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#### SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

15 minutes before daily Masses and Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m. Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m. Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. Sunday 6:15-6:45 p.m. Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.



Our Worship Space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street entrance

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca

#### **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

Sir Edgar Bauer Elementary School	519-884-8480
St Nicholas Elementary School	519-884-9198
Resurrection Secondary School	519-741-1990
St David Secondary School	519-885-1340
St Jerome University	519-884-8111

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

St Michael Parish welcomes post-secondary students to participate in the life of the parish. The St John Paul II Student Centre (adjacent to the Church) offers programing and pastoral care for all university and college students (jp2waterloo.ca).

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father before setting a date of marriage.

#### PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital. Anointing of the Sick takes place annually in the parish, and is celebrated personally upon request. To ensure a visit by our Pastoral Team when hospitalized please indicate you are a member of St Michael Parish.

#### **HEALING MINISTRIES**

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group and "ACT II" is our Separated/Divorced Group. To find out more about the programs, please contact our parish office.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

#### **BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS**

The Blessing of Expectant Parents takes place after each Mass on the First Sunday of the month.

#### PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Michael Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 24:13-35)



The story of the Road to Emmaus is a symbolic image of how to meet the Risen Lord in our journey of life. When in resignation, the disciples are heading to Emmaus, Jesus walks with them, even if they are going in the wrong direction. He opens the Scripture to them, but it is only when He breaks the bread, that their eyes are opened just before He vanishes from their sight.

All of this is to show that the Risen Lord remains forever with us in the sharing of His Word, in the breaking of the Bread, that is, in the Eucharist. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist in faith and live by His Words, we meet the Risen Lord.

Fr. Jamroz

#### WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



#### Tuesday, April 25, 2023

7:00 pm + Simon O'Donovan – Candy Smith

+ Special Intentions of Charisse Olalia in Thanksgiving

**7:30pm-8:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday, April 26, 2023

12:15 pm + Margaret Bogan – Tony Bogan

+ Kathryn Hotten – Rita Molnar

#### Thursday, April 27, 2023

12:15 pm + Holy Souls in Purgatory – Candy Smith

#### Friday, April 28, 2023

**8:00 am** + Kaitlyn Roth – Jack Hergott

8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Saturday, April 29, 2023

**5:00 pm +** Mary Chrysler – The Family

+ Jim Holdenmeyer – Susan Perfect

#### Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz by telephone at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at <a href="mailto:pastor@stmichaelw.ca">pastor@stmichaelw.ca</a>.

#### **Sunday Homilies Online**

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button 'LISTEN TO HOMILY'.

#### The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

#### **Prayer Intentions**

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website <a href="https://www.stmichaelw.ca">www.stmichaelw.ca</a> and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.

### Feast Day of St. Mark, April 25 Mass at 7:00 pm

The Church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Mark, Apostle and Evangelist, on April 25. He was one of the four writers of the Gospels, who provide us with a clear account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We know St. Mark, therefore, mostly through his authorship of the second Gospel—the Gospel according to St. Mark. From elsewhere in Scripture, he is also known to have accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. And from Tradition, he is known to have been the secretary of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.



# Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel 11:45 am Rosary & 12:15pm Mass

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patroness of the Catholic Women's League.

The Rosary will be lead at 11:45 am in the church before the 12:15 Mass. After Mass, CWL members and parishioners are invited gather for some fellowship at a local restaurant / coffee shop. If interested, please wait in the vestibule of the church after Mass for location details.

#### House of Friendship (HOF) Register now for Volunteer Opportunities

We are grateful to our HOF speakers for their April 11 presentation. The HOF has reserved volunteer positions for our Parish every Saturday morning to support their ShelterCare facility by setting up and overseeing the distribution of breakfast bags to the men in program, serving coffee and socializing.

If you are interested in volunteering **one Saturday a month from 7:45 am to 9am,** contact Brit Kovacs at <u>brittanyk@houseoffriendship.org</u> or 519-742-8327 x 141 to get more information (mention that you are a St. Michael Parish volunteer), or Kathy Shaw at <u>shawbing@rogers.com</u> 519-886-2117.

When these Saturday morning roles are filled we will begin to identify other opportunities for our Parish. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

#### Canadian Food for Children

ARE YOU THINKING IT IS TIME TO DO SPRING CLEANING? Canadian Food for Children accepts good used clothing, sports equipment, household items, medical supplies and much more to be distributed to 13 of the poorest countries. Donations are to be dropped off at Canadian Food for Children. Detailed information is available at the church entrances. The contact person for St. Michael's is Eleanor Horrigan 519-885-3674 or email horriganeleanor@gmail.com.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 149 - As spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring! Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip**

129 - Easter provides us with a clear picture of how much God loves us, since He sent His son to die on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Easter highlights the importance of forgiveness and our call as Catholics to forgive both ourselves and others. Marriage is an essential place to put this call to forgive into action. Forgiveness means we let go of issues, after discussing and working them out, and then move forward in love. It means showing mercy when mistakes are made and remembering that forgiving allows us to put love first. So, remember to forgive in your marriages so you can both find a place of peace. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.



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