

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

May 4th (Third Sunday of Easter) – May 11th (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

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Office Hours: Tue/Fri: 9 –12noon (closed during Mass times); Thursday: 9^{AM}-4^{PM} **Administration:** Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo, Teresa Richardson, and Chara Sargeant (Bulletin)

Sunday Mass times May:

Saturday 5^{PM} St. Benedict
Sunday 9^{AM} St. Michael's
Sunday 11^{AM} Canadian Martyrs

Weekday Mass times (year round):

Tuesday 6:30^{PM} Haven
Wednesday 10:30^{AM} Nursing Home
Wednesday 1:30^{PM} Bethany
Friday 9^{AM} St. Michael's

Low-gluten communion hosts are available. Please see Fr. before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11^{AM} - 12^{PM} (noon) – St. Michael's
Sat: 4:30^{PM} - 4:55^{PM}– 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^{AM} to 9^{AM} (Except for 1st Friday of the month, when it is after Mass: 9:30^{AM} to 12^{PM})

St. Michael's Haven: Every first Tuesday of the month, 5:30^{PM} to 6:30^{PM}

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 May 3rd – 11th

May 3rd – First Saturday **9^{AM} - Rosary**

9:30^{AM} - Mass
St. Michael's: In reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

May 3rd-Saturday 5^{PM}
St. Benedict: John Lange+/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

May 4th - Sunday 9^{AM}
St. Michael's: Gerald Saxinger+/ Lyle & Audrey Kleiter

May 4th –Sunday 11^{AM}
Canadian Martyrs: Joe MacLeod+/ Philip Renneberg

May 6th –Tues. 6:30^{PM}
St. Michael's Haven: Gerald Saxinger+/ Lorraine Young



May 7th -Wed. 10:30^{AM}
Cudworth Nursing Home:

John Lange+/ Elaine Kurtenback

May 7th –Wed. 1:30^{PM}
Bethany: Helen Kemfoly+/ Mel Osolinsky

May 9th -Friday 9^{AM}
St. Michael's: Jeff Trischuk & Family/ St. Michael's Parish

May 10th-Saturday 5^{PM}
St. Benedict: John Lange+/ Norm & Jean Wilde

May 11th - Sunday 9^{AM}
St. Michael's: Eleonore Saxinger+/ Catherine, Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth & Families

May 11th –Sunday 11^{AM}
Canadian Martyrs: Audrey Reaser+/ Morris & Gen Trischuk

May is the Month of the Our Lady

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – May: Sunday 9^{AM}

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

Parish Council: Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo 2nd. **Term:** Grace Jungwirth (Chair), Glen Lingel (Vice Chair), Teresa Richardson (Secretary), Vince Dierker (K of C Representative), Stuart Kolla (Maintenance), Kyle Slobodian 1st. **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 – Thursday May 8th

Rosary: 7 PM **Meeting:** 7:30 PM



CWL –



Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20th @ 7:15

Parish Council -

Next meeting: Wednesday May 7th @ 7:00 PM

**New Office Hours for St. Michael's
Parish starting in May**

Tuesday (9^{AM} - 12^{PM}(noon)),

Thursday(9^{AM} - 4^{PM}),

Friday (9^{AM} - 12^{PM} (noon))

**PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING FOR 2025:
Sunday May 4th Mass**

Fr. Benjamin will be away May 12th –
16th for a Priest Retreat

**Please pray for our upcoming
Confirmation Candidates.**

~ Abby Broad ~ Brody Broad
~ Kalli Jungwirth ~ Leo Hoffman
~ Rhett Hauber ~ Jax Slobodian
~ Peyton Chelack ~ Emma Hauber
~ Camryn Stewart ~ Gage Kolla
~ Waylon Leuschen ~ Wyatt Leuschen
~ Hailey Hadland



**Confirmation with Bishop Mark
Hagemoen is set for Friday May 16th @ 7^{PM}**



Children's Liturgy



Check out the Facebook page for
updates on Sunday School!

Sunday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 4th

Rosary: Vince **Ushers:** Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Grace

Servers: Camryn & Brady

Readers: 1st – Morris, 2nd – John v., **POF** – Doreen

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Morris

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

Prayer Shawl
Blessing

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 11th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James, Clarence

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Brianna, Jax, Kennedy

Readers: 1st – Kim, 2nd – James, **POF** – Heide

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

**Friday May 16th @ 7^{PM} - Confirmation with
Bishop Mark Hagemoen**

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 18th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** Danny, Darrel

Screens: Grace J. **Servers:** Eric, Leo, Alynn

Readers: 1st – Garry, 2nd – Don, **POF** – Bernadette

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Heide

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 25th

Rosary: Vince **Ushers:** Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Jill **Servers:** Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – Lee, 2nd – Teresa, **POF** – John K.

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Vince

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9^{AM} – Sunday, June 1st

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James, Clarence

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Brianna, Jax, Kennedy

Readers: 1st – John v., 2nd – Garry,

Prayer of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

Do You Believe This? A Journey through the Nicene Creed

Online Bible Study

Starting May 6, this study will be held on Zoom and livestreamed through YouTube, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during May, from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

May 6: The fatherhood and care of God who rules the universe - Rev. Karen Stepko (Lutheran ELCIC)

May 7: Creation as God's work - Rev. Paul Matheson (Baptist)

May 13: The Incarnation of the Son - Rev. Christine Burton (Anglican)

May 14: The Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus - Bishop Jakob Palm (Evangelical Orthodox)

May 20: The Holy Spirit, the giver of life and joy - Rev. Carmen Kampman (Pentecostal)

May 21: The Church: Community of believers - Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall (United)

May 27: Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of the Lord - Stephanie Molloy (Roman Catholic)

May 28: Waiting for the Kingdom and the life to come - Rev. Josh Wallace (Mennonite)

Presented by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, <https://www.pcecumenism.ca>, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Regina. Contact Cathryn Wood at admin@pcecumenism.ca for further details

Summer Pilgrimages 2025

Blumenfeld Pilgrimage – Sunday June 8th

Grosswerder Pilgrimage – Friday June 13th

Cudworth Pilgrimage - June 14th & 15th

Reward Pilgrimage – Sunday July 13th

Carmel Pilgrimage – Sunday July 20th

St. Laurent Pilgrimage – July 15th/16th/Aug 15th/Sept 8th

Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage to Rama – Aug. 11th – 14th

80th Annual Rama Pilgrimage – Aug 14th & 15th

Pilgrimage to Millennium Pro-Life Cross – Sept 14th

Priests' Pension & Retirement Fund

Please consider making a gift to the Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund in gratitude for the dedicated priests who have been and continue to be our spiritual leaders and friends. A mail-in form was included in a recent Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation newsletter or go online for more information or to donate at:

<https://dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund/> or contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1; (306) 659-5846.

Cudworth Pilgrimage – June 14th & 15th

Come join us on our Pilgrimage! The Ukrainian Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Cudworth Saskatchewan is celebrating the Jubilee Year on June 14th and 15th 2025. Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can find details at www.hillofsorrows.com.

June 14th 2025

Pilgrimage walk from Bodnari (25km) 10^{AM}

Pilgrimage walk from Spasa (5km) 5^{PM}

Confessions will be available in Ukr. and English

Vespers 7^{PM}

Stations of the Cross 8^{PM}

June 15th 2025

Confessions will be available in Ukr. and English

Martins 10^{AM}

Divine Liturgy 11^{AM}

Lunch (Food Available for Purchase) 1^{PM}

Grave Blessings (Cudworth & Spasa) 3^{PM}

Please register online if you are planning to go on the Pilgrimage Walk from Bodnari as the schedule is liable to change.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows has origins going back to the earliest days of Ukrainian settlement in Saskatchewan when, in 1909, a beautiful woman in white appeared to three children on the hill. It is the second oldest Shrine in Saskatchewan and the only one associated with a story of an apparition.

We honor the Mother of God there each year. You should too!



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

May: Saturday 5^{PM}

June: Sunday 9^{AM}

The annual **Mother's Day walk** will be held in Saskatoon on Sunday May 11th along College Drive between Hospital Drive and Wiggins Ave from 2 - 3^{PM}. Signs are provided for this family friendly event. Refreshments are provided after the walk. Plan now to attend this event to show your support for life from **conception to its natural end**.



Diocesan Prayer - We pray for those who have joined the family of the Catholic Church this Easter, and for all the children preparing to receive sacraments in our diocese, praying that the Holy Spirit guides and nourishes them in their journey.

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday May 3rd

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Saturday May 10th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Saturday May 17th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: Tim

5^{PM} – Saturday May 24th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:

May: Sunday 11^{AM}

June: Saturday 5^{PM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. May 4th @ 11^{AM} Tim & Janine

Sun. May 11th @ 11^{AM} Andrea & Gloria

Sun. May 18th @ 11^{AM} Marj & Janice

Sun. May 25th @ 11^{AM} Tim & Janine

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. May 4th Dorian & Bakers

Sun. May 11th Kenny

Sun. May 18th Tim & Allen

Sun. May 25th Matthew & Ken P

Sun. June 1st Dorian & Bakers

CHURCH CLEANERS:

May: Nora Gies &

Anne Loeffelholz

June: Andrea Baker &

Rhonda Baker

Canadian Martyrs Parish Spring Raffle

\$500 in Coop gift cards to be won

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Draw date: May 4/2025

Please contact Andrea at 306-231-7751 if you wish to purchase a ticket

Canadian Martyr's parish thanks you for the support!

Canadian Martyr's Parish AGM will take place this **Sunday May 4th at 12^{PM} (noon)**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qcd-iogk-smu>

Everyone welcome!

Returning to Spirit: Seeds of Reconciliation



9^{AM} to 4^{PM} Saturday, May 17th Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon

Continuing the Walk: An annual diocesan TRC event for all leaders, and everyone interested in removing barriers to reconciling with themselves and others.

Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/250026341736248> or for more information contact Myron Rogal, diocesan coordinator of Justice and Peace at: (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca

3rd Sunday of Easter: Ultimate Love

“Love is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.” Ann Landers

Every human person's existence is defined within a tripartite drama of love.

- The love the person has for himself or herself,
- the love he or she has for others and,
- the love he or she has for God.

i. The love of self is not evil. How? By love of self, I meant – being appreciative of oneself, who you are, the gifts God blessed you with. (this is in contrast to - ‘Narcissism is a self-centered personality style characterized as having an excessive preoccupation with oneself and one's own needs, often at the expense of others.’)

The love of self is incomplete. It is incomplete because it has its goal as the satisfaction of the ego, the self and this could be very frustrating. It is so because the human person was not created to idolize itself. As St. Paul would say in his letter to the Romans, “No man lives for himself alone and no one dies for himself; if we live, we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord.” (Romans 14:7-9)

ii. The love of neighbour is a Christian art of commitment to the otherness. Though its merit is great because it is selfless and sacrificial; but yet it still lacks that ultimate, deep and divine engagement.

iii. The love of creatures toward God is the **ultimate love**. John O’Brien explained this succinctly when he wrote, “In this sense love is a virtue inclining the will to cherish God for His own sake above all things, and man for the sake of God. It is the virtue which joins us to God in the bonds of the highest friendship so that our will is intimately united with His... This union, begun in this life, finds its completion through the Beatific Vision in heaven. This is the chief joy of heaven and its very essence. Since God has destined our hearts for union with Him, they shall be as restless as the sea until they rest in Him. Deep in our souls is a God-ache which can be appeased only by God.”

Only the person whose heart is filled with the love of God is truly rich. That love comforts him or her in adversity, and endowed him or her with inexhaustible wealth.

Worthy of note is the fact that the above three levels of love are intertwined. The love of self in its frustration longs for a more fulfilling art of love in 'the love of others' (neighbour). And as soon as the self opens up for others in love, this opening ultimately connects the person to his/her Creator. And the love of God, for God's own sake then happens.

When Jesus was being interrogated, mocked and eventually condemned by Pilate; Peter allowed his frailty to rule him, causing him to deny Jesus three times. That was his lowest moment throughout his journey with Jesus. At that moment of denial, Peter allowed 'the love of self' to take control of him.

As for Jesus, he knew that there was another and better side to Peter. Strength and weakness can co-exist in the same person. Jesus kept no record of Peter's denial. But he did ask him to do something for him - to feed the sheep and lambs of his flock, that is, to love and serve his brothers and sisters in the community.

With such request, Jesus purposefully implanted the love of neighbour into Peter to cancel out 'love of self.' The request was made three times cancelling out the three moments he was swearing that he didn't know who Jesus was (John 21:15-17). Peter in his response assured Jesus that he is ready to lead by example.

Today, Jesus, as it were, directs the question of love to each and everyone of us. He throws that challenge today, no longer to Peter, but to you and I. Do you love me?

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo