

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

April 20th (Easter Sunday) – April 27th (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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Sunday Mass times April:

Saturday 5^{PM} Canadian Martyrs

Sunday 9^{AM} St. Benedict

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 April 19th – 27th

April 19th -Holy Saturday

St. Michael's 8:30^{PM}: John Lange+/ Bernadette Lange

April 20th -Easter Sunday

St. Benedict 8:30^{AM}: Bill Tobin+/ Parishioners of St. Benedict

Canadian Martyrs 10^{AM}:

Audrey Reaser+/ Noel & Linda Renneberg

St. Michael's 12^{PM}(noon):

Joycelyn Diederichs+/ Jeff Diederichs

April 22nd –Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Audrey Reaser+/ CWL

April 23rd -Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Eldon Frie+/ Armella Frie

April 23rd –Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Joe MacLeod+/ James & Kim Hauber

April 25th -Friday 9^{AM}

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

April 26th -Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Gerald Saxinger+/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

April 27th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: John Lange+/ Eugene & Grace Jungwirth

April 27th –Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Bernard & Albina Wolffe+/ Wolffe brothers

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, *born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – April: 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

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, April 22nd



**Annual Membership Tea at
St. Michael's Haven**

Rosary @ 6^{PM}; Mass @ 6:30^{PM} followed
by Membership Tea and pin presentation

Parish Council -

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

St. Michael's Parish AGM & Coffee



Sunday April 27th after 11^{AM} Mass in
downstairs assembly room, or

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sxd-twwp-nmw>

News from the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The season for our Prayer Shawl Ministry
crocheters and knitters is coming to the end.
They have once again spent many moments this
winter with wool and hooks in hand.

To all our crocheters: We are having our windup
and "Show and Tell" on April 29th @ 1^{PM} @ the
Haven. Please bring all your shawls you have
made and come join us for our wind up.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING FOR 2025:

Sunday May 4th Mass

We are looking for another person to do screens
Sundays @ St. Michael's. Please consider
joining this ministry. Training provided and to
start as soon as possible. Contact the office if
interested or text Jill @ 306-233-7788

Sunday Mass Ministries

8:30^{PM} – Holy Vigil, (Saturday) April 19th

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

Screens: Grace L.

Servers: Chelsea, Brianna, Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – John v., 2nd – Morris, 3rd – Teresa,

4th – Doreen, 5th – Garry, 6th – Catherine,

7th – Don, 8th (Epistle) – Heide, **POF** – Kim

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Roger

12^{PM} (Noon) – Easter Sunday April 20th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Camryn & Brady

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

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Morris

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

11^{AM} – Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th

Welcomers: Garry, Catherine

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

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

Readers: 1st – Teresa, 2nd – Barbara,

Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Danny

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 4th

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

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

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

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Doreen

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9^{AM} – Sunday, May 11th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Chelsea, Nora

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

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

Children's Liturgy

Sundays @ St. Michaels



The Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy can be said anytime, but Our Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena from **Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday)**. He promised: "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls."

INTENTIONS: For each of the nine days, Our Lord gave St. Faustina a different intention: (Day 1) All mankind, especially sinners; (Day 2) the souls of priests and religious; (Day 3) all devout and faithful souls; (Day 4) those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; (Day 5) the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; (Day 6) the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; (Day 7) the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; (Day 8) the souls detained in Purgatory; and (Day 9) the souls who have become lukewarm.

To learn more and to pray, please visit: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

**Please find a copy of the novena to take home at both entrances...
or take a Divine Mercy book home (page 51-61)**

Easter Prayer

Father of all mercy,
We thank you for this season of grace and light.
We know that sin has blinded us.
Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.
Since you, O God, are light itself,
Give all your people a clearer understanding
Of what is sin, and what is virtue.
Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,
The profound dignity of every human life,
Including the vulnerable unborn children.
Give us grace to defend
Our brothers and sisters in the womb
By our prayers, our words,
And our self-sacrificing actions.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.**



Saskatchewan Pro-life Association

in cooperation with Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan and the Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon are hosting Jonathon Van Maren in Saskatoon on **Tuesday April 22** at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, at 7^{PM}, to speak about his latest book. His book is titled "How we got here: A guide to our Anti-Christian Culture". Jonathon is a columnist, author, speaker, podcaster and activist working with Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) as their Communications Director. After his talk there will be a social evening to speak with him one to one. A free will offering will be accepted, but if you can email campaignlifesk@gmail.com we will ensure there are sufficient appetizers and refreshments for the social part of the evening. For more information contact Louis 306-249-2764

Please pray for our upcoming Confirmation Candidates.

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



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



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

April: Sunday 9^{AM}

May: Saturday 5^{PM}

Easter Flowers in Memory of:

*Lea Hannotte
George Baron
Henry & Susan Wedewer
Rodwen Schneider
Coughlan & Cottim Families
Nick Shewchuk
Nick & Helen Victor
Darlene Martin
Lepinski Family*



Easter Greetings from Bishop Mark Hagemoen and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon! Find a letter and a video Easter message at <https://rcdos.ca>

Sunday Mass Ministries

8:30^{AM} – Easter Sunday April 20th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday April 27th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: Tim

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



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

**Rejoice!
Christ
is Risen!**

Mass Times:

April: Saturday 5^{PM}

May: Sunday 11^{AM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Apr 20th @ 10^{AM} Andrea & Gloria

Sat. Apr 27th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice

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

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

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. April 20th

Sun. April 27th

Sun. May 4th

Sun. May 11th

Sun. May 18th

Tim & Allen

Matthew & Ken P

Dorian & Bakers

Kenny

Tim & Allen (?)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

April: Lisa Parsons &

Lisa Demers

May: Nora Gies &

Anne Loeffelholz

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 Sunday May 4th at 12^{PM}

Google Meet joining info

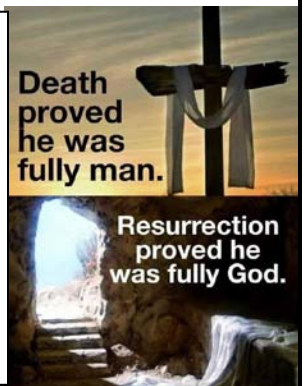
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qcd-iogk-smu>

Everyone welcome!

Prayer



Lord Jesus, as you have been raised, rise in us that we may love others as we are loved and rejoice in this beautiful life. Amen!
Alleluia! *The Redemptorists*



Death proved he was fully man.

Resurrection proved he was fully God.

The annual **March for Life** at the Regina Legislature will be held Thursday May 8th, Rosary at 10:45^{AM}, followed by Mass. The march to the Legislature will begin after Mass. Transportation is provided for anyone who is unable to walk the 2 km march. Car pooling is available for a ride to Regina. Contact Louis for car pooling 306-249-2764.

Holy Saturday: Darkness to Light

“The Resurrection is at the core of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our faith is meaningless.” Joseph B. Wirthlin

We started this Vigil Mass in silence and shadow. Then after the blessing of fire, the Easter Candle is lit by a single flame from the fire. This light then pierced the darkness in the church. It symbolizes how Christ (the light) conquered the darkness that enveloped the world since the fall of Adam and Eve. From that one light, the whole church is illumined. This is not just symbolic, it is the truth of our faith.

In our readings tonight, we journeyed through the history of salvation – from the book of Genesis (the account of creation), to the call of Abraham our father in faith. Then to the rescue of the children of Israel by God by the parting of the Red Sea.

From the promise of a new heart to the hope of restoration. In the readings, we heard God working tirelessly to rescue the human race. God worked to bring life where there is death, light where there is darkness.

The resurrection story started with a shock and surprise. The gospel of Luke tells us that Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James and other women came at early dawn and discovered that the body of Jesus was missing. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. Imagining visiting a cemetery, only to discover that the grave of your loved one was opened – a six feet hole and the casket (remains) missing. A thousand thoughts will shoot through your mind in seconds.

Another shock wave followed when two men in dazzling clothes made an important, confusing and implicating statement - “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!” (Luke 24:5-6)

- The statement is important because it later formed the basis of our salvation history.
- The statement was confusing since the women have not yet recovered from the shock of the empty tomb.
- It was implicating because the two men by showing up at the scene became primary suspects.

In Jesus' resurrection the movement of divine love has been poured forth into the world leading it to integral and total liberation from the past. Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of new life.

Unfortunately, today many people still seek life among dead hopes, broken dreams, empty promises, all those cannot give life. It is only the Risen Christ can give life and he calls us to a new place:

- to the living waters of baptism,
- to the light of faith,
- to the joy of resurrection.

Paul in his letter to the Romans said, “If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.” (Romans 6:8) We were indeed buried with Jesus in waters of baptism. Baptism, especially for the catechumens, signifies the disappearance of the past life, washed away by the water of baptism.

Baptismal vow (which we will all renew after this homily) is a declaration of the acceptance of Christ's lordship. The rite celebrates the separation of believers from their former status and the beginning (continuing) of a process of transformation that will be completed in the future.

Tonight, as we renew our baptismal promises, we say yes to God the Father.

Yes, to dying with Christ — to sin, to fear, to hopelessness.

And yes, to rising with Him — to grace, to love, to eternal life.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

Easter Sunday: The Paschal Mystery

“The cycle of life, as it is usually described, is from life to death; we are born, we live, we die. We are ever in the presence of death, faced with embracing our mortality.” Theresa Cotter

The Paschal Mystery tells us that the complete cycle of life goes from life to life; we are born, we live, we die to be born into eternal life. As we do respond during the mass -

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

For Theresa Cotter, “within our own lives we experience, in the continuous flow of life-to-death-to-life, a foretaste of the Paschal Mystery. We begin one life phase, complete it, go on to another; we enter into relationships that grow, ebb, end, leaving time and space for others. We experience varied conversions and transitions throughout our lifetime.”

Such was what exactly played out in the paschal mystery of Jesus. The women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They had a sad task to perform to complete the embalming of his body. But that was not the only reason they were going to the tomb. They wanted to be near the one who had filled their lives, and whose death plunged them into an inconsolable grief.

We've often done the same thing ourselves. When someone we love dies, we find it hard to accept that he/she is gone from us forever. We feel a need to maintain a link with the one who has died. One of the ways we meet this need is by visits to the grave.

If things had gone as expected that first Easter morning, the women would have embalmed the body of Jesus, closed the tomb again, and come away. But things did not go according to plan. At the tomb they met two angels who said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.’ (Luke 24:5-6)

It was to these faithful women disciples that the Easter message was first given: Jesus is not dead; he is alive. So they must not waste their time looking for him at the tomb. All of us have stood forlornly in graveyards, where everything speaks of death.

Yet it was precisely in such a place that the resurrection was first announced. It was fitting that it was here, where death seems to reign supreme, that the good news of Jesus' resurrection was first announced.

Through the voice of the liturgy, the same message is given to us: Do not look for your loved one in the grave. He/she is not there. Jesus overcame death, not just for himself, but for all of us. He is the first to rise from the dead, but we will follow him. For a Christian, then, there is no such thing as death in the sense of final extinction.

HAPPY EASTER!

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord