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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.....	12:15 p.m.
FRI	Mass.....	8:00 a.m.
TUE	Reconciliation....	6:00-6:45 p.m.
WED	Reconciliation..	11:50-12:05 p.m.
THUR	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
SAT	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 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 have a student mass on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students. We also have the John Paul II Student Centre which is available for students. Please see www.jp2waterloo.ca for more information.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION • 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 SHUT-IN • 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 19 – 23, 2017

Tuesday

6:30pm

Rosary

7:00pm

+Alfred Schroth – *The Schroth Family*

+William Arnold – *Estate*

+Joe Mack – *Ken & Lynda Adams*

+Colin Patrick Purcell Sr. – *Doug & Gai Brown*

+Special Intentions of Jeanne Walker – *Brian & Jeannie Krulicki*

+Special Intentions of Rita Tanghow & Family – *Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family*

Wednesday

12:15pm

+Leonard Boatman – *Irene Boatman*

Thursday

12:15pm

+Louisa & Tihomil Franolic – *Ana & Family*

Friday

8:00am

+Father Ted Hughes – *Tim & Norah O'Leary*

Saturday

5:00pm

+Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*

+Rudy Ianni – *Maria & Family*

+Katharine Dumart – *Rob, Anita & Mary Peplow*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b–12, 14a, 16

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings
December 10 – TBA



Advent Wreath – Week 3

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

**2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW
AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP OUTSIDE THE
PARISH CENTRE.**

**Please note that your last opportunity for reconciliation here
at St. Michael's is Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00pm.**

**The Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on Sunday,
January 7th for the remainder of the school year.**

*Fair Trade orders are available for pick-up this
weekend in the main vestibule. Orders not picked up
will be in the drawer unit at the top of the stairs. St.
Michael's is not responsible for unclaimed items.*

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Eric McCrea, Gabriel Pregelj

Sunday, December 24

9:00am: Rachel & Nathan Chinnick, Clara Thompson

11:00am: Oshana & Sargon Putros, Ryan Leamen

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm: * Patrick Dietrich

1 Pat Corman 2 Teresa Palmer

Sunday, December 24

9:00am: * Katherine Bergman

1 Ada Olisa 2 Gilles Gelinis

11:00am: * Marvellous Onuma-Kalu

1 Sue Durance 2 Veronica Zarin

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm: Gai Brown, Joan Fernandez,
Paul Gladding, John Miller

Sunday, December 24

9:00am: Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Laura Haffner,
Betty Lou Borho, Michelle Borho-Harris

11:00am: Gerdy Frantzke, Dorothy Krauskopf,
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,
Jeannie Krulicki, Lorna Kennedy,
Denise McClanahan



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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 2017, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 2017.** Donations given on Monday, January 1st, 2018 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2018 donations. The Parish Office is open until **Tuesday, December 19th at 4:30pm** and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 9:00am.



CD of the Week: How to Apply our Faith to our Families - Well-known speaker and author Kimberly Hahn is the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six children. With

simplicity, grace, and wit, she shares her personal experiences and practical insights on how to apply the truths of our Faith to everyday life. In this stimulating talk, she offers rich food for thought and concrete ways to let the Lord be the top priority in our family's daily life.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm: Elizabeth Swart, Reney Puthran,
Ryenne Tapuska

7:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, ???, ???

Midnight: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Randy Jayasinghe

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: Mark Pawliszyn, Ryan Leamen, ???

11:00am: Neme, Edu & Ify Okonkwo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm: * Dave Swart

7:00pm: * Shari Guinta
1 Kathleen McCauley 2 Teresa Palmer

Midnight: * Kishanie Jayasundera
1 Yesith Jayasinghe 2 Steve Kamski

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: * Sylvia Daudu

1 Peter Michels 2 Diana Knoll

11:00am: * Marty Bell
1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Judy Shulist

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30pm: Gai Brown, Tony & Pam De Leo, Alicia Smith,
Gerdy Frantzke, Peter Michels, Paul Gladding

7:00pm: Lynn West, Doug & Yvonne Rickert,
Tim & Norah O'Leary, Bob & Jean Balahura

Midnight: Annabel MacDonald, John Miller,
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am: Martin & Diane Jones, Betty Lou Borho,
Jeannie Krulicki, Chris McKenzie

11:00am: Theresa Leung, Veronica Zarin,
Lorna Kennedy, Dorothy Krauskopf,
Magnell Robinson

Wherever there are ??? we are looking for help.



Longest Night Prayer Service

If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm at St. Francis Parish.** This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A time of fellowship will follow.

Waterloo Knights of Columbus **NEW TOYS**

FOR NEEDY KIDS TOY DRIVE continues until December 20th. Toys may be dropped off at Waterloo fire stations or at Waterloo K of C, 145 Dearborn Pl.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day on TV & Online

CHTV will be broadcasting Midnight Mass beginning at 11:30pm with carols. **Salt+Light Catholic Television** will air live on television and online. **Christmas Eve:** VisionTV at 9:00pm & yesTV at 10:00pm. **Christmas Day:** VisionTV at 8:00am and 12:00pm; 11:00pm on Salt+Light; yesTV at 1:00pm. You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.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:**

4:30pm – 920 people

7:00pm – 511

Midnight – 420

9:00am – 247

11:00am – 600

For context, our average Sunday crowds are: **5pm** – 275; **9am** – 275; **11am** – 400

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.

Sunday Mass Obligation and Christmas

This year, we have the rare situation of Christmas landing on a Monday, meaning Christmas Eve Masses will occur on Sunday. According to Church tradition, the Christmas Eve Masses do not count as your Sunday Mass. The 4th Week of Advent will only last a few hours, but it is still the 4th Sunday of Advent, and our Sunday Mass obligation stands. However, I prefer to describe it as our Sunday Mass 'opportunity' rather than obligation – an opportunity to encounter Christ at Mass twice in the same day! And yes, you may receive Communion twice on this day if you come Sunday morning and Christmas Eve.

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