

♦ Michael's Messenger ♦

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2026 Archbishop's Pastoral Visit

The Most Revd. John Stephens will visit St. Michael's Parish on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Archbishop John will preside and preach at a combined worship service at 9:30 am. A fellowship meal will follow the service in the Millennium Hall. Parishioners, families and friends are encouraged to come and be part of this event.

Local Anglican Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to 'Alongside Hope'

Shirin Theophilus, of St. Anselm's was one of three Canadian volunteers recognized this year for their outstanding contributions to Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF). Shirin is now a lifetime associate member and we thank her for her service.



2026 Annual Vestry Meeting (a.k.a. A.G.M.)

The A.G.M. of St. Michael's Anglican Parish will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. All Parish Committee reports should be submitted to the Office Secretary by Thursday, January 15 to saintmichaels@telus.net

Quad Parish Breakfast: Jan 17th

On January 17th at 9 am, we are having a Quad Parish Breakfast at Denny's on 68th Ave and King George. Please let Jeddy know if you are coming by **January 15th**.

Lay Worship Leaders Course

The Diocese of New Westminster Learning Centre and the Diocese of BC are continuing their partnership to offer training for Lay Worship Leaders. Training is offered on Zoom, on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm, beginning March 5.

The Diocese of BC has offered this training for the last five years and trained over 80 lay leaders to officiate at a daily office (Morning, Evening Prayer). Archbishop John Stephens has given his approval to this course for those seeking to be Licensed Lay Worship Leaders in the diocese of New Westminster.

Completion of this course does not guarantee a license but offers solid preparation for exercising this ministry.

For more information, go to:

<https://dnwlearningcentre.ca/events/lay-worship-leader-course/2026-03-05>

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Nominations Open for Order of Diocese of New Westminster

Nominations are now open for parish nominees to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW). The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 30, 2026. Each parish can nominate one person to the Order.

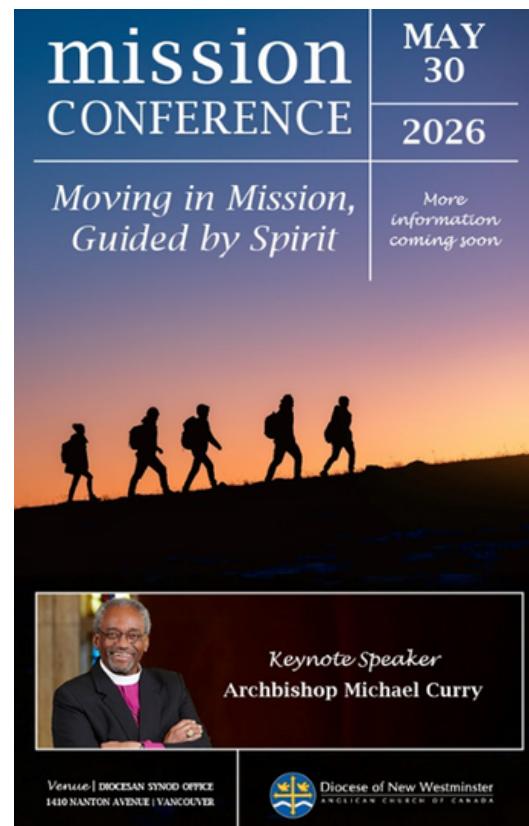
The Order was established to acknowledge lay members of the Diocese who have devoted themselves to outstanding volunteer ministry over a significant period of time. The Investiture Service takes place every other year. This year the Investiture Service will take place Saturday, November 7 at 10:30am at St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church.

If you feel you know someone in St. Michael's who should be nominated for this award, please talk to Father Louie or Father Christian.

Save the Date: Mission Conference

Mission Conference 2026 will be held May 30, 2026. The theme is "Moving in Mission, Guided by Spirit." The keynote speaker will be Archbishop Michael Curry, former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

Watch for program and registration details in the new year. For now, mark your calendars!



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Special Days

- January 15 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, Founder of the SSJE, 1915
- January 17 Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
- January 18 The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle
- January 21 Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304
- January 22 Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, Martyr, 304
- January 24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622
- January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
- January 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Saint Paul
- January 27 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407
- January 28 Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
- January 30 Charles Stuart, King of England, 1649
- February 2 The Presentation of the Lord
- February 3 Anskar, Missionary Bishop of Sweden, 865
- February 5 Martyrs of Japan, 1596
- February 9 Hannah Grier Coome, Religious, Founder of the SSJD (Sisterhood of St. John the Divine), 1921
- February 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slave, 869 & 885
- February 15 Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, Founder of SPG (Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts) and SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge), 1730

Happy New Year from St. Michael's!

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