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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry for those in Age 2 - Grade 4 is offered at both 9:00am & 11:00 a.m. Mass.



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please consult inside of bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 6:00-6:30 p.m. (effective September 2019)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTORAL TEAM

Father F. Freitas, Pastor
email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

Father David Perrin - Assisting Priest

Deacon Philip J. Fernandez

Mrs Andrea Laughlin - Lay Pastoral Associate

Mr Joseph Goodwin - Campus Minister

Mrs Elizabeth King - Administrative Assistant

Ms Carolyn Snyder Milke - Director of Music

Mrs Merlie Ladroma - Cleaner

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). Our 7:00pm Sunday evening Mass is especially for our student community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Church is Open Daily for Quiet Visit and Prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday evenings following the evening Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father Freitas 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.

BEREAVEMENT CARE

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group. To find out more about the program 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.

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, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



December 17-21, 2019

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm + Anthony Hergott - Family
 + Ralph Freiburger - Family
 No Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

12:15 pm + Lily Choi & Martin Singco – Evelyn Singco

Thursday, December 19, 2019

12:15 pm + Dorothy Freiburger - Family

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:00 am + Audria Clark – Guinta Family
11:00 am + Mass at Columbia Forest

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00pm + Keith Barker Sr. - Family
 + Rudy Ianni - Maria
 + Louisa & Tihomil Frendic – Ana & Family

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

December 7&8, 2019 – \$ 6,992.89

Pre Authorized Giving– \$ 1,053.00

Thank you for your generosity

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

December 21 & 22, 2019 - Team D

(full schedule on our website - www.stmichaelw.ca)



Did you know......that you can park in Lot 32 right next door at the WLU Lazaridis Building during weekend Masses? Street Parking is also permitted on Hemlock Street – look for our designated spaces.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

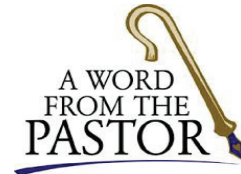
Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at stmikesprayer@gmail.com

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at all entrances for those who wish to make a donation. These floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box, and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.



Thank you to all who have so generously participated in our Christmas Sharing outreach. Tremendous generosity was shown as we supported our four ministry partners. Thank you to all involved – you have made a difference!

Thank you to all who participated in our Day of Mercy this Wednesday. I am grateful to 16 brother priests who participated as confessors, to the many parishioners, students and visitors who came, and to the young people of our St John Paul Student Centre who were present for Adoration All Day in our Church. It was a Day of Mercy and one of great Grace too!

Our Catholic Café last weekend was among one of our best attended this year – I think the 'advent flavoured cookies' helped. Thank you to our dedicated Café team, and to so many who work behind the scenes to make our monthly Café a success.

Our Christmas Pageant is underway and I am grateful to all involved. Rehearsals continue – can't wait for the big day!

This season celebrates new life, and our Pastoral Associate Andrea Laughlin, and her family have once again been given the gift of new life in their expanding family. Andrea has decided that with three children, soon, she wishes to return to full time duties as a mom at the end of this year. We are sorry to see her conclude her time on our pastoral team, but wish her much joy and happiness in her family life.

I wish to thank you for your heartfelt assurance of prayer, your support and sympathy on the passing of my mother. My father, sister and I have been touched by the kinds words, the many Masses offered, messages received, and the gestures of friendship given. My parents were members of this parish for three decades, and have always been associated with this community. It was a personal joy to celebrate her life with all of you here at St Michael Parish. May the Lord deeply reward each of you for your goodness to us.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Centre THIS WEEKEND. Those *not currently using envelopes* but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family - forms at Welcome Desk.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can financially support our parish through pre authorized, debit or on line giving? To find how see our website, or inquire at our Welcome Desk or give the parish office a call. Your financial generosity makes it possible for us to be a welcoming community that has a place for all. Help us continue our good work.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY DRIVE

Consider supporting our Knights in this worthwhile project which continues until December 21st. Toys may be dropped off at all Waterloo Fire Stations or at Waterloo Knights Centre at 145 Dearborn Pl.



CWL NEWS

2020 Membership dues – remain at \$30.

These can be placed in the Sunday Offering – please clearly mark you envelope to the attention of the CWL. If you will be away after Christmas, please submit your dues in December.

WANT TO LEND A HAND?

Are you looking for a simple way to volunteer. The Altar Society may be what you are looking for. For one to two months a year, a short weekly task of cleaning and refilling holy water bowls along with light washing and ironing of church linens is required. Please contact the church office. We would love to have your help.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: *"I am the Light of the World."* In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for

the intercession of saints are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. The lighting of candles has been observed since the time of the early martyrs. *We ask for a \$2 offering for each lit candle. Candles may be lit anytime the Church is open.*



PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish Library is located in the lower level of the Church across from our Parish Centre. Check it out!

BE A PARKING LOT MESSENGER OF CHEER!

We are looking for people to help make our Christmas Eve Masses as welcoming and safe as possible. We have a core team ready to help manage and direct traffic before these Masses, but we could definitely use more help! We need assistance starting at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve. What a better way could there be to start your Christmas celebration than by wishing **"Merry Christmas"** to so many of your friends as you help direct them into their parking spaces! If you are interested and available to help out, please leave your name at the Welcome Desk or call the parish office.



Save January 31. It might be the last day of next month, but it will probably be one of the best days of the year – a great Kids Klub event will soon be announced (and we will be bringing our Da Crew – High School Members too!!)

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. - Family Mass with Pageant & Choir

7:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Cantor

10:00pm - Solemn Mass of Christmas
- with Traditional Choir

(Carols begin at 9:30 p.m.)

(Incense will be used at this Mass)

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. - Mass of Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. - Mass of Christmas Day

Feast of the Holy Family -

Saturday December 28, 2019- 5:00pm -

Sunday, December 29, 2019-9:00am and 11:00am

(there is no 7:00pm Mass)

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

December 31, 2019 - Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

January 1, 2020 at 10:00am

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 4, 2020 - 5:00pm

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- 9:00am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

A word to the wise....the 4:30p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is always overflowing... you may wish to consider one of the other Masses, including Christmas Day. If you are coming for 4:30p.m. it will begin early - once the church is uncomfortably full.

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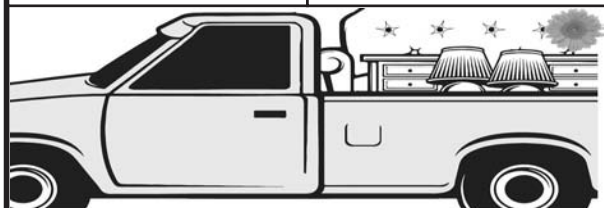
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