

# St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3R5

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAT Mass.....5:00 p.m.  
SUN Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
Mass...11:00 a.m.  
Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

## WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

TUE Mass.....7:00 p.m.  
WED Mass.....12:15 p.m.  
THUR Mass.....8:00 a.m.  
FRI Mass.....8:00 a.m.

SAT Reconciliation.....4:15 p.m.



## PARISH STAFF

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Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street. 

**NEW TO THE PARISH** • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at [www.stmichaelw.ca/forms](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/forms) or on the hospitality desks at each entrance to the church.

**PARISH RECORDS** • Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the office if you change your address or telephone number.

**MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS** • The staff visit St. Nicholas and Sir Edgar Bauer on a regular basis. Eucharist and Reconciliation are celebrated with each school during the year and the staff is available for classroom visits and other special celebrations. We also celebrate the sacraments and make pastoral visits to St. David's high school as needed.

**MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STAFF** • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. Each Sunday evening during the university academic year, we provide a parish Mass at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students and staff of the universities and colleges in our community.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE** • Couples intending to be married are asked to fill out the application form available at [stmichaelw.ca/sacraments](http://stmichaelw.ca/sacraments). Please meet with the priest or deacon before making any other arrangements. Twelve (12) months notice is normally required so that proper preparation can take place.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN** • The Parish Nurse and trained volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, in nursing homes, in hospitals or in prison. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the parish church, Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Court at Laurelwood and Clair Hills Retirement Community twice a year. Parishioners can request the Anointing of the Sick at any time by appointment in their home or in the church.

**PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL** • Privacy of information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish office whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

**PARISH OUTREACH** • St. Michael's Parish assists those in need through the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For emergency food help call 519-747-1090.

**MUSIC IN THE LITURGY** • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

**PARISH BULLETIN** • News items for the bulletin should be submitted via email if possible and may be edited due to space limitations. All items must be in the parish office by Monday prior to publication.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.*

# EASTER SUNDAY

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## MASS INTENTIONS

April 7 - 11, 2015

### Tuesday

**7:00pm** +William Arnold – *Estate*  
+Murray Smith – *Tim & Norah O'Leary*

### Wednesday

**12:15pm** +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*

### Thursday

**8:00am** +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*

### Friday

**8:00am** +Genevieve Logel – *John & Helen Anne Hause*

### Saturday

**5:00pm** +Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*  
+Kathy Ormiston – *Rita Polzin*  
+Lorraine Daub – *Jerry & Dorothy Hinschberger*

### Second Sunday of Easter

*Acts 4.32-35*

*1 John 5.1-6*

*John 20.19-31*



## PARISH NEWS

### Sunday Offering

March 21 & 22 – \$6,128.00

March 28 & 29 – TBA

**April's St. Vincent de Paul collection will be on the weekend of April 11/12.**

**Effective immediately the church will be closed on Mondays and will not be accessible.**

There will be no Blood Pressure Clinics until further notice.

There will be a Prayer Shawl Meeting on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Resource Centre.

### Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

St. Michael's Parish along with St. Michael's CWL is pleased to offer the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. This award is awarded to a graduating high school student who is an active member of St. Michael's Parish and who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership. Application forms are available on the church website. All applications must be submitted to the church office no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS**

Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on *Sunday April 12 during the 11:00 am* mass. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in our Diocese of Hamilton.

## ALTAR SERVERS

### **Saturday, April 11**

**5:00pm:** Katie Kuepfer, Alex & Max Winter

### **Sunday, April 12**

**9:00am:** Marcus, Quinn Claire & Kieran Meyer

**11:00am:** Claire Strong, Oshana Putros, Don Klein

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### **Saturday, April 11**

**5:00pm:** \* Darlene Auguste

1 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel 2 Kathleen McCauley

### **Sunday, April 12**

**9:00am:** \* Veronica Zarin

1 Katherine Bergman 2 Suzanne Johnson

**11:00am:** \* Herli Liem

1 Lauren Huston 2 Jeremy Adams

**7:00pm:** \* Tessa Heffernan

## MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

### **Saturday, April 11**

**5:00pm:** Joan Fernandez, Tracey Kuepfer,  
George Farrell, Angela Tiedemann

### **Sunday, April 12**

**9:00am:** Tony & Pam De Leo,  
Helen Anne Hause, Eleanor Horrigan

**11:00am:** Susan Fratzke, Dorothy Krauskopf,  
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,  
Jeannie Krulicki, Theresa Leung

**7:00pm:** Magnell Robinson, Veronica Zarin

## Praying for Vocations

If you love priests and religious men and women, please support them by joining us in praying for vocations. Vocation Saturday is an initiative of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton to gather people from across the diocese to unite in prayer for vocations. Join us on **Saturday, April 18** for 9:00am Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations.

### **Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life?**

Find out by attending this upcoming event: **Discernment Group** (a monthly morning of prayer, reflection, and lunch): **Saturday, April 18** starting at 9:00a.m.: Mass, Holy Hour, Discernment Groups for men and women, and lunch. For more information visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)



### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015? On Sunday, June 7th at 1:30pm., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Details are available on the poster at the main entrance of the Church or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Bishop's Banquet on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Proceeds from this event go to support Faith Formation Programs within Waterloo Catholic Schools. Call 519-578-3660 Ext. 2373 for tickets.**

**Time for Two: Growing in Love**

Do you ever wish you had more time as a couple? Are you surprised at how fast the days and months fly by? Do you wish you could take some time as a couple? **Then this is the weekend for you!**

- ★ Rediscover the *spark* that was there on your wedding day!
- ★ Rediscover the *best friend* you have had since you were married!
- ★ Give yourselves a *private* weekend away and discover each other anew.

**This may well be the most valuable two days you will spend together as a couple – enrich your love and knowledge of each other!!**

The Marriage Encounter/Enrichment weekend will be held on **April 11/12** at the **St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton, ON**. Contact the Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com). Information and on line registration can be found on our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**A REFLECTION FOR EASTER  
BY FR. RON ROLHEISER OMI  
GOD'S QUIET PRESENCE IN OUR  
LIVES**

The poet, Rumi, submits that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not.

That can be very helpful in understanding our faith. One of the reasons why we struggle with faith is that God's presence inside us and in our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming, sensational, something impossible to ignore. God doesn't work like that. Rather God's presence, much to our frustration and loss of patience sometimes, is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash.

Because we are not sufficiently aware of this, we tend to misunderstand the dynamics of faith and find ourselves habitually trying to ground our faith on precisely something that is loud and dramatic. We are forever looking for something beyond what God gives us. But we should know from the very way God was born into our world, that faith needs to ground itself on something that is quiet and undramatic. Jesus, as we know, was born into our world with no fanfare and no power, a baby lying helpless in the straw, another child among millions. Nothing spectacular to human eyes surrounded his birth. Then, during his ministry, he never performed miracles to prove his divinity; but only as acts of compassion or to reveal something about God. Jesus never used divine power in an attempt to prove that God exists, beyond doubt. His ministry, like his birth, wasn't an attempt to prove God's existence. It was intended rather to teach us what God is like and that God loves us unconditionally.

Moreover, Jesus' teaching about God's presence in our lives also makes clear that this presence is mostly quiet and hidden, a plant growing silently as we sleep, yeast leavening dough in a manner hidden from our eyes, summer slowly turning a barren tree green, an insignificant mustard plant eventually surprising us with its growth, a man or woman forgiving an enemy. God, it seems, works in ways that are quiet and hidden from our eyes. The God that Jesus incarnates is neither dramatic nor splashy.

And there's an important faith-lesson in this. Simply put, God lies inside us, deep inside, but in a way that's almost non-existent, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored. However, while that presence is never overpowering, it has within it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion towards something higher, which invites us to draw upon it. And, if we do draw upon it, it gushes up in us in an infinite stream that instructs us, nurtures us, and fills us with endless energy.

This is important for understanding faith. God lies inside us as an invitation that fully respects our freedom, never overpowers us; but also never goes away. It lies there precisely like a baby lying helpless in the straw, gently beckoning us, but helpless in itself to make us pick it up.

For example, C.S. Lewis, in explaining why he finally became, in his words, "the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom", writes that, for years, he was able to effectively ignore a voice inside him, precisely, because it was almost non-existent, almost unfelt, and largely unnoticed. On the other hand, in retrospect, he realized it had always been there, a gentle, incessant nudge, beckoning him to draw from it, something he eventually recognized as a gentle, but unyielding, imperative, a "compulsion" which, if obeyed, leads to liberation. Ruth Burrows, the British Carmelite and mystic, describes a similar experience in her autobiography, *Before the Living God*.

Chronicling her late adolescent years, Burrows describes both her religious flightiness and her lack of attraction to the religious life at that time in her life. Yet she eventually ends up not only being serious about religion but becoming a Carmelite nun. What happened? One day, in a chapel, almost against her will, triggered by a series of accidental circumstances, she opened herself to voice inside her that she had, until then, mainly ignored because it lay inside her precisely as a voice that was almost non-existent, almost unfelt, and largely unnoticed. But once touched, it gushed up as the deepest and most real thing inside her and set the direction of her life forever afterwards. Like C.S. Lewis, she too, once she had opened herself to it, felt it as an unyielding moral compulsion opening her to ultimate liberation.

Why doesn't God show himself to us more directly and more powerfully so as to make faith easier? That's a fair question for which, partly, there is no fully satisfying answer. But the answer we do have lies in understanding the manner in which God manifests himself in our lives and in our world. Unlike most everything else that's trying to get our attention, God never tries to overwhelm us. God, more than anyone else, respects our freedom. For this reason, God lies everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and energy.

From: [ronrolheiser.org/april2014](http://ronrolheiser.org/april2014)

*Easter Blessings!*

The love of God at Easter  
is there for all to see—  
He died for us and rose again  
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God *Bless* You  
with His *Peace & Joy*  
at Easter



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