you, Jesus.**

**Thank you, Lord.**

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

Jubilee Prayer of Thanksgiving:

“We thank You, O God, for every blessing and for all the gifts we have received. As we prepare for the Jubilee, teach us to recognize Your hand in every moment of our lives and to welcome each day as a gift of Your mercy and love.”