

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes (2 Week Bulletin)

August 31st (22nd Sunday in Ordinary time) – September 14th (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

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Sunday Mass times August:

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 Aug. 30th – Sept. 14th

Aug. 30th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Henry Kohle+/ Lambert & Lyla Hering

Aug. 31st - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Dawson DeMong
 Moritz+/ Laverne & Colleen Martinka

Aug. 31st – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Darla Zimmer+/ Eugene & Grace Jungwirth

Sept. 2nd – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Donna Jungwirth+/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

Sept. 3rd - Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Mary Weisensel (Birthday)/ Elaine Kurtenbach

Sept. 3rd – Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Henry Kohle+/ Bob Reaser

Sept. 5th - Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Helga Rodler+/ Catherine, Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth & Families

Sept. 6th – 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

Sept. 6th - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Hilda Lieffers+/ Joe Schewaga

Sept. 7th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Leo

Hoffman/CWL

Sept. 7th – Sunday 11^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Edwin & Lucille Reding+/ The family

Sept. 9th – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Gary Schmidt+/ Mary Weisensel

Sept. 10th - Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Darla Zimmer+/ Carol & Floyd Lingel

Sept. 10th – Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Donna Jungwirth+/ Erwin Saxinger

Sept. 12th - Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Dawson DeMong-Moritz+/ Doreen Regnier

Sept. 13th - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Michael Martinka+/ Laverne & Colleen Martinka

Sept. 14th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Rita Wright+/ Val & Murray Milne

Sept. 14th – Sunday 11^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Gerald Saxinger+/ John & Audrey van der Gracht



*Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15th*



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – August: 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, Sept 11th

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



CWL – Next meeting:

Tuesday, September 16th @ 7:15



Parish Council – To be Assigned @ 7 PM

July Finances 2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 4,290.15
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,107.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 2,466.22
Other income (funeral, Conexus interest)	\$ 604.67
Total Income	\$ 8,468.04
Total Expenses	\$ 10,446.31
Loss for July	~\$ 1,978.27
Property taxes for rectory in total \$ 3,471.67	

"Seeds of Peace and Hope" – The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Monday, Sept. 1 starts the Season of Creation, which continues until the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. Find Pope Leo XIV's message on the Vatican website:

www.vatican.va .

Apostolate of the Precious Blood prayer group will meet at St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church, 1202 Ave. O S., Saskatoon from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in September. The hour consists of the Rosary, followed by the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Chaplet of the Precious Blood and a hymn.

Thanks be to God

Sunday Mass Ministries

11^{AM} – Sunday, August 31st

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

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

Servers: Chelsea, Nora

Readers: 1st – John v., 2nd – Catherine,

Prayers of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Heide, Danny

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9^{AM} – Sunday, September 7th

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

Screens: Grace **Servers:** Camryn, Brady

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

Offerings: Bernadette & Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Morris, Roger

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9^{AM} – Sunday, September 14th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** James, Clarence

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Eric, Leo, Alyn

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

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Heide, Danny

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

9^{AM} – Sunday, September 21st

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** Danny, Darrel

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

Readers: 1st – Teresa, 2nd – Barbara

Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Heide, Barbara, Roger

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9^{AM} – Sunday, September 28th

Welcomers: Garry, Catherine

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

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

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

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Morris, Danny

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa)

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is September 15th.

Prairie Pilgrimages and Shrine Sites

St. Laurent Pilgrimage –September 8th located 12 km directly east of Duck Lake www.sainflaurentshrine.com

An “Aim for Healing” event in the Eparchy of Saskatoon will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Millennium Pro-Life Cross site north of Aberdeen (the day before the annual pilgrimage), including an optional 40-km bike pilgrimage to the site starting at 10 a.m. (registration is required before Sept. 7 by e-mailing: info@millenniumcross.ca). From 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 13 there will then be a 'Head and Heart’ program at the cross site, about deepening faith through the healing of significant relationships, featuring activities, prayer, and speakers. For more information and/or registration e-mail: info@millenniumcross.ca .

Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Millennium Pro-Life Cross Sunday, Sept. 14: The 100-foot cross is located 10.8 km northeast of Aberdeen, SK. on Highway 41. This year's Jubilee Pilgrimage will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 on the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross, and includes praying of the Rosary and keynote speaker Bishop Bryan Bayda of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, with food and fellowship to follow. Bring your rosary, lawn chairs, insect repellent, umbrellas, etc. In the case of inclement weather, watch the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ProLifeMillenniumCross .

St. Philomena Mother-Daughter Retreat

-offers a gentle, whole-person approach to help mothers and daughters discover together God's gift of true femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teachings, and the theology of St. John Paul II, this weekend retreat is geared towards girls ages 11 to 14 years and their moms. The retreat will be presented Sept. 12-14 by Regnum Christi Regina, hosted at St. Peter's Benedictine Abbey at Muenster, SK running from Friday, Sept. 12 at 6^{PM} (no supper provided) to Sunday at 1^{PM} (after lunch). The fee is \$475 per mother-daughter pair, which includes two nights' accommodations at picturesque St. Peter's Abbey, as well as meals and all retreat materials. Register at <https://philomenaretreat.org/> or e-mail any questions to laurencayer@sasktel.net . Regnum Christi is a world-wide Catholic apostolate whose mission is to configure ourselves to Christ and form apostles.





ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

September: **Saturday 5^{PM}**

October: **Sunday 11^{AM}**

What is Returning to Spirit?

Come and find out what this powerful program is all about at this information evening open to all, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. Past participants and staff will share how this program can offer renewed hope and powerful personal transformation, plus tools for effective dialogue, whether in your own family or the community that surrounds you. Everyone welcome! For more info, contact Myron Rogal, at mrogal@rcdos.ca or call Justice and Peace at (306) 659-5841. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/252118291778262>

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday August 31st

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne
Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Saturday September 6th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg
Cross Bearer: Reg
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: VeraLucia

5^{PM} – Saturday September 13th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne
Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: VeraLucia

5^{PM} – Saturday September 20th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg
Cross Bearer: Reg
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:

September: **Sunday 11^{AM}**

October: **Saturday 5^{PM}**

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Aug. 30th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice
Sun. Sept. 7th @ 11^{AM} Tim & Janine
Sun. Sept. 14th @ 11^{AM} Andrea & Gloria
Sun. Sept. 21st @ 11^{AM} Marj & Janice

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun August 31st Tim & Allen
Sun Sept. 7th Matthew & Ken P.
Sun Sept. 14th Dorian & R. Baker
Sun Sept. 21st Chris & Debbie
Sun Sept. 28th Kenny & Hap

CHURCH CLEANERS:

September: Janine Schmidt
& Sheila Schreiner
October: Susan Wehage
November: Gloria Schlitz

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!

Grief Ministry for Bereaved Spouses – "From Mourning to Dawn" is an eight-week diocesan program offering support and encouragement for widows and widowers, led by those who have also experienced this loss. It is open to participants who have been widows or widowers for more than two months. Two sessions will be offered in Saskatoon: from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoons starting Sept. 9 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings starting Sept. 11 at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Cost is \$35. Contact Dianna at dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535. (Grief ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).



22nd Sunday: Humility and Rewards

“Humility is not something that comes naturally. But it is a cardinal virtue that should be pursued more than any other.” Joyce Meyers

During the time of Jesus, Sabbath Meals were religiously observed because it is very significant to people's belief. Meals played an important role in the society as well. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. Therefore, it matters:

- the places that a person ate (Luke 5:29)
- the people with whom a person ate (Matthew 9:10)
- whether a person washed before eating (Mark 7:2)
- the place that a person sits while eating (Luke 14:7)

In the gospel, Jesus was invited to the house of a leading Pharisee for a meal. Luke's description - “one of the leading Pharisees” suggests the even more solemn character of the banquet. So, it was a “festive”, solemn meal. When Jesus arrived, he felt that he was being watched by the Pharisees. So, he decided to do a little spying on them in return. The sight that met his eyes was not an edifying one. The Pharisees were very religious people, and set themselves up as models. Yet here they were scrambling for the places of honour, showing just how proud, vain and selfish they really were. They were there not to honour their host, but to honour themselves.

Max Beerbohm said, “Humility is a virtue, and it is a virtue innate in guests.” When we humble ourselves, and let go of those things that give us a false sense of importance and superiority, and which separate us from others, we find that we are exalted. We begin to realise our true greatness, which lies, not in ourselves, but in the fact that we are children of God.

Each Sunday we are invited to a banquet - the banquet of the Eucharist. Here Jesus is the host, and we are his guests. Here there are no special places - you can sit where you wish. Here privilege, status, rank have no meaning. This is because before God all of us are equal.

In the Eucharistic celebration, we are like people on a mountain top – Mount Zion as the letter to the Hebrews described it. On a mountain top, nobody speaks about first and last places, or higher and lower places. Here every place is a place of honour.

Rewards:

In the course of the dinner, Jesus advised hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay. This is where real blessings can be found.

To this host (high ranking Pharisee), Jesus said don't invite those who can invite you back. He listed friends, brothers, kin, wealthy neighbours. No doubt, these were all people of high social status. He told him to invite those who could not return the invitation. He listed the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. These were typical examples of people of very low status and, perhaps most importantly, they were all people who could not reciprocate.

But for Pharisees there was no such thing as a free lunch. If you invited someone to dinner, the understanding was that the invitation would be reciprocated. It was a kind of transaction.

Jesus ended his admonition with the assurance of rewards in heaven (Luke 14:14). The blessing of which Jesus speaks is that of the righteous. It is the blessing of those who appreciate the breadth of God's mercy and whose actions flow from it alone.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

23rd Sunday: Follower/Disciple of Jesus

“The correct perspective is to see following Christ not only as the necessity it is, but as the fulfillment of the highest human possibilities and as life on the highest plane.” Dallas Willard

As we have it in the Bible, when Jesus called most of the apostles he usually says, ‘come follow me’ (Matthew 4:19; Luke 5:27). With this phrase the person is invited to join the group, a phrase he repeated more than 20 times in the Bible. Then, as the apostles stayed, moved around, ate and prayed with Jesus, he gradually changed them from being ‘followers’ to ‘disciples.’ He taught them what it means to be a disciple - ‘You are my disciple if you do what I command you’ (John 8:31).

Once someone approached a famous Professor about a young man and asked, 'So and so tells me that he was one of your students. Is that correct?'

To which the professor replied, ‘That man did indeed attend my lectures, but believe me he was never a real student of mine.’

It is possible to be a follower of Christ without being a disciple. One might just be a camp-follower rather than a soldier of the King. One might not be pulling one's weight, or playing one's part. One might just be a hanger-on in a great work. One might be a talker rather than a doer (James 1:22).

Discipleship is not a passive state but requires an active, transformative process of learning and living out Jesus’ ways. The act of following commands demonstrates genuine commitment to Jesus and is the evidence of true discipleship. By obeying his teachings, followers can come to know the truth, which leads to becoming disciples.

One supreme handicap of the Church today is that there are many people who follow Christ at a safe distance, but very few real disciples, that is, people who actually do what he said. Will Faircloth said, “Christian discipleship is not some enormous, monolithic task, but rather the sum total of lots of small decisions, thoughts, words, and actions.”

But, it is not easy to be a disciple of Christ. Discipleship has some practical demands that one cannot escape. In the gospel of today, we see that Jesus didn't hide the reality from his disciples. He pointed out the difficulties, the hardships, and the sacrifices that would be required of those who would follow him. He told them in no uncertain terms that it wouldn't be easy.

In the Matthew 10:22 - Jesus told us, 'You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.' The gospel of John puts it this way, "If the world hates you, understand that it hated me first. If you were of the world, it would love you as its own. Instead, the world hates you, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world..." (John 15: 18,19).

Even for the apostles (followers) it wasn't easy for them at initial stage. We can draw encouragement from their examples. The Gospels show that they struggled at every point to follow Jesus. Today, some followers melt away as soon as a demand is made on them, like snow before the sun. Others are weakened by attacks, like a fickle flame that is blown out by the first gust of wind.

In following him there is a place for common sense, for prudence, and for counting up the cost. We mustn't take on more than we are capable of. Of course, we won't know in advance what we are capable of. We may underestimate or overestimate ourselves. The best way to know is challenge - challenges bring the best out of us.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

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