

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

## Roman Catholic Parishes

### 2 WEEK BULLETIN

January 26<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time) – February 9<sup>th</sup> (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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### **Sunday Mass times February:**

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

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

Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup> St. Benedict

### **Weekday Mass times (year round):**

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

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

Wednesday 1:30<sup>PM</sup> Bethany

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

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

**All weekday and confessions are postponed until February 8<sup>th</sup> when Fr. Benjamin returns.**

Fr. Benjamin has arrived safely at his mothers.

### **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.

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

### **ALL MASS INTENTIONS January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

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

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

**St. Michael's:** Barbara Lepitzki+/ Catherine, Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth & Families

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> –Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**Canadian Martyrs:** Elizabeth Caillon+/ Val & Murray Milne  
**Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**  
**Canadian Martyrs:** Leon Grilz (healing)

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

**St. Michael's:** Ambrose Levesque (blessing & protection)/ Graeme Levesque

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> –Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**St. Benedict:** Roydon Gruending+/Audrey and Ray Blais

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

**Canadian Martyrs:** Henry Kohle+/ Bob Reaser

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

**St. Michael's:** Alma & Almer Weisensel+/ Mary Weisensel

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> –Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**St. Benedict:** Marion Kuemper+/ Val Kuemper



### **THE JUBILEE PRAYER**

(from Pope Francis):

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee re-awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



**ST. MICHAEL'S** -503 Main Street,  
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0  
Mass Time – February: Sunday 9<sub>AM</sub>

*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 February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM  
Rosary: 7 PM

**CWL –**

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 PM

**Parish Council -**

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

**Coffee Sunday – Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> after 9<sub>AM</sub> Mass**

*Charitable receipts are ready for  
pick-up in the east entrance.*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed!  
Tuesday's at the Haven, from 1 - 2 PM.  
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.

**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.**

**Warm-up location seeking donations**

The overnight warm-up centre for men at St.  
Mary Parish in Saskatoon needs some items  
for its guests, including parkas, blankets,  
mitts, toques, and men's winter boots. New or  
gently-used items can be dropped off at St.  
Mary's Rectory at 211 Ave. O S, Saskatoon,  
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 to 4  
p.m. More info: contact the parish at  
(306) 244-2983.

**Sunday Mass Ministries**

**9<sub>AM</sub> – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

Rosary: Vince

Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Ann

Servers: Brianna, Camryn, Brady

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> – Teresa, 2<sup>nd</sup> – John K.,

**Prayers of the Faithful – Doreen**

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, & Tammy

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

**9<sub>AM</sub> – Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rosary: Phil

Ushers: Danny, Darrel

Screens: Grace L.

Servers: Chelsea, Jax, Kennedy

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> – Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Garry,

**Prayers of the Faithful – Bernadette**

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

**9<sub>AM</sub> – Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Glen

Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Grace J.

Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> – John v., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heide,

**Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine**

Offerings: John & Audrey

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

**9<sub>AM</sub> – Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Vince

Ushers: James, Clarence

Screens: Ann

Servers: Eric, Leo, Alynne

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> – James, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara,

**Prayers of the Faithful – Kim**

Offerings: James & Kim

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

# February is the Month of the Passion of Our Lord



## Devotion of the Month

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind. Saints who had a special devotion to Christ's passion include St. Francis of Assisi, who was the first known saint to receive the stigmata; St. John of the Cross; St. Bridget of Sweden; and St. Catherine of Siena.

## Happy New Year from the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

We appreciate your continued support of the BAA to fund all ministry programs. We are excited to share that, thanks to a generous donor's contribution of \$100,000 through the foundation, along with our recurring gifts until June 2025, we have raised a total of \$1,189,536.00.

Thank you for your unwavering support; remember, the campaign runs until June, and cheques for parishes will be generated and distributed on Admin Day 2025.

### BAA Total given for 2024

St. Michael's - \$8564.00

Canadian Martyr's - \$1550.00

St. Benedict - \$1790.00

Thank you to all that donated

## “Come and See” - Has the thought of becoming a Sister ever crossed your mind?

The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary are inviting young women (18+) to a Come and See weekend from Feb 14th at 7pm to Feb 17th at 3pm. This retreat will be held at Mary's House, 141 Dalhousie Crescent, here in Saskatoon. This is an opportunity to discern God's call in your life and to learn more about the spirituality and charism of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. For more information or to register, please contact Sr. April Mireau, pm at 306-531-9937 (cell) or [aprilmireau@gmail.com](mailto:aprilmireau@gmail.com). If you are interested, please register by Feb 8th. Come away for a weekend with Jesus. It starts on Valentine's Day!

The World Day of Consecrated Life is marked on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: all are welcome to a special Mass to pray for those in consecrated life at 11<sup>AM</sup> Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, followed by fellowship. (Mass will also be live-streamed at

## A Catholic Approach to Outreach

**10<sup>AM</sup> to 4<sup>PM</sup> Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Cathedral of the Holy Family 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

Explore what it means for Catholics to serve our neighbors, what motivates us, and how to do it! This workshop is focused on respectful ways to encounter and serve those who are houseless or facing poverty. It includes presentations by Catholic Street Missionaries, Salvation Army leaders, and others. Whether you are volunteering in a parish or serving in a local agency, this workshop is intended to inspire and provide practical tools. Cost is \$15 to cover lunch.

To register please go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/250016013849248>

## Lenten Retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin

March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Spend the first weekend of Lent 2025 on retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK.

Family friendly retreat (retreat sessions geared towards adults/teens). Free session registration for children under 15 with paid adult registration. Free Childcare is provided for children 5 and under.

**On-site meals and accommodations available. Programming runs 7:00<sup>PM</sup> Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> (check-in after 2<sup>PM</sup>) – 12<sup>PM</sup> Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

More information and early registration at [www.StTherese.ca/events](http://www.StTherese.ca/events) or 306-369-2555





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

**Mass Times:**  
**February: Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**  
**March: Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

**Awaken adult faith program:**

**“Gospel Encounters with Jesus”**

- Registration is underway for this series to be held at 7<sup>PM</sup> on four Tuesday evenings:

Cost is \$40 for all four sessions in the series.

- Feb. 18 with Fr. David Tumback, held at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon;
- Feb. 25 with Fr. Gerard Cooper, held at the Catholic Centre, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon (2nd floor, Holy Family Cathedral);
- March 4 with Bishop Mark Hagemoen, Catholic Centre;
- March 11 with Sr. Marta Piano, VDMF, Catholic Centre

Register for this Adult Faith “Awaken’ four-part series at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2025> or contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858 or amalas@rcdos.ca. (Adult Faith formation is supported by

**Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries**

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ushers:** Reg  
**Sacristan:** Reg  
**Cross Bearer:** Reg  
**Readings and Prayers of the Faithful:** LeeAnn

**11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Ushers:** Laverne  
**Sacristan:** Laverne  
**Cross Bearer:** Colleen  
**Servers:** Draude’s  
**Readings and Prayers of the Faithful:** LeeAnn

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ushers:** Reg  
**Sacristan:** Reg  
**Cross Bearer:** Reg  
**Readings and Prayers of the Faithful:** LeeAnn



**CANADIAN MARTYR'S**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Street North  
 Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

**Mass Times:**  
**February: Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**  
**March: Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

**READERS / COLLECTION:**

Sun. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup> Tim & Janine  
 Sat. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Andrea & Gloria  
 Sat. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Marj & Janice  
 Sat. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup> Tim & Janine

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE:**

Sun. January 26<sup>th</sup> Tim & Allen  
 Sun. February 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew & Ken P  
 Sun. February 9<sup>th</sup> Lisa & Michael  
 Sun. February 16<sup>th</sup> Dorian & Bakers

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

**February:** Angela Reiter,  
 Rosanne Griffin  
**March:** Michelle Mertz,  
 Karen Mertz

**Reverence for Life**

Sunday January 26, 2025

**Diocesan Prayer for Reverence for Life**

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank you for the precious gift of human life:

- For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
  - For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,
  - For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
  - For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value,
  - For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
- Like Blessed Mary, may we always say “yes” to Your gift.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect and cherish it from conception to its natural end.

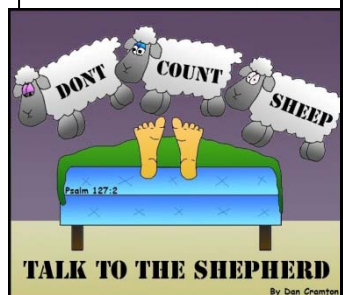
And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen

Find a Reverence for Life message from Bishop Mark Hagemoen at [www.rcdos.ca](http://www.rcdos.ca)

Reverence for Life is supported by gifts to the BAA

**Prayer** 

Ever-present God,  
 give us the grace to  
 remember your love  
 and care for us when  
 we are faced with  
 difficulties and  
 uncertainty. We pray  
 in Jesus’ name.  
 Amen. The Redemptorists





Ukrainian Catholic  
Eparchy of Edmonton  
*Come Follow Me*

## WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE CONCERNING MEDIUMS/SPIRITS?

**Answered by:** Fr. Mike Bombak

Full question: Hello! I have a question about mediums/spiritists. My mother-in-law claims to be a medium. She has many times, “spoken with the dead”, on behalf of others. We, lovingly, engaged her on this, providing numerous scriptural references, explaining that it is forbidden. As we are protestant (my wife and I), she just dismissed our references and stated that her Roman Catholic upbringing made clear that these activities were acceptable. While I am aware that there are seven books in the Roman Catholic Bible that are not in the protestant Bible, I have a hard time believing (and yes, I speak out of ignorance) that those seven books contradict the other condemnations of this activity. To make things more muddled, she claims that a local Catholic priest condones her behaviour, although, we suspect that this “priest” is a figure she has made up to bolster her view. Could you please clarify the Catholic doctrine concerning mediums/spiritists? Thank you for your time .

Thanks for your question! I’m happy you mentioned the keyword in your response of “lovingly” engaging her. It is always a difficult path to walk with loving correction. I hope that my answer can help you to “speak the truth in love” as St. Paul enjoins us to!

You are correct, the Scriptures are unanimous in condemning the practice of invoking spirits, sometimes called divination. The one which is probably easiest to point to and is common to both Bibles is Deuteronomy 18:10-12: *“Let there not be found among you anyone who causes their son or daughter to pass through the fire, or practices divination, or is a soothsayer, augur, or sorcerer, or who casts spells, consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead.*

*Anyone who does such things is an abomination to the LORD, and because of such abominations the LORD, your God, is dispossessing them before you.”*

As for the seven books in the Catholic Bible that are not in the Protestant version, there are no references that would allow for the practice of consulting mediums.

**THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES:** *“All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to ‘unveil’ the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.”* (CCC 2116).

So in other words, this practice and the others listed above remain wrong in that they forget that God is the Lord of life and death and seek to have power in a source who is not God. The evil one and his servants can take advantage of this desire for their own ends, and because of this, it should be avoided.

All this being said however, we Catholics (Eastern and Western) believe that our prayers are efficacious for those who have “fallen asleep in the Lord.” Our lives here are not the end of the story and so we sing “eternal memory,” a special prayer for the dead, asking God for His eternal remembrance of our departed loved ones. We also pray for the forgiveness of their sins in the hope that we will see them once again in the Lord’s coming Kingdom. Christ has destroyed death by His death and therefore we are given the possibility of not being separated from Him even in death, as well as the special obligation to pray for our family and friends who have died.

I hope this helps clarify things a little bit! Thanks for the question and God bless you and your family!

— END OF ARTICLE —

For more information on this topic, there is an excellent book by Moira Noonan called “Ransomed from Darkness.” Moira was a psychic/medium who converted to Catholicism and speaks extensively on the spiritual dangers of New Age. She can also be found online at: <http://www.moiranoonan.org/>