

St. Michael Parish

5105- 45a Street, Leduc, Alberta T9E 5X1

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



Death could not hold Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Risen!

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter!

Easter 2024

Easter celebration starts with Easter Vigil. The key words of Easter liturgy are light, life, and love. Out of His love for the humankind, Jesus, the light of the world, died on the cross and brought eternal life to us.

Easter vigil begins with the lighting of the Easter Candle. On Good Friday we have seen the evil overpowering the good and darkness envelops the earth. But the victory of the evil doers was short lived. Because God dispels the darkness of death by the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. The lighting of the Easter Candle and the procession with it symbolizes God's light emerging from the darkness.

The first reading on the Easter vigil states, "the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters." (Gen1.2) It marks the importance of the element of water in Christian life. In the Epistle, Romans 6.3-11 St. Paul says that when a person is baptized in water and Holy Spirit, he/she dies with Christ. In baptism we are immersed into water as a sign of dying with Christ. Emerging from water is a symbol of being raised up with Christ, cleansed of our sins. The new life in Christ is not simply an assurance of rising in glory in the afterlife but also dying to selfishness and sin. The renewal of baptismal promises reminds us of our own baptism and our resolution to walk in the newness of life.

The empty tomb is a symbol of the mystery of God's love to humankind manifested through Jesus Christ. The love which led Christ to suffer is not destroyed by death but raised anew with a new power. Easter is the story of this Empty tomb. It is the story of the risen Lord. It is the story of rolling away the stones and obstacles of life.

On every Easter we are invited to live our lives without fear, following our risen Lord and spreading the light of Christ to expel the darkness from the world. So, do not be afraid. Trust in God and rejoice in God's love for you.

May the Risen Lord Bless you abundantly.
Happy Easter.
Fr. Mathew Kunnel



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7th @ 2:30pm

Join us at 2:30pm for the Rosary

Confessions will be available from 2:30pm - 4pm

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a simple prayer done on rosary beads & contains "Great Mercy" for all souls and the whole world. Join in a 9 day Novena starting on Good Friday (said in the privacy of your own home) & ending on the Sunday after Easter (April 7th). You can pray this Novena of Chaplets for your own personal intentions or it can be offered together for the intentions dictated by Our Lord to Saint Faustina.

Learn more about Jesus' message of Divine Mercy by visiting FORMED.org

**God is calling people to a deeper understanding, that
GOD'S MERCY is unlimited & available to everyone, especially to the greatest of sinners.**

*Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Congratulations & Welcome

Steven Langdon and Kathryn Bianic

*who have been lovingly received into our Christian
community this Easter weekend!*

Marian Grotto

A statue of Our Lady Help of Christians has been donated and has safely arrived. Recognizing she needs a home in the form of a Marian Grotto and that our parish offers a beautiful backdrop for this prodigious home; a contractor has been selected after careful deliberation. The Archdiocese has approved and given their blessing to go ahead with these plans.

The estimated cost of the Grotto is approximately \$30,000.

We are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider contributing to this grotto. Pledge cards are available at the back of the Church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.





ENCOUNTER CHRIST

ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

ENCOUNTER CREATION

Newly renovated and ready for the 2024 Summer Youth Camp season

<https://olvc.campbrainregistration.com/>




YOUTH (AGES 11+) MOVIE NIGHT

APRIL 13 FROM 6:00-8:00PM

SNACKS, POPCORN AND DRINKS

Join for a fun night watching Disney's Up.
RSVP to jolyne.demarco@caedm.ca

St. Michael's Parish
5105 45a St, Leduc, AB



2024 MARCH FOR LIFE

WE'VE RENTED A BUS



SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEN: THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

JUST SHOW UP AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH!!!

DETAILS: THE BUS WILL LEAVE ST. MICHAEL PARISH AT 9AM AND TAKE PARISHIONERS TO THE PROLIFE MASS AT ST. JOSEPH BASILICA AND THEN TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE STARTING AT THE LEGISLATURE BUILDING. WE SHOULD ARRIVE BACK AT THE PARISH BETWEEN 2:30-2:45 pm

QUESTIONS? CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL
DAVID RANTUCCI AT 780 599 2665 OR
DAVIDR@THERMO-DESIGN.COM



Confirmation Class 2024



You may have noticed pictures of our confirmations candidates around the Church.

We invite parishioners to take time to write an encouraging message on the candidates pictures and keep them in your prayers as they prepare and journey towards their Confirmation on May 4, 2024.

St. Michael's Spring Virtual 50/50 Draw

The winner of this draw will receive a maximum cash prize of \$10,000 or 50% of ticket sales.

The winner will be drawn at the Parish Picnic on June 9, 2024

Access for tickets starting March 31, 2024 through this link:

[St. Michael's Parish | Rafflebox](#)

If you do not have computer access, please phone the parish Office and we can help you purchase your tickets!

The proceeds will go to the Planning for Tomorrow fund to support various parish programs as we continue to 'Plan for Tomorrow'!

Thank you for your continued support to build the faith community at St. Michael Parish.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus continue to collect Aluminum, Copper and pop can tabs to use for the purchase of Wheel Chairs for our brothers and sisters in need. Please collect and drop off at the Parish Office.

Called to Protect Workshops

If you are involved in any Church ministry or would like to become involved in a Church ministry you are required by the Archdiocese of Edmonton, to take a Called to Protect Workshop.

We will be hosting a Called to Protect Workshop at St. Michaels

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 9:30am

To register please follow the link below:

<https://forms.gle/MEwWxP3GLFGpH8qd8>

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office 780.986.3253

Bereavement Support Group

The death of someone we have loved leads u to question life's purpose and meaning. We find ourselves asking many questions.

St. Michael's Parish will be offering a grief support group this spring. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us on a six week journey to healing on:

Thursdays, beginning April 4, 2024 @ 1pm

Please phone the Parish Office to register.
780.986.3253

Pastor: Rev. Mathewkuty Kunnel

Bookkeeper: Chris Hahn

Office Administrator: Gisele L'Abbee

Custodians: Trina Simenthy and Hajji Pasqua

Volunteer and Sacrament Coordinator: Jolyne De Marco

Phone: 780.986.3253
Fax: 780.980.2577
Email: stmichael.leduc@caedm.com
Website: www.stmichaelsleduc.com

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism of your child. Parents are required to meet with the Pastor and participate in a Baptism preparation class. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholic Christians.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Classes resume in 2025

For more information call
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

FIRST COMMUNION

1st Communion will take place on

May 25th at 2pm

For more information call
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place on

May 4th at 2pm

For more information call
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is a process for persons over 18 wishing to become Catholic.

Contact the Parish Office 780.986.3253

BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN

If a child is between the ages of 7 & 12, he/she and parents must take part in a RCIC process similar to the RCIA.

QUESTIONS? MORE INFORMATION?

For all sacramental information, please contact the Parish Office, 780-986-3253 or e-mail: StMichael.Leduc@caedm.ca

For more information call
Jolyne DeMarco at Parish Office.
Email: Jolyne.DeMarco@caedm.ca

Weekend Mass Times at St. Michael Parish

Saturday Evening 5pm

Sunday 9am & 11am

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.



St. Michael Vacation Bible School

August 12 to 16, 2024

from 9am to Noon

Ages: 5 - 12 years old.

More details in upcoming bulletins.

If you are able to help in any way, please
call the Parish Office @ 780.986.3253

Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is risen!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

780-984-0069

Please call the Society if you are in need of help or if you have any items you are able to donate.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or anyone from your family is sick and/or is in need of prayers, visits, or would like to receive the Eucharist at home or in hospital, please contact **Fr. Mathew** at the parish office.

Catholic Schools in Leduc

Notre Dame Elementary School

66 South Park Drive 780-986-9300

St. Benedict Elementary School

75 Alton Drive 780-986-7480

Fr. Leduc Elementary School

400 Sheppard Blvd
780-986-0045

Christ the King Junior/Senior High School

3511 Rollyview Road 780-986-6859

STAR Catholic Outreach: 4906—50 Avenue 780-980-0955