

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

2 Week Bulletin: December 21st (Fourth Sunday of Advent) – January 4th (Epiphany of the Lord)

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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Sunday Mass times December:

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 December 20th – Jan. 4th

Dec. 20th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Alphonse Schlosser+/ Arnold & Norma Fleischhacker

Dec. 21st - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Allan & Caroline Altman+/ Janice Fletcher

Dec. 21st – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Clarence Palchinski+/ Ryan & Sylvia

Dec. 23rd – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: George Edith Kirzinger+/ Kirzinger Family

Dec. 24th -Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Darla Zimmer+/ Walter & Bonnie Hauber

Christmas Eve – 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Lucille Reding+/ John & Audrey van der Gracht

Christmas Eve – 7:30^{PM}

St. Michael's: Lenny Kohle+/ Ivan & Teresa Richardson

Christmas Day – 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Henry Kohle+/ Norm & Jean Wilde

Christmas Day – 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Jeff Trischuk & Family/ St. Michael's Parish

Dec. 26th -Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Clarence Palchinski+/ Walter & Bonnie Hauber

Dec. 27th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Dona Lee Schmidt+/ Hilda Neis & Family

Dec. 28th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Linus Hackl+/ Ray Jungwirth

Dec. 28th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Lucille Reding+/ Phil & Terry Medernach

Dec. 29th – 31st

Fr. Benjamin is on Christmas break

Jan. 1st – Thurs. 9^{AM}

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Michael's: Rita Wright+/ Vince & Tammy Dierker

Jan. 2nd -Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Hilda Liefers+/ Grace & Eugene Jungwirth

Jan. 3rd – 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. 3rd - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Donna Jungwirth+/ Sherry & Russel Hauber

Jan. 4th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Louis Medernach+/ Leona & Falmily

Jan. 4th - Sunday 11^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Henry Kohle+/ Donavin Reding



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – December: 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, Feb. 12th

Rosary: 7^{PM} **Meeting:** 7:30^{PM}



CWL – Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 21st @ 7:15



Parish Council – Wed. Jan. 14th @ 7^{PM}

Congratulations!

Elizabeth Godart, Braxton Stewart, Benjamin Kolla, Nash Slobodian, Presley Hauber, Natalia Kolla, Neil Yuzak

These students received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with Fr. Benjamin on December 11th. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their sacramental journey.

Formed.org: A great online resource for inspiring movies and studies, audios, talks and e-books. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>. With Formed you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, Bible studies and other variety of topics.

We welcome into our Parish



Brandt John van der Gracht



Who was Baptized in Christ in 2025

Congratulations to Terry Medernach for winning the Christmas Raffle Basket!

Thanks to those who donated and supported the Raffle!

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

Sunday Mass Ministries

11^{AM} – Sunday, December 21st

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

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

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

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence & Danny

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

7:30^{PM} – CHRISTMAS EVE *Youth Mass*

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine **Rosary:** Phil

Ushers: James & Clarence **Screens:** Grace

Servers: Chelsea, Eric, Brianna, Leo, Brady

Readers: 1st –Gage, 2nd – Camryn **POF** – Cael

Offerings: TBD

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Roger, & Heide

11^{AM} – CHRISTMAS DAY

Welcomers: John & Audrey

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Chelsea, Brianna

Readers: 1st – Tammy, 2nd – Lee

Prayers Of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: Roger, Bernadette, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Heide & Kathleen

11^{AM} – Sunday, December 28th

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Chelsea, Brianna

Readers: 1st –John v., 2nd – Verik **POF** – Teresa

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Danny & Morris

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

9^{AM} – Thursday, January 1st

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** James & Clarence

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

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

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara & Clarence

9^{AM} – Sunday, January 4th

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** Darrell, Garry

Screens: TBD **Servers:** Brianna

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

Offerings: Bernadette, Tammy, Roger

Eucharistic Minister: Roger, Kathleen

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide





St. Michael's Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

Thank you to all that donated in memory of loved ones for flowers for Christmas. The flowers will beautify St. Michael's Church, as well as St. Michael's Haven Chapel. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

In Memory Of

- Joe, Dina, & Muriel Kolla & Mary Kjorlien
- Dave Hauber
- Deceased members of the Kohle & Lange Families
- Deceased members of Weisensel & Hrbacheck Families
- Herman Nienaber
- Ella & Mike Mechor, John & Alvina Medernach, Harry & Tekyla Dubyk
- Deceased members of the Kolla, Saxinger, Reaser, & Lobl Families
- Richard & Yolande Dierker
- Clarence Palchinski & Isabelle Osolinsky
- Deceased members of Billesberger & Andre Families
- Leon, Marie, & Raymond Beauregard
- Victor, Catherine, & Denis Jungwirth and Josef, Maria, Dieter Poschmann
- Mary, Virgil, Norman, Gerald, & Raymond Billesberger & John, Margaret, Tom & Anne van der Gracht
- Alvin & Catherine Reding, & Norbert Pawluk
- Louis Medernach
- Natalie & Ed Zakreski, Regina & Denis Bantle, Rose & Ed Kasun
- Emily & Richard Schmidt

Donated By:

Don & Kathleen Kolla
 Delores Hauber & Family
 Bernadette Lange
 Mary Weisensel
 Barbara Nienaber & Family
 Terry & Phil Medernach
 Darrell & Heide Kolla & Family
 Vince & Tammy Dierker
 Elenore Palchinski
 Leo & Darlene Billesberger
 Roger Beauregard
 Clarence & Margaret Jungwirth
 John & Audrey van der Gracht
 Sandra Pawluk
 Leona Medernach & Family
 Gwen & Gord Zakreski



October Finances 2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 4,564.25
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,107.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,514.52
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 940.00
Fall Supper Profit	\$ 5,211.57
Other income (funeral, general donation, Conexus interest)	\$ 530.52
Total Income	\$ 15,423.39
Total Expenses	\$ 11,771.97
Profit for October	\$ 3,651.42
Not included in above	
Diocesan Mission Works	\$ 140.00

November Finances 2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 6,251.00
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,110.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,416.72
Other income (baptism, assembly room rental, Booklet recovery, Conexus interest)	\$ 530.52
Christmas Raffle	\$ 2,050.00
Total Income	\$ 11,358.24
Total Expenses	\$ 8,256.11
Profit for November	\$ 3,102.13
Not included in above	
Diocesan Mission Works	\$ 296.00



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goals for the year: St. Michael - \$13,310 St. Benedict - \$1,828 Canadian Martyrs - \$2,038

"Pilgrims of Hope Rooted in Prayer and Mission"

There is still time to make your gift and receive a charitable donation tax receipt for this year. Give online and/or find more information at: <https://dscf.ca/baa/> or for more information contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation at admin@dscf.ca or call (306) 659-5851. "Let us continue to walk as pilgrims of hope, rooted in prayer and united in our mission to serve. May the Lord bless all who have given so generously and inspire others to join in this important work of faith." – Bishop Mark Hagemoen.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Total gathered so far: St. Michael's ~ \$4,729; St. Benedict ~ \$1,950; Canadian Martyrs ~ \$1,300





ST. BENEDICT

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



Mass Times:

December: **Sunday 9^{AM}**

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

Awaken 2026 - "The Art of Listening"

Join the diocesan Adult Faith Formation program as we delve into the profound impact that deep and intentional listening can have on our lives and relationships. Over the course of four enlightening sessions, we will explore the foundational elements of listening, progressing through different levels, and finally, understanding listening in the context of our relationship with the Lord. Sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on four Tuesdays at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon:

- **Jan. 27** - "Introduction to the Art of Listening" with Marilyn Jackson;
- **Feb. 3** - "The Four Levels of Listening" with Sr. Marta Piano;
- **Feb. 10** - "Listening to God in Scripture and Adoration" with Fr. Daniel Yasinski
- **Feb. 17** - "Pathway to becoming a Missionary Synodal Church" with Fr. Joseph Salihu. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2026> or for more information contact diocesan Adult Faith coordinator Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858. (Adult faith formation programs are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday December 21st

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Christmas Eve

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday December 28th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Saturday January 3rd

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: Tim



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0



Mass Times:

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

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

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Dec 20th @ 5^{PM} Tim & Janine

Christmas Day @ 9^{AM} Andrea & Gloria

Sat. Dec 28th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice

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

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun Dec. 21st Matthew & Ken P.

Sun Dec 28th Dorian & R. Baker

CHURCH CLEANERS:

December:

Colleen Baumann

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!

Simbang Gabi 2025 - Novena of Masses before Christmas continues each night until the final day, Tuesday, Dec. 23 – <https://rcdos.ca/simbang-gabi>

- IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, 300-8th Ave. South, Martensville, SK: Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21; and at 7 pm Monday, Dec. 22 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.
- CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon: Mass at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21; and at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22 and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 Bishop Mark Hagemoen will preside on the final evening, with Mass also live-streamed at saskatoonmass.com. Refreshments will be served after each Mass.
- SAINT ANNE PARISH, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon: Mass will be at 7 p.m. from Dec. 21 to Dec. 23. Each Mass will be followed by a potluck social in the welcome area; bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you are able. (No morning weekday Mass at Saint Anne Dec. 22 or Dec. 23.)
- ST. PATRICK PARISH, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon – Mass will be at 7 p.m. from Sunday, Dec. 21 to Tuesday, Dec. 23. Arrive 15 minutes early for a catechetical talk "Catholic Social Teaching in the Philippine Setting." Refreshments will be served after Mass; donations of non-perishable food items will be collected.
- ROVING SIMBANG GABI – In addition to the nightly novena at all of those four parishes above, there will be a Simbang Gabi "roving" Mass at 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E. Saskatoon; and 7 pm Monday, Dec. 22, St. Francis Xavier, 222 Willow Street, Saskatoon.

4th Sunday of Advent: Son of David

Jesus was the Son of David; this was so because Joseph, was descended from the line of David. David is one of the greatest figures in the Old Testament. He succeeded Saul as King of Israel. It was he who united the scattered tribes and formed them into a nation. Even though he sinned, he repented. Many times, in the Gospel Jesus is referred to as 'Son of David' (Matthew 15:22, Mark 10:47, Luke 18:38).

To say that Jesus came from the line of David was already a great thing. But he is more than that. He has another, and infinitely greater, identity. He is 'Emmanuel', which means 'God is with us' (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 18:23). He is not just the Son of David but also the Son of God. Hence, he is able to save his people from their sins.

The identity of Jesus as the Son of God was something which was gradually revealed and gradually understood. In fact, it was only after he had been raised from the dead that he was accepted as - the Lord.

He himself said this identity could not be recognised unless it was revealed by the Father. This we find in the gospel of Matthew 11:27 – “no one knows the Father except the Son, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.” It is a matter of faith, which is a gift of God.

Therefore, Jesus is Son of David and Son of God. Then, through our baptism, we have become children of God, which means we also have a divine dignity. “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4). However, our divine dignity, like that of Jesus, is a matter of faith.

Alieutenant was very pleased with the sergeant he had working under him. He was both capable and dependable. But there was one thing he had against him: he was a staunch Christian who lived up to his beliefs.

So, the lieutenant planned to take him down a few notches publicly. On the next day as the company lined up for morning inspection, the lieutenant had the sergeant stand in front of his fellow soldiers and he proceeded to question him.

"Can you see the sky?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"Can you see the sun and the parade ground?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can you see God?"

"No, sir."

"So that proves there isn't any."

Then the sergeant asked if he, in turn, could have equal time and ask the lieutenant a few question.

"By all means," agreed the officer.

So the sergeant turned to the company of soldiers and asked them, "Do you all see the lieutenant...and his feet...and head...and arms?"

"Yes!" they shouted.

"Do you see his brain?"

"No!"

"So.....that proves he doesn't have any."

When they heard that, the soldiers all laughed heartily and even the lieutenant joined in.

~ Frank Mihalic

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

Holy Family: Living in love

“You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.”

Desmond Tutu

In the family, we learn to bond with others. Here we make room for others (Dad, Mom and children) in our lives. In the family, we learn to share with one another, and become responsible to and for one another.

Family is a bedrock for relationship, here we learn relate with siblings from earliest stage in life. The inability to relate with others in the family, is a great handicap and can cause great distress. Without close (blood) relationships we are at the mercy of the cold winds of anguish and loneliness. Moreso, it is within the family that a child learns to use the word ‘we’ for the first time. Without the word ‘we’ there would be no community, no sharing, no togetherness and ultimately no love.

Canadians plant trees a lot, when I say plant trees – I mean doing it on purpose, hundreds of trees in rows. In the part of Nigeria (southeast) where I am from, we plant fruit-bearing trees; other types of trees basically grow on their own - forming something like rainforest. We do allow that because they serve as protection from strong wind, splashing rain (flood) and are used plank, timber, wood when needed.

In Canada, if you plant a tree in an exposed place it becomes very vulnerable. It is at the mercy of every wind that blows. So, if you want a tree to grow to its full potential, you must plant it in a more sheltered place. And you must not plant it on its own. You must plant some other trees with it.

Hence, it is importance to get the space between those trees right. They must be close enough to be able to provide shelter and protection for one another. Yet they must not be so close that they will stifle one another. They must be planted apart, to ensure that they each has room to grow to its full potential.

Trees planted in the form of a little grove is a good image of the family. In the ideal family, there is both closeness and space. The closeness means the members are able to provide support for one another. The space ensures that they do not stifle one another. Each member has the closeness, intimacy, and warmth that he/she needs, yet also has the space to grow to his/her full potential.

This is a great challenge - how to achieve closeness without stifling or dominating one another. As humans, we have the possibility of helping and healing one another. But we also have the possibility of hindering and hurting one another.

For a desired result, trees should be watered adequately. In the second reading, St. Paul urged us to water our family with - kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, mutual forgiveness, and above all, **love**. These are the virtues which build and foster family. “A family is a place where principles are hammered and honed on the anvil of everyday living.” Charles R. Swindoll

It was by living in a family of love with Mary and Joseph at Nazareth that Jesus was able to grow in wisdom and in favour with God and people. In our society the family is under a lot of pressure and attacks. The value accorded to family is on a free fall. Again, a lot of people are not prepared to keep watering their families with the virtues mentioned by St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians 3:12ff.

When the family is well watered, then we have a home, we have bonds, we have an identity, we have roots and love flourishes.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo