

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

March 22nd (Fifth Sunday of Lent) – March 29th (Palm Sunday)

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Sunday Mass times March:

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

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 March 21st – March 29th

Mar. 21st – Sat 5:00^{PM}

St. Benedict: Alphonse Schlosser+/Vince & Tammy Dierker

Mar. 22nd - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Ben Pomedli+/Janice Martin

Mar. 22nd – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Rosella Schwark +/Ida Rose Wilde

Mar. 24th – Tues 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: James Anthon Bohn+/Bud & Joyce Zimmer

Mar. 25th – Wed 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Wolffe Family (healing & blessing)/ Wolffe Brothers

Mar. 25th – Wed 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Verik Simanton & Family/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

Mar. 27th - Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Linus Hackl+/Jim & Liz Wilde

Mar. 28th - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Loreen Waldbillig+/Leon Medernach

Mar. 29th - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Calrence Palchinski+/Mary Weisensel

Mar. 29th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Roman Kleiter+/Elaine Loeffelholz & Family

Easter Confession

Easter Penitential Service March 26th at 7PM (St. Michael's)

SHARE LENT

The fifth Sunday of Lent, **March 22nd**, is Solidarity Sunday and the annual Share Lent collection will be taken up. There will be a presentation that Sunday on the symbols of solidarity.

The theme of this year's campaign is *On Track for Justice*. There is a special envelope for this in the box of receipts parishioners receive.



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – March: Sunday 11^{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, Chris Jungwirth
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 –

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



CWL – Next meeting: April 21st at the Haven



Parish Council – Wed. April 15th @ 7 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 5 PM in
St. Michael's Parish



For updates & additions to the bulletin:

Contact Noelle Kolla at smcudworth@rcdos.ca

Email requests are preferred, but I can also be reached at 306-717-5547. Content deadline for bulletin submissions is **Wednesday 6PM** to make it into the current week's bulletin.

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

Anyone wanting to be picked up should contact the Parish Office (306) 256-3218 or Liz Wilde (306) 256-3673

Pick-up starts 1 hour before Mass

Good Friday

Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land as well as the upkeep of the Holy Sites. It helps to ensure the presence of Church and peace in this land.

We invite you to give generously

Sunday Mass Ministries

11^{AM} – Sunday, March 22nd

Welcomers: John & Audrey

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Camryn, Brady

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

Offerings: James & Kim **Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine

Eucharistic Minister: Morris, Barbara

11^{AM} – Palm Sunday, March 29th

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** Edward & Leonard

Screens: Grace **Servers:** Chelsea & Nora

Readers: 1st – Teresa, 2nd – Don, **POF** – Kathleen

Offerings: Bernadette, Tammy, Roger

Eucharistic Minister: Heide, Kathleen

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

730PM – Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James & Clarence

Screens: TBD **Servers:** Brianna, Brady, Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – Tammy, 2nd – John K, **POF** – Catherine

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Danny, Morris

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

3PM – Good Friday, April 3rd

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** Darrell & Garry

Screens: TBD **Servers:** Brady, Nora, Chelsea

Readers: Narrator – Lee, 2nd – Barbara, **POF** – Bernadette

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Clarence

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

8:30PM – Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), April 4th

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** Edward & Leonard

Screens: TBD **Servers:** Brianna, Chelsea, Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – John V., 2nd – Teresa, 3rd – Morris, 4th – Doreen 5th –

Garry, 6th – Heide, 7th – Don, 8th (**Epistle**) – James

Prayers of the Faithful – Kim **Offerings:** James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Roger, Heide

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

EASTER BINGO
SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY MARCH 22

CHILDREN'S BINGO
DOORS: 4:30
GAMES: 5:00 - 6:00

TURKEY & HAM BINGO
DOORS: 6:30
GAMES: 7:00



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with screens for mass. Screens are made on powerpoint and training is provided. Please consider joining this ministry, it takes approx. 15-30 min of your time on your assigned week.

CONTACT JILL IF INTERESTED 306-233-7788



2026 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ March 29th

St. Benedict 5pm | Canadian Martyrs 9am | St. Michael's 11am

Holy Thursday ~ April 2nd

St. Benedict 5pm | St. Michael's 7:30pm

Good Friday ~ April 3rd

Way of the Cross (inside the town of Cudworth) 10am

St. Michael's 3pm | Canadian Martyrs 5:30pm

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) ~ April 4th

St. Michael's 8:30pm

Easter Sunday ~ April 5th

St. Benedict 8:30am | Canadian Martyrs 10am | St. Michael's 12pm

We continue to pray for Hailey Kraft as she prepares for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.



Adult Baptism: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Rite of Acceptance
- Rite of Sending
- Rite of Election
- First Scrutiny Sunday **March 15th**
- Second Scrutiny Sunday **March 15th**
- Third Scrutiny Sunday **March 22nd**

-That she may be given the faith to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the resurrection and life.

-May she be filled with the hope of life-giving Spirit, and prepare herself for the birth to new life.

- Easter Vigil: Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Saturday **April 4th**

AGM

Save the date for our upcoming AGM



More details to follow closer to the date.

St. Michael's Haven Annual Spring Donation Breakfast

March 29th at the Cudworth Community Hall
9:30AM – 1:00PM
\$15 per person





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

Mass Times:
March: Saturday 5^{PM}
April: Sunday 9^{AM}



Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday March 21st
Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg
Cross Bearer: Reg
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Palm Sunday March 29th
Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg
Cross Bearer: Reg
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Holy Thursday April 2nd
Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne
Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

8:30^{AM} – Easter Sunday April 5th
Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg
Cross Bearer: Reg Servers:
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

Please keep these candidates in your prayers, as they prepare for the
Sacrament of Confirmation

Duke Draude
 Cruz Draude
 Cheyenne Jensen
 Brody Hauser
 Grayson Bernard



CANADIAN MARTYR'S
 1st Street North
 Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:
March: Sunday 9^{AM}
April: Saturday 5^{PM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Mar. 22nd @ 9^{AM} Marj & Lynne
 Sun. Mar. 29th @ 9^{AM} Tim & Janine
 Fri. Apr. 3rd @ 5:30^{PM} Andrea & Gloria
 Sun. Apr. 5th @ 10^{AM} Marj & Lynne

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Mon March 23rd Kenny & Hap
 Mon March 30th Tim & Allen
 Mon April 6th Matthew & Ken P
 Mon April 13th Dorian & R. Baker
 Mon April 20th Chris & Debbie

CHURCH CLEANERS:

March: Michelle Mertz & Karen Mertz
April: Lisa Parsons & Lisa Demers

Please maintain any flowers, solar lights, and anything else placed in the cemetery at a grave site. Please try to place objects in a way as not to impede the cemetery grass mowing and maintenance for the volunteers looking after the cemetery. It can add a lot of time and effort on the volunteer's part if items left at grave sites are left to deteriorate. Thank you, God Bless!

Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (C-218, **The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



SCAN ME

Go to this site to sign the petition: <https://fs30.forms.site.com/secureonlineform/odgrfnrxvf/index?zlinkid=b0626762-e8f6-48ea-8feb-30041c56ca3c>

5th Sunday of Lent: Abandoned by Jesus

“Anybody can become angry - that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way - that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.” Aristotle

The desolation experienced by Martha and Mary is one many of us have experienced. And when something bad happens to us or to a loved one, we can't help thinking that if God really cared about us, if he really loved us, then he wouldn't have allowed this thing to happen. We feel abandoned by God. We feel he has left us alone.

In the village of Bethany Jesus had three special friends - Martha and Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. When Lazarus got sick, it was only natural that the first one the two sisters should turn to for help was Jesus. They sent an urgent message to him, which said simply, “Lord, the man you love is ill” (John 11:3). Their hope was that he would drop everything, come and cure him.

But surprisingly Jesus stayed put where he was for two days, rather than rush to the bed-side of his dying friend. Instead, he stayed on where he was for two whole days. We don't know why. His delay in coming must have been heart-breaking for the sisters. Right in front of their eyes their brother's life was ebbing away. And the one they believed could do something about it wasn't there.

Well, Lazarus died. And the two sisters were deeply hurt. While they had sympathetic people around them, the one they most wanted to be with them was not there. Jesus, their friend and the friend of Lazarus, was absent. And when he finally came, Martha suggested that he could have prevented this death, ‘Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died’ (John 11:21).

Today, some people are upset or angry with God, for being absent when they needed him most. Such people are mad at God to the point that they shut God out of their life; giving him little or no access, should he arrive late as in the case of Lazarus. Robert Green Ingersoll said, “Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.”

When we are hurting, suffering or grieving, it seems as though God is absent. But when we pray we come to realise that God is not absent, but is present in our suffering. God is with us as our hope in adversity, and our strength in weakness.

We must try to imitate Martha. The story presents her as a model of faith. In her hour of grief, she ran to the Lord and poured out her sorrow to him. And when he challenged her to believe, she made a wonderful profession of faith, ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world’ (John 11:27).

This gospel portrays Jesus as a faithful friend. It shows that even in death we are not beyond the reach of his help. He didn't leave Martha and Mary to grieve alone, although he showed up late. He came to them at the height of their grief, shared their sorrow, and gave them hope by announcing eternal life to those who believe in him.

Jesus does not leave us alone either. He surrounds us with the love and support of the community. And he challenges us to have faith in himself, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die (*eternally*)’ (John 11:25).

Jesus understands the anguish caused by death. He experienced it himself. He overcame death, not by avoiding it, but by undergoing it and overcoming it. Thus, he has become a pathfinder and a beacon of hope for us.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord