



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Pawel Jamroz, Pastor email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

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 programming 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

For food assistance in the Waterloo Region call 519-743-5576 Ext 340 to be directed to the program nearest you. SSVP is currently supporting the North of 60 project providing food assistance to Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut as well as creating Essential Hygiene Kits for newly arriving Ukrainian refugees.

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 (Mk 1:1-8)



As we continue our journey towards Christmas, John the Baptist invites us to “**prepare the way for the Lord.**” As we learn, preparation consists of repentance. It is noteworthy that repentance does not primarily mean changing one’s life. Repentance first of all is a response to God’s love and mercy and this leads to conversion.

We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness and kindness of God in our repentance. This means that we do not have to carry the burden of sin.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘LISTEN OR READ HOMILY’.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of JR
+ Thresiamma & Kakkapan Kuriappilly
– Jesna Thomas

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

12:15 pm + Helen Benninger – The Family

Thursday, December 14, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Jilma Ruiz
– Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Katherine Long
– Denise Doff

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

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Sr. – The Family
+ Kevin Patrick Joseph – The Khan Family
+ Jose Felipe Varela – Norma Varela

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 and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>

Sunday Missals

and Children’s Sunday Missals are available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children’s Sunday Missal and are at the main doors of the Church. Please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday, December 12, Mass at 7 pm

What is the story behind Our Lady of Guadalupe? On December 9, 1531... our Lady appeared to a native peasant named Juan Diego asking for a church to be built in her honor ... Our Lady asked Juan to collect some flowers from Tepeyac Hill ... and then the Blessed Mother arranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma... Upon opening his tilma before the bishop ... the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was revealed as the roses fell to the ground. ... Today there is a Shrine Church north of México City in Tlupetlac marking the place of this apparition and healing of Juan Bernardino. (Excerpt: ewtn.com)

ADVENT NIGHT OF REFLECTION LED BY FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB. Friday, December 15

Mass at 7 pm, Reflection at 7:45 pm

Please join us for Mass and an Advent Night of Reflection with Fr. Thomas Rosica. He will be speaking on *Emmanuel: The Plea and the Promise*.

Please register on our website at

<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/advent-evening-of-relection>

Or by calling the parish office.

Christmas Pageant Invitation

All children ages 4-12 are invited to be part of the Christmas pageant at St. Michael Parish on Christmas Eve, December 24 at the 5:00 pm Mass. Rehearsals will be Sunday, **December 10 and 17** after the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the parish office to register your child.

Christmas Floral Tribute

Envelopes and forms for Christmas floral tributes are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also donate online. If donating online, in the comments section, please type floral tribute and the name of the deceased person you wish to remember. Names will be placed by the altar and remembered at all Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

Save the Date

On **Wednesday, December 20, 2023** we will have **all day confessions**. Watch for more details.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th
5 pm, 7 pm and Midnight (12am)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th
9 am, 11 am

Christmas Season Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th **5 pm**

Sunday, December 31st **9 am, 11 am, 7 pm**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st – **9 am and 11 am**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection – Dec 16 / 17

SSVP will be supporting the House of Friendship's Christmas Hamper program again this year with a monetary donation and delivering store vouchers to over 60 families in need in our community. **Collections boxes will be at the doors of the church December 16 and 17. Donation envelopes will also be available.** (To receive a 2023 tax receipt, donation envelopes need to be returned by Dec 28th)

In addition to the above, SSVP has kept busy in 2023 providing support for neighbours in need, new Ukrainian arrivals and our North of 60 partners. **Your continued generosity, support and prayers are greatly appreciated.**

THE FAITH EXPLAINED - What is an apparition?

The word *apparition* comes from a Latin word that means "to attend or appear." According to the doctrine of the Catholic Church, the era of public revelation ended with the death of the last living Apostle. A Marian apparition, if deemed genuine by Church authority, is treated as private revelation ... The Holy See has officially confirmed the apparitions at Guadalupe, Saint-Etienne-le-Laus, Paris (Rue du Bac, Miraculous Medal), La Salette, Lourdes, Fatima, Portugal, Pontmain, Beauraing, and Banneux. (Expert from catholic.org)



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Eat in call **Manager 519-884-2060**

Wednesday Spaghetti: Take out/Eat in call

Manager 519-884-2060, place orders by 2:30 pm

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