

St. Michael's — St. Benedict — Canadian Martyrs
 Cudworth St. Benedict Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

March 15th (Fourth Sunday of Lent) – March 22nd (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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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.

St. Michael's Sunday Masses can be followed at 91.3FM

ALL MASS INTENTIONS March 14th – March 22nd

Mar. 14th – Sat 5:00^{PM}

St. Benedict: Edwin & Lucille Reding +/ The Family

Mar. 15th - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Joy Diederichs+/Maureen Loeffelholz

Mar. 15th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Jacqueline Bantel(Healing)/ Darrell & Heide Kolla

Mar. 17th – Tues 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: John Lange +/ Bernadette Lange

Mar. 18th – Wed 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Mena Lieffers+/ CWL

Mar. 18th – Wed 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Donna Jungwirth+/ Bernard & Mariana Diederichs

Mar. 20th - Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Gerald Saxinger+/Catherine, Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth & Families

Mar. 21st - Saturday 5^{PM}

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

Mar. 22nd - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: James Anthony Bohn+/Bud and Joyce Zimmer

Mar. 22nd – Sunday 11^{AM}

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

Reminder: You can request the sacraments when you are in ANY hospital.



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 – Thursday, March. 12th
Rosary: 7 PM **Meeting:** 7:30 PM 

CWL – Next meeting: 
Tuesday, March 17th @ 7:15

Parish Council – Wed. April 15th @ 7PM

 **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.

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



Adult Baptism: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- a. Rite of Acceptance b. Rite of Sending c. Right of Election
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- c. Rite of Election
- d. First Scrutiny Sunday March 15th**
-Presentation of the Apostles' Creed: it's meaning and importance will be highlighted
- Praying for the Catechumen to receive the true freedom of children of God, a sense of sin and a spirit of repentance.
- e. Second Scrutiny Sunday March 15th**
-For God's light to shine in the heart of our elect
- That God may preserve ger from the unbelief of this world
- f. Third Scrutiny Sunday **March 22nd**
- g. Easter Vigil: Baptism, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Saturday **April 4th**

We invite your prayers as a parish for all the first communicants this easter, including Hailey Kraft. Thank you for blessing them on their journey of faith!

Sunday Mass Ministries

11AM – Sunday, March 15th
Welcomers: Jim & Liz *Youth Mass*
Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** TBA
Screens: Jill **Servers:** Brianna
Readers: 1st –Cael, 2nd– Cael, **POF** – Brooke
Offerings: Cael, Brooke
Eucharistic Minister: Roger, Danny
Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

11AM – 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
Eucharistic Minister: Morris, Barbara
Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

11AM – Palm Sunday, March 29th
Welcomers: Garry & Catherine
Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** Edward & Leonard
Screens: Grace **Servers:** Chelsea & Nora
Readers: 1st – Teresa, 2nd–Don,
Prayers of the Faithful – 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:** Eric, Leo, Alynn, Chelsea, Brianna
Readers: 1st – Tammy, 2nd–John K,
Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine
Offerings: Edward & Leonard
Eucharistic Minister: Danny, Morris
Counters: Dennis, Sylvia



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

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



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*. Please find the Bishop's letter regarding this attached.

There is a special envelope for this in the box of receipts parishioners receive.

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



January Finances

Sunday Collections.	\$ 3,302.25
New Years Collection	\$ 680.00
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,130.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,447.24
Other Income (envelope recovery, Conexus interest)	\$ 148.53
Total Income	\$ 6,708.02

Total Expenses	\$ 9,684.22
Loss for January	-\$ 2,976.20

February Finances

Sunday Collections	\$ 3,966.15
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,110.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,417.34
Other Income (general donation, cost of envelopes, Conexus interest)	\$ 542.50
Total Income	\$ 7,035.99

Total Expenses (includes purchase of new tables/chairs assembly room \$3254.98)	\$ 11,012.63
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Loss for February.	-\$ 3,976.64
Not included in the above amounts	
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 330.00

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



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

March: Saturday 5^{PM}

April: Sunday 9^{AM}



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

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday March 14th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

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



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. 15th @9^{AM} Andrea & Gloria

Sun. Mar. 22nd @ 9^{AM} Marj & Lynne

Sun. Mar. 29th @ 9^{AM} Tim & Janine

Fri. Apr. 3rd @5:30 ^{PM} Andrea & Gloria

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Mon March 16th Chris & Debbie

Mon March 23rd Kenny & Hap

Mon March 30th Tim & Allen

Mon April 6th Matthew & Ken P

Mon April 13th Dorian & R. Baker

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.



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March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent / St John of God

SHARE LENT 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The theme of this year's Share Lent campaign is *On Track for Justice*.

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent is from St. John the Evangelist. Jesus raises from the dead His friend Lazarus. In responding to the ultimate obstacle to all human life – death itself, Jesus dramatically establishes His power over death, leading to a realization about what life and death are really about.

The First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel is also incredible. Ezekiel's dramatic vision of a whole people being reborn, brought out of graves, gathered and placed on their own soil corresponds vividly to the Easter hope that God's people will not only be raised from the dead, but will be restored to the fullness of abundant life that Jesus promises all people. (*see John 10:10*)

In *Dilexi Te* - the first apostolic exhortation from Pope Leo XIV- the Holy Father calls our attention to *the preferential option for the poor*, a core component of Catholic Social Teaching that highlights how all people of good will work together to bring restoration and renewal to those facing poverty and other forms of disadvantage. To say that God has a preference for the poor does not mean He excludes people. Rather, Pope Leo XIV explains,

"...wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in His heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and He asks us, His Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." (§16)

I also recall Pope Francis's reminder to us about the pathway to peace: *"If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry."*

Let us support the *On Track for Justice* appeal by a renewed commitment to *have the same mind and heart as Christ Jesus* in all things - He who holds in His Sacred Heart all our peoples of our world.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops again designates the 5th Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday when our annual Share Lent collection will be taken up. On Sunday, March 22, 2026 I ask you to please be generous in donating to Development and Peace / Caritas Canada.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon

4th Sunday of Lent: God's way

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as the “Laetare Sunday” (Joyful Sunday). This title is taken from the Latin Entrance Antiphon which partly reads “Laetare Jerusalem” (Rejoice, Jerusalem). It is basically a moment within the Lenten Season when the Liturgy invites us to have a foretaste of and appreciate the radiance of Christ's Light of Victory, a glimpse of which we can see from afar.

This joyful instance is represented with the liturgical colour rose. The source of our joy is the certainty of God's presence with us and of his victory over the forces of darkness.

In the first book of Samuel, God made a unique choice in his decision about the man to replace Saul as the King of Israel. Prophet Samuel was commissioned to look for this new king. As Samuel set out, he pondered on the sort of qualities he should look for in the new king.

His search led him to Bethlehem and the household of Jesse. There, one by one, he was introduced to seven of Jesse's sons:

- Eliab (firstborn)
- Abinadab
- Shammah (also called Shimea or Shimei)
- Nethanel
- Raddai
- Ozem
- Elihu (mentioned in 1 Chronicles 27:18, possibly one of the eight)
- David (youngest)

Jesse also had two daughters: Zeruah and Abigail.

All of them possessed outstanding physical attributes. They were tall, strong, good-looking. They created a very good image. Prophet Samuel was impressed and was tempted to settle for one of them.

When observing the sons of Jesse, the prophet's mind tilted towards appearance. As humans, we sometimes look only at appearances and judge by appearances. And to judge by appearances is to judge superficially. Appearances can be very deceptive and very misleading.

At the end, God had other ideas, the choice of David was shocking to Jesse and his children. God's evaluation was rooted in the disposition of the human heart. David, even though he was the youngest and most probably, the most inexperienced, passed the test of God and was chosen. For God's ways are clearly not ours. God's decision of David revealed the nature of the inner workings of God.

As soon as Samuel saw David, he knew that his search for a successor to Saul was over. David made a good king and is one of the most important figures in the Old Testament. This doesn't mean that he was perfect. He sinned and sinned grievously. But he always repented. Another sign of his greatness was his ability to forgive his enemies.

When all is said and done it is the heart that matters. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the most painful wound of all. While we tend to look at appearances, God looks at the heart. God sees what is in the heart. That is why only God can truly judge people.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo