



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 (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

Today's Liturgy calls us to rejoice. St. Paul says, "**rejoice always ... give thanks in all circumstances ...**" In the Gospel, John the Baptist is presented as "a witness to testify to the light," that is, Jesus.



By inviting us to rejoice and testify to the Lord regardless of our circumstances, today's Liturgy reminds us that there is no place empty of God, no circumstances in our lives abandoned by God. St. Theresa of Calcutta writes: *Being happy with God means loving like him, helping like him, giving like him, serving like him.* Anyone who brings hope and comfort to others testifies to Christ and finds true joy in life.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Bonnie Buchanan
- Arlene Kenrick
+ Deceased members of the Chin-Cheung
& Loquan families – Anthony & Magnell
Robinson & Family

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Bob & Jean Balahura
- Dianne Gross
+ Special Intentions of Dorothy Shurter
- Gabriele

Thursday, December 21, 2023

12:15 pm + Sara Barros – Maria Ianni
+ Special Intentions of Sarah Cochrane
- Arlene Kenrick

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:00 am + Marie Hegerty - Tony Bogan
+ Rudy Ianni – Maria Ianni
+ Special Intentions of Bob & Jean Balahura
- Dina Guajardo

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

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00 pm + Bernard Adlys - Sonia & Family
+ Fedora Donoto - Maria Ianni
+ Hilda Chrysler - The Family
+ Special Intentions in Thanksgiving
- Vivi Budiman

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'.

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.



Gaudete Sunday

Today we celebrate “*Gaudete*” Sunday from the Latin word for “rejoice.” It is called this, from the first word in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent. It directs our hearts to rejoice for the Lord’s coming at Christmas is at hand. On this day, the priest may wear rose vestments instead of purple.

How to find joy in time of trial?

“Men and women of every age and social condition, happy to dedicate their existence to others, give us the answer with their lives! Was not [St.] Mother Teresa of Calcutta an unforgettable witness of true Gospel joy in our time? She lived in touch daily with wretchedness, human degradation and death. Her soul knew the trials of the dark night of faith, yet she gave everyone God’s smile. ... Yes, joy enters the hearts of those who put themselves at the service of the lowly and poor. ...” (Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, 16 December 2007).

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.

THE FAITH EXPLAINED: how do I know if it’s a mortal sin?

Our Catechism states: “For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: ‘Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent’” (CCC1857).

There are three ingredients in a mortal sin: (1) “grave matter,” (2) “full knowledge,” and (3) “deliberate consent.” ... If all three are met together, it’s mortally sinful. Otherwise, “one commits venial sin ...” (CCC 1862). What does “grave matter” mean? ... the Catechism says that “grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments” (CCC 1858). (*Excerpt from Catholic Answers*)

All Day Confessions: Wednesday, December 20 - 8 am to 8:30 pm

Please see the insert in the bulletin (or parish website) for the detailed list of priests.

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**

Year End Giving

An important reminder that donations **must be received at the parish office by Friday, December 29th** in order to be included in your 2023 income tax receipt. For online donations through our parish website please allow a minimum of 3 business days. This year that means that the **online donation must be made no later than December 26th** in order for it to be credited to the parish account by Friday, December 29, 2023. Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

... Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to *Come Home for Christmas*. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.



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