

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

## Roman Catholic Parishes (2 Week Bulletin)

August 17<sup>th</sup> (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time) – August 31<sup>st</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time)

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### Sunday Mass times August:

Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup> Canadian Martyrs  
 Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup> St. Benedict  
 Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup> St. Michael's

### 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.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11<sup>AM</sup> - 12<sup>PM</sup> (noon) – St. Michael's  
 Sat: 4:30<sup>PM</sup> - 4:55<sup>PM</sup>– 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<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.

**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 August 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Lucille Reding+/ Shawn & Juanita Kolla

#### **Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Clarence Palchinski+/ Clarence's children

#### **Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Hilda Lieffers+/ Mary Weisensel

#### **Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 6:30<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Michael's Haven: Peter & Ava Demetro+/ Anna Gulka

#### **Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> -Wed. 10:30<sup>AM</sup>**

Cudworth Nursing Home: Clarence Palchinski+/ Clarence's children

#### **Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> –Wed. 1:30<sup>PM</sup>**

Bethany: Wolffe brothers

#### **Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> -Friday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Doreen Barry+/ Don & Kathleen Kolla

#### **Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Gary Schmidt+/ Ken & Sherry Schulzke

#### **Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Alphonse Schlossewr+/ Cliff Merkosky

#### **Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Veronica Kleiter+/ Elaine Loeffelholz

#### **Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> –Tues. 6:30<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Michael's Haven: Peter Gulka+/ Anna Gulka

#### **Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> -Wed. 10:30<sup>AM</sup>**

Cudworth Nursing Home: Kali Jungwirth/ CWL

#### **Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> –Wed. 1:30<sup>PM</sup>**

Bethany: Hilda Lieffers+/ Erwin Saxinger

#### **Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> -Friday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Wolffe brothers

#### **Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Henry Kohle+/ Lambert & Lyla Hering

#### **Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

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

#### **Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

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





**ST. MICHAEL'S** -503 Main Street,  
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0  
Mass Time – August: Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>

*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 & Parish Council

– Summer Break

CWL – Next meeting:

Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15



Thank you to everyone for your kind words of condolences, prayers and hugs on the sudden passing of our grandson and nephew Dawson. It was much appreciated.



Ken & Barbara DeMong and family.

### Pursue The Power of Persistent Prayer with St. Monica

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ St. Anne's Parish

Dessert, speakers, conversation, and prayer  
Every family is affected by loved ones who have fallen away, walked away, or ran away from the Church. Lets gather for fellowship and prayer to hold each other up in hope

6:00<sup>PM</sup> – doors open

6:30<sup>PM</sup> – speakers and discussion

8:00<sup>PM</sup> – Adoration

Free will offering

RSVP to Brenda [brendatryhuba@gmail.com](mailto:brendatryhuba@gmail.com) or  
306-260-3612



**Lectio Divina** - A monthly Bible prayer session on the Sunday readings is held at 1<sup>PM</sup> on the fourth Saturday of each month at St Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent (at the corner of 22nd Avenue), Saskatoon, with the next Lectio Divina event at 1<sup>PM</sup> Saturday, Aug. 23, held in the St. Paul Co-Cathedral welcome area. Everyone is invited. Bring your Bible or Bible app or Living With Christ. For more information contact Sr. Marlene, MACE, at: [srmarlene@sasktel.net](mailto:srmarlene@sasktel.net)

### Sunday Mass Ministries

#### 11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Welcomers:** John & Audrey

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

**Servers:** Brianna

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

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Kathleen

**Offerings:** Edward & Leonard

**Eucharistic Minister:** Clarence, Barbara, Danny

**Counters:** Dennis, Sylvia

#### 11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Welcomers:** Jim & Liz

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

**Servers:** Cael, Gage, Brooke

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Barbara, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Morris, **POF**– Teresa

**Offerings:** John & Audrey

**Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara, Morris, Roger

**Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine

#### 11<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Welcomers:** Garry & Catherine

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

**Servers:** Camryn, Brady

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

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Bernadette

**Offerings:** James & Kim

**Eucharistic Minister:** Clarence, Heide, Danny

**Counters:** Garry, Catherine, Heide

#### 9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

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

**Servers:** Chelsea, Nora

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Doreen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – James **POF** – Kim

**Offerings:** Bernadette & Tammy

**Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara, Morris, Roger

**Counters:** Dennis, Sylvia

#### 9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Welcomers:** Jim & Liz

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

**Servers:** Eric, Leo, Alyn

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Heide **POF** – John K.

**Offerings:** Edward & Leonard

**Eucharistic Minister:** Clarence, Heide, Danny

**Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine

# *Jubilee Year : Walking Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

**August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Walking from St. Augustine Parish or St. Bruno Parish to Mount Carmel Shrine. Join us on a pilgrimage to one of the designated holy sites for this Jubilee Year. Let's take advantage of these Jubilee graces and the Jubilee indulgence!

## **Three Starting Points to choose from for the walk:**

**St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt:** 9<sub>AM</sub> departure time with rest stops (23kms)

**St. Bruno Parish:** 11:30<sub>AM</sub> departure time with rest stops (12kms)

**Gaudet Farm:** 3:30<sub>PM</sub> departure time (1km from Mt. Carmel ~ contact Kateri @ 306-281-2013 for details)

\*Please make arrangements with other participants for a ride to the walk start point. If you need a ride or need help making arrangements, please call St. Augustine parish at 306-682-2106\*

\*If you're unable to walk, you may drive to the site and take part in the events\*

**Confessions:** 4<sub>PM</sub>

**Mass:** 5<sub>PM</sub>

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Immediately following the Mass

**Praise & Worship and testimonials:** 7<sub>PM</sub>

Event concludes at 8<sub>PM</sub>

Bring your own picnic supper and a lawn chair or blanket

For more information, contact St. Augustine Parish at  
306-682-2106 or [staugustine@sasktel.net](mailto:staugustine@sasktel.net)



## **Prairie Pilgrimages and Shrine Sites**

**St. Laurent Pilgrimage** –September 8<sup>th</sup> located 12 km directly east of Duck Lake  
[www.saintlaurentshrine.com](http://www.saintlaurentshrine.com)

**Pilgrimage to Millennium Pro-Life Cross** – September 14<sup>th</sup> The Millennium Pro-Life Cross is located 10.8 km northeast of Aberdeen, SK. [Pro-Life Millennium Cross | Annual Pilgrimage](#)

**Faith & Fellowship Connecting Catholics information night** will be held 6<sub>PM</sub> to 8<sub>PM</sub> Friday, Aug. 28 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, with speakers Fr. Peter Ebidero, Obiora Agu, Anthony Olusola, and Felicitas (Fay) Santos Vargas offering engaging discussions about navigating life as a Catholic in Canada, answering deep-rooted questions, and providing a time to refresh and to network. Topics include:

- Understanding Catholicism in the Canadian Context
- Strengthening relationships within the parish community
- Connecting Catholics to resources on legal, financial, housing, family, and health care matters
- Encouraging active participation in the life of the Church as parishioners, through ministries and social activities.







## ST. BENEDICT

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

### Mass Times:

August: **Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

September: **Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

## Pursue the Power of Persistent Prayer with St. Monica

An evening of speakers, conversation, prayer and dessert will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27 will again be held on the Feast Day of St. Monica, who prayed for many years for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine of Hippo. Every family is affected by loved ones who have fallen away, walked away, or run away from the Church. Gather for fellowship and prayer at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon as we hold each other in hope: doors open at 6<sup>PM</sup>, speakers and discussion begins at 6:30<sup>PM</sup>, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 8<sup>PM</sup> RSVP to Brenda Tryhuba at [brendatryhuba@gmail.com](mailto:brendatryhuba@gmail.com) or (306) 260-3612.

### Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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



## CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1<sup>st</sup> Street North  
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

### Mass Times:

August: **Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

September: **Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

### READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup>      Tim & Janine  
Sat. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup>      Andrea & Gloria  
Sat. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5<sup>PM</sup>      Marj & Janice  
Sun. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup>      Tim & Janine

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun August 17<sup>th</sup>      Chris & Debbie  
Sun August 24<sup>th</sup>      Kenny & Hap  
Sun August 31<sup>st</sup>      Tim & Allen  
Sun Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>      Matthew & Ken P.  
Sun Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>      Dorian & R. Baker

### CHURCH CLEANERS:

**August:** Adel Zimmer & Diane Jenkins  
**September:** Janine Schmidt & Sheila Schreiner

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!

## 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<sup>PM</sup> (no supper provided) to Sunday at 1<sup>PM</sup> (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](mailto:laurencayer@sasktel.net). Regnum Christi is a world-wide Catholic apostolate whose mission is to configure ourselves to Christ and form apostles.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday: The Prince of Peace

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

Prophet Isaiah foretold about the birth of Jesus and gave him these names to highlight his divine nature and his reign of peace. The Hebrew phrase "Shar Shalom" means "the one who removes all peace-disturbing factors and secures the peace," emphasizing Jesus' role in bringing about true peace.

The statement made by Jesus in the gospel, seems to contrast with the above prophecy of Isaiah – that Jesus is a Prince of Peace. Of course, Jesus shouldn't have said that he came 'to kindle a fire upon the earth' (Luke 12:49). This is definitely not a statement expected from Prince of Peace.

All we should bear in mind is that this assertion made by Jesus is a metaphor. Fire burns up what is useless, and refines what is impure. A fire needs not only to be kindled but also tended to achieve the desired result. The gospel is a fire that purifies; it is the leaven of society and the world.

In the early days of the Church, conversion to Christianity was most likely to lead to rejection of new converts by their families, or become outcast of the society. Hence, a new convert had to make a choice between Jesus, their family and the society. This is the division Jesus was alluding to.

As I mentioned earlier, when Jesus talked about bringing fire and division his words are not meant to be taken literally. Yet those words stand for something real in him. Jesus was gentle; but this doesn't mean that he was weak. When the occasion demanded it, he could be very assertive:

- As when he drove the traders out of the Temple (Matthew 21:12).
- When James and John wanted him to call down fire and brimstone on a Samaritan village, he told them they didn't know what they were talking about (Luke 9:54).
- And when Peter drew his sword in the garden, Jesus told him to put it away (John 18:10).

No doubt, Jesus' strong teachings caused division. He taught that the Kingdom of God was open to everyone - saints and sinners, Jews and Gentiles. This is in contrast with Pharisaic teachings, which hold that heaven is meant for the Jews alone (traditionalists). For this reason, Jesus called the Scribes and Pharisees hypocrites and blind guides (Matthew 23: 13-16). This brought him into conflict with the religious establishment of his day.

Today, there is a tendency to reduce the gospel message to 'pretty words and feel-good experiences.' When this happens - the fire has gone out, the Good News has lost its power, the salt has lost its taste, the light has grown dim.

If Jesus had flattered people and said only 'nice' things to them, he could have made himself popular but would have ended up watering down the gospel message. No, he chose to disturb people, because they needed to be disturbed. His words shocked some and infuriated others. The words he spoke to the poor were different from those he spoke to the rich. The words he spoke to sinners were different from those he spoke to the Pharisees.

Jesus chose to bring about peace through suffering. His sacrifice on the cross is understood as the means by which humanity can be reconciled with God and achieve peace with him. Jesus offers peace within individuals, a peace that surpasses understanding and helps believers to overcome fear and anxiety.

**Prayer:**

**Thank you, Jesus**

**Thank you, Lord**

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Narrow Door**

God is revealed to us as a spirit, all-wise, all-powerful, eternal and omnipresent-existing everywhere. "God is a Spirit," said Jesus, "and they that adore him, must adore him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). God is present everywhere in three ways: by his essence, by his knowledge and by his superintending power.

"Just as the soul pervades the body and is necessary for every movement I make, so God's concurring power is necessary for every deed I do, for every word I utter, and for every thought I think", said John O'Brien. For this reason, he would always want us home – heaven.

The kingdom of God is present and the door open. But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is a narrow opening through which they must thrust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely; our individual doors will close at the moment of death.

There was a story about the man who died and went up to heaven. St. Peter met him at the gate, brought him inside, and took him on a tour of paradise. At a certain point they came to an enclosure surrounded by a high wall. As they were passing it Peter said, 'Keep very quiet as you pass this place.'

'Why?' the man asked.

'In case we might disturb those inside, Peter answered.

'Who's inside?' he asked.

'Jews'. You see, they think they're the only people in heaven. If they thought there were others in heaven, they'd be very disappointed. In fact, some of them would probably ask for their money back."

The man who asked Jesus, 'Will only a few be saved? (Luke 13:23)' obviously thought that heaven was a select club to which only members are admitted. The man was a Jew. As such he would have believed that only Jews would be admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven. Gentiles had no hope of getting in. The idea of a chosen people is a dangerous idea. If God chooses a people, he doesn't choose them to the exclusion of others, but to the service of others.

Further, Jesus said, "The first will be last, and the last will be first.' It was a revolutionary statement that shocked and outraged the Pharisees. The Pharisees saw this as a betrayal of virtuous people like themselves.

Jesus came and announced the good news of the coming of the Kingdom of God. To those who thought they could enter the kingdom on privileges (baptized). He said, produce the fruits of repentance, otherwise your privileged position would benefit you nothing.

In the gospel Jesus made it clear that conversion was a necessary disposition for entry into the kingdom. And he succeeded in bringing it about in the most unlikely of people. Many sinners heeded his call to conversion, and made their way into the kingdom.

The church teaches that salvation is not something we can earn. It is a gift of God (CCC: 169). But that doesn't mean we ought not try to make ourselves worthy of it. Through our baptism we are members of the new Chosen People. But we must not rely on that fact alone. We must endeavour to produce the fruits of the kingdom, namely - is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5: 22-23).

**Prayer:**

**Thank you, Jesus**

**Thank you, Lord**

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo