



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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.

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

Provides emergency grocery assistance to needy persons and families in our parish area. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-747-1090. A monthly collection to assist the Society in its work takes place on the First Sunday.

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

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 3:10-18; Zeph 3:14-18)



As we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday* (*Gaudete-Rejoice*), remarkable words we hear in the first reading. The prophet Zephaniah proclaims that the Lord “**will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.**”

In his commentary, Father John Foley SJ asks, “*Have you ever in your life thought that God might break into song because of you? Because of you! Have you ever allowed your idea of God expand that far? Have you ever imagined God as one who sings you into existence?*” Our God is God who is overwhelmed with joy because of us, and this is why we are called to rejoice.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, registration, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca*



Tuesday, December 14, 2021

7:00 pm + For those who have received prayer shawls this year – The Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

12:15 pm + Starling Hopman – Rohini & Terence Gomez
+ Ching Wan Wong – Helen Quinton

Thursday, December 16, 2021

12:15 pm + Ray Skyrme – Marianne Hoegler
+ Rudy Ianni – Maria Ianni

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:00 am + Barry Holtom – John & Helen Anne Hause
+ Allister Dietrich – Rita Dietrich

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00 pm + Hermina Hollo – The Family
+ Tommie McGuinness – Mary McShane-Leffering & Family
+ Special Intentions of Gerry Arksey
– Ministers of Hospitality

Public Masses have resumed

We may welcome the number of people we can accommodate with two metres of social distance between individuals/households. All who participate in the liturgy are to wear masks.

Sunday Homilies Online

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

Sunday Missals

Sunday and Children's Sunday missals are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children's Missal and are available at the main doors of the church. In order to limit contact, please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm.



**All Day Confessions
Tuesday, December 21**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8 am to 7 pm. Mass will be at 7 pm and Adoration and Confessions will follow until 8:30. More details on the scheduled priests will be posted soon on our website.



**Parish Retreat Night
The Birth of Jesus
Friday, December 17 at 7 pm**

Presented by Fr. Jamroz in the parish hall. The goal of this presentation is to help us to focus on spiritual preparation for Christmas through reflection on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus as presented in the Gospels. Registration is not required but to help us with numbers for hall set up, please sign up at the main doors of the church or contact the parish office.



**Christmas Season Masses
No registration required**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th
9:00 am and 11:00 am

(Note: no 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25)

Christmas Season Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26 at 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 5 pm

Saturday, January 1 at 9 am and 11 am

(Note: no 5 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1)

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2 at 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is known as “*Gaudete Sunday*.” Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass. In Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *Gaudete* - “Rejoice.” Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus Christ (both His first coming and His second coming). Since by the third Sunday of Advent we are most of the way through the season, it is appropriate to rejoice. “The Lord is near!”

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 put 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.



DIocese of Hamilton

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The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priest Chaplains, Campus Ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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