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# ***St. Michael's Catholic Church***

**St. Michael's Parish Offices** - 80 University Ave., W. at Hemlock St., Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7

## **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**

<b>TUE</b>	Mass.....	7:00 p.m.
<b>WED</b>	Mass.....	12:15 p.m.
<b>THUR</b>	Mass.....	12:15 p.m.
<b>FRI</b>	Mass.....	8:00 a.m.
<b>TUE</b>	Reconciliation....	6:00-6:45 p.m.
<b>WED</b>	Reconciliation..	11:50-12:05 p.m.
<b>THUR</b>	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
<b>SAT</b>	Reconciliation...	4:00-4:30 p.m.

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](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) 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 & COLLEGE STUDENTS** • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. During the academic year we celebrate a 7pm Sunday Mass for students. The St. John Paul II Student Centre ([jp2waterloo.ca](http://jp2waterloo.ca)) offers programming throughout the week, and Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University provides pastoral care and programming for students on the University of Waterloo campus ([sju.ca](http://sju.ca)).

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

**MARRIAGE** • 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 HOMEBOUND** • Trained volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, long term care facilities or in hospitals. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Village at University Gates, 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**December 18 - 22, 2018**

### Tuesday

**6:30pm** Rosary  
**7:00pm** +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*  
 +Mary Lou Caldwell – *Bob & Anne Slipec*  
 +Jose Filipe Varela – *Norma*  
 +Jessie & Don Aloysius – *The Family*  
 +Richard & Donna Gomez – *The Family*

### Wednesday

**12:15pm** +Lily Choi – *Family*

### Thursday

**12:15pm** +Martin Singco – *Evelyn Singco*

### Friday

**8:00am** +Louisa & Tihomil Franolic – *Ana Franolic & Family*

### Saturday

**5:00pm** +Rudy Ianni – *Maria & Family*  
 +Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*  
 +Nicola & Teresina De Leo – *The Family*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45*



### PARISH NEWS

#### Sunday Offerings

December 9 – \$6,749.00 PAG – \$843.00

### Advent Wreath – Week 3

*“O King of David, Jesus Christ,  
 the gates of heaven open at your command,  
 come and set your people free.”*

**Please note that your last opportunity for reconciliation here at St. Michael's is Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm.**

**Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

2018-19 SUNDAY MISSALS (\$4.00) and CHILDREN'S MISSALS (\$8.00) are available for purchase in the main vestibule.



**DON'T FORGET!** Christmas pageant practice on December 16 & 23 at Noon.

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### **Saturday, December 22**

**5:00pm:** Katie Kuepfer, Alessia Ovcacik, Alia Van Alphen

#### **Sunday, December 23**

**9:00am:** Mark & Elizabeth Pawliszyn, Clara Thompson

**11:00am:** Charlotte & Ryan Tapuska, Don Klein

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

#### **Saturday, December 22**

**5:00pm:** \* Marta Mandich  
 1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Teresa Palmer

#### **Sunday, December 23**

**9:00am:** \* Denise Dolf  
 1 Peter Michels 2 Markus Poetzsch

**11:00am:** \* Yesith Jayasinghe  
 1 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu 2 Fidelia Otokhina

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

#### **Saturday, December 22**

**5:00pm:** Alicia Smith, Veronica Zarin, Joan Fernandez, Paul Gladding

#### **Sunday, December 23**

**9:00am:** Gai Brown, Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Ian Sine, Laura Haffner

**11:00am:** Bob & Jean Balahura, Julie Dreisinger, Bruce Fleming, Theresa Leung, Paul Song & Grace Gao

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Canada Revenue Agency states that charitable donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2018, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.** Donations given on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2019 donations. The Parish Office is open until **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon** and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 9:00am.



**2019 Membership dues** – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the collection baskets in January. If you will be away after Christmas, please submit your dues in December.



**St. David Catholic High School  
 Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Night  
 Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm**

Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.



**Waterloo Knights of Columbus NEW TOYS FOR NEEDY KIDS TOY DRIVE** continues until December 21<sup>st</sup>. Toys may be dropped off at all Waterloo fire stations or at Waterloo K of C, 145 Dearborn Pl.



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca)

#### What is the state of diocesan finances? Is this a desperate situation that requires a campaign?

The diocesan financial picture is strong - the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

#### I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that - when combined with parish assessments - pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

#### Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given - an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

#### Christmas Mass 'Strategy'

As you all know, at Christmas our attendance skyrockets as we welcome many more people to the church than we would normally see on a regular Sunday. This is a great 'problem' to have, and gives us an opportunity to practice our St. Michael's hospitality to make them all feel comfortable in our parish! Having said that, it may be wise to consider which Mass you wish to attend based on our **Christmas attendance last year:**

<b>4:30pm</b> – 760 people	<b>9:00am</b> – 242
<b>7:00pm</b> – 715	<b>11:00am</b> – 350
<b>Midnight</b> – 396	

If you don't need to come at 4:30pm, we would recommend choosing another Mass time to allow room for others, particularly for young families because of the pageant at that Mass. We expect the 9:00am to be the 'quietest', and the other Masses we would describe as 'comfortably full'. Choose the Mass that works best, and we look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and your family!

#### Christmas Masses and Saving Seats

At our busier Christmas Masses, our dedicated team of ushers often run into the issue of people saving seats while the church fills beyond capacity. Our ushers will respect this to a point, but if the church has filled and your guests have not yet arrived, the ushers have been instructed to begin filling in the empty pews, particularly to accommodate our elderly parishioners and young children. We want to be as welcoming as possible, but we ask that if you are at the busier Masses to be sure that everyone in your group arrive early enough to claim their seats.

#### PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

##### Performance Dates:

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> following 5:00pm Mass  
 Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> following 11:00am Mass  
 Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am and 7:00pm

\* Commitments include **ALL** of these performance dates as well as **ALL** rehearsals leading up to them. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons starting January 20<sup>th</sup>.  
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##### Audition Dates:

- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm  
 St. David's High School Drama Room
- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00–3:00pm  
 St. Michael's Church

Please arrive prepared to sing acapella and do a short provided reading. Whether you are an actor, singer, tech person, pianist or violinist we would be pleased to hear your talents. Students must be in high school, college or university. If you have any questions contact [jane.jagas@gmail.com](mailto:jane.jagas@gmail.com)





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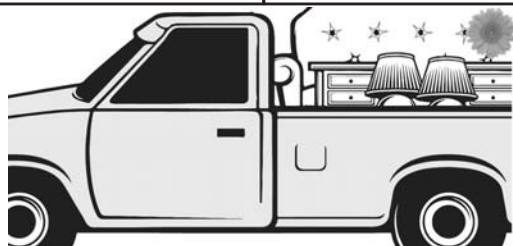
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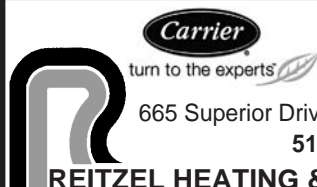
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