

ST. PETER'S PARISH // NOVEMBER 16, 2025

33TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# PETER'S PAPER

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## Advent Expectations & This Is My Church Campaign

### A New Moment of Hope and Renewal for Our Parish

As we approach Advent, we want to thank you for your generosity and for your active presence in the life of St. Peter's. This year, **our parish has lived something extraordinary: a renewed sense of communion, faith, and shared purpose.**

**At the start of 2024, our post-renovation loan was still \$5.2 million.** For eight years, the monthly payments have strained our resources and limited what we can dedicate to ministry, mission, and parish life.

But since launching our Building Fund campaign in March, everything has begun to change. **Week after week, your gifts, sacrifices, and steady commitment have breathed new hope into our parish.** An anonymous donor has quietly doubled every contribution, multiplying the impact of each act of generosity.

Now, as we enter Advent, an unprecedented opportunity stands before us. **The Diocese is launching a debt-forgiveness program, offering to forgive 15% of our remaining debt when we repay 15% — essentially doubling every dollar we put toward repayment.**

Combined with your generosity and the ongoing matching support, **this creates a once-in-a-generation moment for St. Peter's.** What initially began as a financial campaign to pay off the debt in 5 years has now become an **opportunity to be debt-free by March 31, 2026.**

**On the First Sunday of Advent, we will present full details of the diocesan program and our roadmap from Christmas to Easter — a plan that can lead us to a true turning point in our parish's journey.**

**Thank you again for your generosity, your commitment, and your faith.** You are strengthening St. Peter's and helping in setting our mission for the future.

**Building Fund Committee**



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## SCHEDULE

### ROSARY

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Sat 8:30 am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am; 9:30 am;  
11:30 am; 5:00 pm

### ADORATION

Friday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

### RECONCILIATION

Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am  
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm



By your endurance

# YOU WILL GAIN YOUR SOULS

Luke 21:17-19



33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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E-transfers:

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St. Vincent de Paul:

[svdp@st-peters.ca](mailto:svdp@st-peters.ca)

Website:

[www.st-peters.ca](http://www.st-peters.ca)

Diocesan website:

[www.catholiccyyc.ca](http://www.catholiccyyc.ca)

Find us on 

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday**

Office and Church Closed

**Tuesday - Thursday**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Friday**

9:00 am - Noon

## CLERGY

**Pastor:**

**Fr. Fábio de Souza**

[fabio.desouza@st-peters.ca](mailto:fabio.desouza@st-peters.ca)

**Assistant Pastor**

**Fr. Peter An**

[peter.an@st-peters.ca](mailto:peter.an@st-peters.ca)

**Deacon:**

**Stephen Robinson**

[stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca](mailto:stephen.robinson@st-peters.ca)

## Children's Christmas Workshop



The Christmas season is coming, and we have a special market just for children to help them with their presents.

**NO PARENTS ALLOWED**

**Date:** Sunday November 30, 2025

**Time:** 9 am – 11:30 am

**Location:** St Peters Church basement Room C

**Cost:** Bring your loonies and toonies as nothing is over \$2.00

**All proceeds from the Christmas Market will be donated to the St Peter's Building Fund.**



**To donate to our Building Fund**  
**Capital Campaign,**  
**please click HERE.**



# ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP

**When:** Fridays, bi-weekly

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Upcoming dates:** Nov 28, Dec 12

[Register here](#)

Please email [youth@st-peters.ca](mailto:youth@st-peters.ca) for any enquiries.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Young adult volunteers are invited to assist in running the program. Please [sign up here](#).



## MASS INTENTIONS NOV 18 - NOV 23

### REPOSE OF THE SOUL (RS)/SPECIAL INTENTIONS (SI)

|              |          |                                          |
|--------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| NOV 18 (Tue) | 8:30 AM  | Mr. Mario Porco (RS)                     |
| NOV 19 (Wed) | 8:30 AM  | Phyllis Holdsworth (SI)                  |
| NOV 20 (Thu) | 8:30 AM  | Conversion of Sinners (SI)               |
| NOV 21 (Fri) | 8:30 AM  | Ada & Peter Basso (RS)                   |
| NOV 22 (Sat) | 9:00 AM  | Katherine Hough (RS)                     |
| NOV 22 (Sat) | 5:00 PM  | Sequeira & D'souza Families (RS)         |
| NOV 23 (Sun) | 8:00 AM  | Parishioners of St. Peter's (SI)         |
| NOV 23 (Sun) | 9:30 AM  | Maria de Los Angeles Giglioli Salas (RS) |
| NOV 23 (Sun) | 11:30 AM | Rosa Paolone (RS)                        |
| NOV 23 (Sun) | 5:00 PM  | Karl Leptich (RS)                        |



# LITTLE HANDS TOGETHER GREAT GENEROSITY

## Piggy Bank Weekend

### Nov

### 22 & 23

At all Masses



## THIS IS MY CHURCH

### Building Fund Campaign

1

The little ones  
received a special  
gift made for them



2

Empty your  
piggy bank into  
the envelope



3

Bring your  
envelope during  
the offertory





# ANCHORED IN CHRIST, BEACON OF HOPE

*Celebrate Catholic Education Sunday*

*November 22 & 23, 2025*



**Your donation in support of Catholic education is greatly appreciated.**

*Please see the bulletin for more information.*



## **Strengthening Our Legacy Together**

Catholic education is a constitutional right and a precious gift that has shaped our province for generations. Through the Calgary Catholic School District, over 64,000 students are formed in knowledge, faith, and service. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF) helps enrich this experience by providing resources that inspire leadership, inclusion, and innovation in our classrooms. As we prepare for Catholic Education Sunday next weekend, let us continue to pray for and support those who make Catholic education possible for every child.

### **What does Catholic Education mean to you?**

Across our School District, so many voices share a beautiful vision of faith, learning, and community. Click below to watch a short video and be inspired by what Catholic Education means. [Click to watch](#)

## **Saturday Morning Mass — Time Change Next Week**

Please note that next **Saturday, November 22nd**, the Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** instead of 8:30 a.m.

**This adjustment is for next Saturday only**, as our parish will be hosting a meeting of lay associations that morning.

Thank you for your understanding.



# JOIN THE COLLECTION COUNT MINISTRY

A simple act of service that strengthens our community

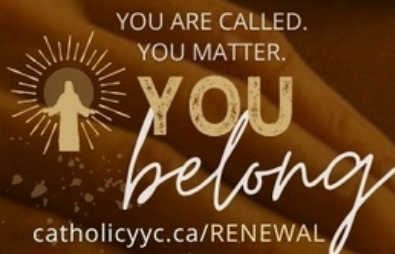
Each week, behind the scenes, a faithful team of parishioners gathers with care and integrity to count the gifts entrusted to our parish through the Sunday offertory. Their quiet service makes possible everything we do as a community of faith — from liturgy and formation to outreach and mission.

As we look ahead to 2026, we hope to welcome new members into this ministry of trust and stewardship. Comprehensive training will be provided to ensure everyone is fully prepared for their role.

If you are attentive, committed, and willing to serve just once a month as part of a dedicated team, we would love to have you join us. Your time and care make a difference — quietly, faithfully, and together.

## Get Involved

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like to put your name forward for consideration, please contact Lu Scarpino, at [Counters@st-peters.ca](mailto:Counters@st-peters.ca).



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## **ST PETER'S BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

If you have experience in building maintenance, construction projects, or possess skills in the trades, we invite you to consider volunteering with our team. Your expertise can make a meaningful difference in the upkeep and enhancement of our facilities.

We currently have an immediate need for someone who has specific experience with Building Automation Systems (BAS) or Building Management Systems (BMS). If your background includes this specialized knowledge, your assistance would be greatly appreciated for one of our ongoing projects.

### **How to Get Involved**

Whether you would like to help with a particular project or are interested in becoming a member of our committee, we welcome your involvement. For more information or to express your interest in volunteering or joining the team, please contact us at [maintenance@st-peters.ca](mailto:maintenance@st-peters.ca).

## **JOIN THE ST. PETER'S AV MINISTRY**

**We're looking for a few new volunteers to support our Audio-Visual team. If you enjoy technology, music, or simply want to serve behind the scenes, this is a great way to contribute to our worship experience. Training is provided, and no prior experience is required. If you feel called to help, please speak with a member of the AV team or contact the parish office.**





# CWL's Annual Christmas Bake Sale Nov. 29/30



This annual event will be held in the Church Hall after all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 29/30. Drop by and purchase delicious home-made baked goods to fill your freezer for the holiday season.

A sign up sheet will be sent out to CWL members.



## **St. Peter's Pastoral Care**

St Peter's Pastoral Care Team is a group of dedicated volunteers that serve in a variety of ways in our Parish. We presently have 5 Residential or Care Communities that we provide weekly Lay-Led Liturgies of the Word with Communion Service as well. There is also a service for Graduated Supports in Bowness, arranged between the coordinator and the staff.

Mass is celebrated in each of these communities once a month with one of our Parish Priests.

Some of our members take Holy Communion to people in Hospitals as well as help with Masses in those Communities.

We also provide home visits as well as Holy Communion to Parishioners who request this. They may be ill, unable to drive or in need of companionship. We are there for them.

If you would like to join our Team, please contact Gail Monk, St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email [pastoralcare@st-peters.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@st-peters.ca).

### **Holy Communion to Homebound Parishioners**

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to have Holy Communion brought to you, please contact St. Peter's Pastoral Care Coordinator by email [pastoralcare@stpeters.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@stpeters.ca) or [office@st-peters.ca](mailto:office@st-peters.ca) or phone 403-286-5110.

A member of the Pastoral Care Team will contact you to make the arrangements.





# The Bible Timeline

## *The Story of Salvation*

JEFF CAVINS

This 24-session study will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning January 11, 2026, and concluding in December 2026. The sessions will be a mix of in-person and online gatherings, held approximately every two weeks. You can visit Ascension Press to learn more about the program *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* (2025).

**The cost of the workbook is approximately \$50.**

**You can sign up at** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FAEAF23A1FE3-60253586-bible>

**Questions can be directed to** [kathy.ervin@st-peters.ca](mailto:kathy.ervin@st-peters.ca) or [dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca](mailto:dixie.hawkins@st-peters.ca)



## Métis Week

Métis Week will be celebrated from November 15 to 22. We invite you to join in and learn more about Métis culture, history, and their contributions to Alberta. Did you know that the Métis were a large part of Calgary's original population and still represent slightly more than half of the Indigenous population in the city? You can visit the websites of The Confluence (formerly Fort Calgary), Mount Royal University, the University of Calgary, and other local organizations to find events taking place throughout the week.

**St. Peter's Truth and Reconciliation Action Committee**



# Advent Wreaths & Candle Sets

**Available in the Narthex After All Masses**



The Catholic Women's League is selling beautiful Advent wreaths and traditional candle sets after every Mass throughout the Advent season.

## **PRICES**

**Wreaths: \$20**

**Candle Set: \$15**

**Wreath + Candle Set: \$30**



## **ST. PETER'S MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP**



**"Children are a gift  
from the Lord: They  
are a real Blessing."  
Psalm 127:3**

While trying to raise a Christian family in today's society, meeting the changing demands and challenges, it may be difficult at times to appreciate our "gifts" and remember our "blessings." As mothers, we need the support, experience, and empathy that other mothers can offer.

### **OUR AIMS:**

1. To provide spiritual support through prayer and reflection.
2. To discuss information that will enhance any aspect of family life.
3. To provide an opportunity to welcome new mothers and grandmothers into our parish community.

Meetings are held on Fridays from 9:30 am to 11:15 am, following the CSSD school calendar.

**Our next meeting is November 21 - join us!**





# SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

## Donations fuel SSVP's work at St. Peter's

SSVP at St. Peter's is blessed. In addition to a healthy roster of active volunteers (always room for more!), our benefactors provide the food, cash & grocery cards that enable SSVP at St. Peter's to deliver food baskets with meat, milk, cheese, and fresh produce.

**Grocery store cards** purchased through the Building Fund finance SSVP's work AND support the parish's debt-reduction plan.

**Hamper staples:** Hearty soups, canned fish & meat, breakfast cereal, PB, pasta sauce, and canned fruit.

E-transfer donations to [treasurerssvp@outlook.com](mailto:treasurerssvp@outlook.com) OR set up an auto-deposit. Forms are available from the SSVP donation box located in the Narthex. Envelopes, grocery cards & cash can also be slipped into the SSVP Slot Box. It's part of the bookshelf to the left of the entrance to the sanctuary.

Learn more about what we do: For more information about how you can do Christ's work in our community, check out our page on the parish website (under Ministries, Service) and email [ssvp@st-peters.ca](mailto:ssvp@st-peters.ca) We have volunteer opportunities for families!

**Vincentians pray for our benefactors and the people we serve.**

*Learn more about SSVP at St. Peter's:*  
**<https://ssvpstpeters.wixsite.com/stpetersssvp2017>**





## Catholic Women's League

### CWL Harvest Dinner

A huge thank you from CWL to all who participated in the Harvest Dinner, including all who purchased tickets, donated items, and assisted in preparing, serving, and cleaning up. It was a wonderful parish event!

### NEXT CWL General Meeting Wed, Nov. 19

Join your CWL sisters in praying for and remembering our deceased St. Peter's CWL members. We will have a short memorial service at 7 PM followed by the meeting and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

### Children's Christmas Workshop

We would greatly appreciate any donations of gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper, tags, ribbons and tape to help us wrap presents.

Please drop off any items into our boxes in the Narthex by November 24.

CWL members can bring items to the CWL meeting November 19, 2025.

### CWL and Knights of Columbus Ministry Mass

There will be a JOINT MINISTRY MASS on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am. If you are a Knight or a CWL member, please use the following link to sign up to serve, read, or be a Eucharist Minister at this mass.

<https://volunteersignup.org/8QMWH>

## CELEBRATING THE WORD

**Celebrating the Word** is a small group activity and process that allows people of faith to make meaningful connections between their ordinary life stories and the Gospel story. In this reflective interaction, it is the common experience of group participants that the Sunday readings become alive and are actually experienced as Spirit filled. We engage in prayerful reflection, dialogue and discernment.

Every Wednesday, from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Contact person: [marybriggs@shaw.ca](mailto:marybriggs@shaw.ca)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Don Bosco Council 8146



### SERVICE TO ONE. SERVICE TO ALL.

Our next event is coming up on Saturday, November 29th as we prepare for the Advent season, by setting up the Nativity scene. Come join us at 10:00am!

Save the date for our next MNO on Friday September 25, 2026 !

Thinking of Joining the Knights?

Contacts: David Mildenberger at [cdmilden@shaw.ca](mailto:cdmilden@shaw.ca),  
or Angelo Scarpino at [ascarpino@telus.net](mailto:ascarpino@telus.net)



## MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Mothers of the parish are warmly invited to our monthly gathering on the second Thursday of the month, 7:30–9:00 pm in the boardroom. It's a time of prayer, sharing, and encouragement.

### Upcoming dates:

Dec 11 • Jan 8

Feb 12 • Mar 12 • Apr 16\* • May 14 • Jun 11



# PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a loved one that you would like to put on our confidential prayer list? The Prayer Chain is a powerful group of CWL women who pray for the ill or for anyone in need of prayer.

Please contact Catherine at: [cmj75@shaw.ca](mailto:cmj75@shaw.ca)



## CWL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Ministry handcrafts beautiful prayer shawls, which are then blessed. The shawls are given out to bring comfort and prayer support to those experiencing illness, loss, loneliness or depression. If you know someone (man, woman or child) who would benefit from a shawl, please contact Ann Dowling [ann.dowling2410@gmail.com](mailto:ann.dowling2410@gmail.com) or Marie Sieben [sieben.7@shaw.ca](mailto:sieben.7@shaw.ca).

**We gratefully accept cash donations and donations of unused yarn!**

## ST PETER'S, CALGARY **HEROIC MEN**

We moved to Heroic Men Canada at  
<https://heroicmen.ca/>

**Film Screening: Permission Fr. Bob Bedard's  
Vision for the Church**

Saturday Nov 1, 2025 at 7 PM.  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
10 River Heights Drive, Cochrane AB

**Calgary Men's Conference**  
March 13 and 14, 2026  
**Montréal Men's Conference**  
March 20 and 21, 2026

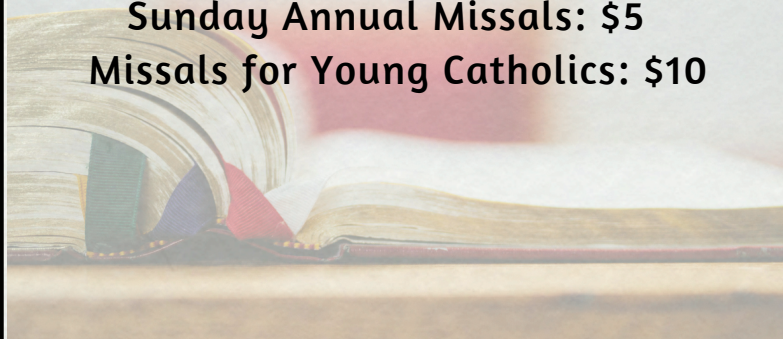


## MISSALS

Available to purchase in the Narthex

Sunday Annual Missals: \$5

Missals for Young Catholics: \$10



## BOXED ENVELOPS 2026

If you ordered or had boxed envelopes last year the 2026 envelopes are available in the Narthex to pickup. If you want to order envelopes, please contact the office. Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until the next year for your donations.

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have information or an event you would like included in the bulletin,

please email it to

[bulletin@st-peters.ca](mailto:bulletin@st-peters.ca).

Submissions are accepted at the discretion of the editor and are subject to editing.

**The deadline each week for bulletin submissions is Wednesday at noon.**

## GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Pick up Grocery Gift cards after Mass or in the Office.

***ALL COMMISSIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BUILDING FUND MATCHING PROGRAM.***

Co-op, Sobeys/Safeway, President's Choice and Tim Horton's cards available.

**Using cash, cheque or debit for your purchase allows us to put more of our commission towards our building loan.**

## TAP TO GIVE

TAP YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD TO MAKE A

**\$10 - \$25 - \$50**

**\$20 - \$50 - \$100**

**DONATION**

The TipTapPay devices are located near the main entrance and the bookcase.

To receive a tax receipt, you must scan the QR code on the sign and complete the required information to register your credit card. Tax receipts will be issued annually.

Please email [accounting@st-peters.ca](mailto:accounting@st-peters.ca) with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.





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# SONGS *of* JOY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH @ 2:30PM  
ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MUSIC MINISTRY  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
*of* SEASONAL SONGS





**NEW DATE**

**Celebrate Catholic Education Sunday  
November 22–23, 2025**

## **ANCHORED IN CHRIST, BEACON OF HOPE**

### **Celebrating 140 Years of Catholic Education in Calgary**

In this 140th year of Catholic education in Calgary, we give thanks for the gift of Catholic schools—where faith, learning, and community are nurtured.

Grounded in Christ and guided by the Gospel, Catholic education helps our students grow in truth, compassion, and purpose.

With your support, the CCEF continues to enrich learning in our schools, igniting hope for over 64,000 students.

**The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation supports students in 120 schools across Calgary, Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. We fund projects in:**

- Social Justice
- Leading-edge learning opportunities such as portable technology
- Stewardship and leadership development in students
- Safe and caring faith-based programs
- Playgrounds
- Campus Calgary/Open Minds®

*“Wehavethishope,asureandsteadfastanchorofthesoul.”*

—Hebrews 6:18–19

## **Show your support today**



### **Online**

Scan this QR code.

**OR**

Donate securely and with confidence online at: [bit.ly/CCEFCES](https://bit.ly/CCEFCES)

### **By cheque**

**Mailyour donationto:**

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation  
1000 - 5 Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 4T9

### **Atyour local parish**

Ifattending mass on

**November 22 & 23, 2025**

place your donation in the dedicated envelope from your pew.

**All donations are 100% tax deductible.**

To learn more about the CCEF, visit us at [theccef.ca](https://theccef.ca) |    **#IGiveCatholic**

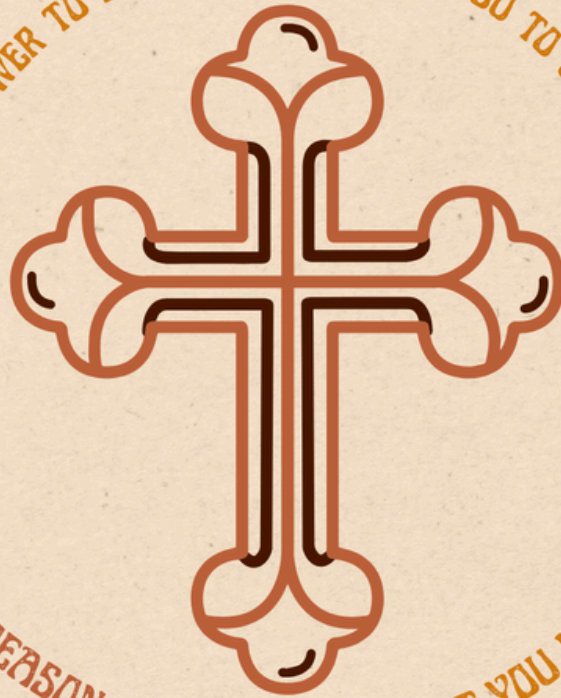
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# ST. PETER'S PARISH

ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN  
ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE



FREE  
FOOD

1 PETER  
3:15

# THE PARATUS INITIATIVE

THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE.

• **FOR AGES 20-35** •

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: [PARATUS@ST-PETERS.CA](mailto:PARATUS@ST-PETERS.CA)

GROW IN YOUR FAITH-  
GET TO KNOW & TAKE  
PART IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY

SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO:



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**



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MOST REV. WILLIAM T. MCGRATTAN  
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY  
PRESIDER



**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY**

**800 85 ST. SW**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025  
AT 1 PM**

**PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH IF  
YOU ARE COMING**

**FOR MORE INFO: HARDY DEL CASTILLO  
5877031585**