

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

January 4th 2025(The Epiphany of the Lord) – January 12th (The Baptism of the Lord)

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Sunday Mass times January:

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 January 4th – 12th

Jan. 4th – 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

Jan. 4th - Saturday 5^{PM}

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

Jan. 5th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Joe MacLeod+/ Eugene & Grace Jungwirth

Jan. 5th –Sunday 11^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Leon Grilz (healing)

Father Benjamin is on vacation to Nigeria till February 7th.

Jan. 11th - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Michael Martinka+/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

Jan. 12th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Joseph and Diana Kolla+/ Don & Kathleen

Jan. 12th –Sunday 11^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Mass of Thanksgiving/ Gordon & Gwendolyn Zakreski



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 – January: 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 –

Next meeting: Thursday January 9th @ 7:30^{PM}
Rosary: 7^{PM}



CWL –

Next meeting: Tuesday January 21st, @ 7:15^{PM}



Parish Council -

Next meeting: Wednesday February 12th @ 7:00^{PM}

Coffee Sunday – Jan. 26th after 9^{AM} Mass



Rosary Prayer Group(MMP)

www.mmpcanada.ca

Thurs, January 16th @ 3^{PM} – St. Michael's
Thurs, January 23rd @ 3^{PM} – St. Benedict

*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^{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.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family
for a spirit of humble worship, that all of us may
bring everything that we are to adore Jesus Christ
in the Eucharist, sharing in the devotion of the
Magi who came to adore Him bringing their gifts.

Sunday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday, January 5th

Rosary: Vince
Ushers: Edward & Leonard
Screens: Ann
Servers: Chelsea, Jax, Kennedy
Readers: 1st – Catherine, 2nd - Lee,
Prayers of the Faithful – Heide
Offerings: Edward & Leonard
Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

9^{AM} – Sunday, January 12th

Welcomers: John & Audrey
Rosary: Phil
Ushers: James & Clarence
Screens: Grace L.
Servers: Chelsea & Brianna
Readers: 1st – Barbara, 2nd – John v.,
Prayers of the Faithful – Morris
Offerings: John & Audrey
Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9^{AM} – Sunday, January 19th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz
Rosary: Glen
Ushers: Danny & Darrel
Screens: Jill
Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke
Readers: 1st – Kim, 2nd – James,
Prayers of the Faithful – Kathleen
Offerings: James & Kim
Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9^{AM} – Sunday, January 26th

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine
Rosary: Vince
Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard
Screens: Ann
Servers: Brianna, Camryn, Brady
Readers: 1st – Teresa, 2nd – John K.,
Prayers of the Faithful – Doreen
Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, & Tammy
Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine



St. Michael's Christmas Flower Memorial Donations



Thank you for the following donations towards the Christmas Flowers

In Memory Of

Donated By:

- Tony & Harlinda Koenning
- Dave Hauber, Joe & Emily Frank, Caroline Kalthoff
- Deceased members of Weisensel & Hrbacheck families
- Leon, Marie, & Raymond Beauregard
- Louis Medernach
- Herman Nienaber
- Victor, Catherine, & Denis Jungwirth and Josef, Maria, Dieter Poschmann
- Deceased members of the Bantle & Kasun Families
- Richard & Yolande Dierker
- Palchinski & Cooper Families
- Deceased members of the Kolla, Saxinger, Reaser, & Lobl Families
- Deceased members of the Mazurkewich Family
- Deceased members of Billesberger & Andre Families
- Joe, Dina, & Muriel Kolla and Knut & Mary Kjorlien

- Sandy, Kim, Ron Koenning & Families
- Delores Hauber & Family
- Mary Weisensel
- Roger Beauregard
- Leona Medernach & Family
- Barbara Nienaber & Family
- Clarence & Margaret Jungwirth Bantle Family
- Vince & Tammy Dierker
- Clarence & Elenore Palchinski
- Darrell & Heide Kolla & Family
- Catherine & Garry Mazurkewich
- Leo & Darlene Billesberger
- Don & Kathleen Kolla

Lenten Retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin ~ March 7th – 9th

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^{PM} Friday March 7th (check-in after 2^{PM}) – 12^{PM} Sunday, March 9th.

More information and early registration at www.StTherese.ca/events or 306-369-2555

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2025

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resources are now available for download at www.weekofprayer.ca.

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) was prepared by the monastic community of Bose in Northern Italy, "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26), taking its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus. On the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is our source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Planned celebrations in Saskatoon include:

- Saturday, Jan. 18 - "Singing into Unity" event.
- Monday, Jan. 20 to Friday, Jan. 24 - Prayer services and breakfasts at local churches.
- Thursday, Jan. 23 - U of S Campus Service.
- Sunday, Jan. 26 - Ecumenical Worship Service.

"Here Comes Nicea 2025" - DeMargerie Series for Christian Reconciliation and Unity

Named in honour of the late Fr. Bernard de Margerie, this annual series will be held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall, Professor Emeritus of Church History and Ecumenics, St. Andrew's College exploring "Nicea 2025".

DeMargerie Lectures online and live-streamed:

- Saskatoon - "Are We Ready for Visible Unity?" held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at St. Thomas More College.
- Regina - "Are We ready to Share Apostolic Faith Tradition?" held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at Champion College.

DeMargerie Public Workshop in-person only:

"Taking Nicea Home: Are We Ready to Let it Shape Parish Life?" will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 25 at Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1406 Alexandra Ave., Saskatoon (light lunch to follow.) Watch for more details or contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism at (306) 653-1633 or admin@pcecumenism.ca



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

January: Saturday 5^{PM}

February: Sunday 11^{AM}

Awaken adult faith program:

“Gospel Encounters with Jesus”

- Registration is underway for this series to be held at 7^{PM} 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 gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.*)

Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday January 4th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude’s

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: Vera Lucia

5^{PM} – Saturday January 11th

Ushers: Reg

Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Saturday January 18th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude’s

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:

January: Sunday 11^{AM}

February: Saturday 5^{PM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Jan 5th @ 11^{AM} Tim & Janine
Sun. Jan 12th @ 11^{AM} Andrea & Gloria
Sun. Jan 19th @ 11^{AM} Marj & Janice
Sun. Jan 26th @ 11^{AM} Tim & Janine

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. January 5th Lisa & Michael
Sun. January 12th Dorian & Bakers
Sun. January 19th Kenny
Sun. January 26th Tim & Allen

CHURCH CLEANERS:

January: Lisa Bernard,
Tamara Carroll
February: Angela Reiter,
Rosanne Griffin

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Devotion of the Month

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child’s name should be called Jesus, meaning “God Saves.” According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God’s covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus’ sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram “IHS,” (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

The Feast of Epiphany

The feast of Epiphany is the manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world. Jesus cannot be hidden. He is the shining star, the sun whose rays enlightens every part of the earth and dispels the darkness shrouding the world.

In the Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12), the Magi were led by a star to the small town of Bethlehem. The star led the wise men to the *Star of Jacob*; and they found the new born king through whom God would light up the world. Though coming from a land that worshipped stars, they surrendered that religion as they fell down and worshipped him, who made the stars.

Unfortunately, it is increasingly difficult for the modern man to worship the Giver of gifts instead of the gifts. Modern man worships –

- money instead of God who blesses everyone (Psalm 107:38).
- technology instead of He who grants intelligence (Sirach 17:7).
- fame/popularity instead of He who gives life (Sirach 34:16-17)

When the Magi entered the palace of King Herod to make inquiries(Matthew 2:2), Herod was terrified and became uneasy. This Herod was an Edomite, made king of Judea by Augustus and Antonius, the then chief rulers of the Roman state. Herod was a man made up of falsehood and cruelty; cruel even to his immediate family.

The news of the new born king troubled Herod deeply. He had the notion that the kingdom of the Messiah would clash and interfere with his powers or the worst unseat him. The Magi never knew that Herod was an enemy. But having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod so they went home through another route.

In our world today, some people will return to Herod not minding the earlier warnings. They will return for what they will gain. Even if they realized that Herod was evil, they will still find excuses to meet with him so far there is something to profit from the visit.

We have a lot to learn from the story of the Magi:

Symbolic Journey:The journey of the Magi is symbolic. It is a symbol of the spiritual journey of each one of us. It was not without difficulties that the Magi came to believe in Jesus. The trip was long and hard. It is equally with great difficulties that many today struggle with their spiritual journey toward God, and we should pray for those whose struggle is hard.

Docility:The Magi followed a star, which led them to a place of overwhelming joy where they found the new born king with his mother – Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. When they saw him, they knelt down before Jesus and worshipped him. This was an early instance of Christ's victory over the devil, when those who had been star-gazers and of different religion, became the early adorers of the infant Jesus.They paid him homage by gifting him from their treasure chest – Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Gifts fit for a king.

Eternity:The journey of the Magi is the emblem of a Christian life understood in the terms of detachment, following, and being faithful to the end (eternal life). The three kings left their comfort in search of the revealed truth from God by the means of a star. Anyone who remains tied to that which is material, cannot become a pilgrim towards the eternal life.

Truth:This story also reminds us of the need to become pilgrims of the truth. The action of Herod did not deter the Magi from continuing in their search for the truth. The truth that brings about peace, contentment and joy. The truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo