



# 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](mailto: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](http://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 1:39-45)



In the Gospel Mary visits her cousin Elisabeth who needs help. When dealing with difficulties like bereavement or illness ... we long for someone who would be “with us” showing compassion and understanding.

The real meaning of Advent is to be ready to meet Christ in the person who needs support and comfort. Mahatma Gandhi famously says, “If you don't find God in the next person you meet, it is a waste of time looking for him further.”

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](http://www.stmichaelw.ca)*



**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**

**7:00 pm** + Ralph & Dorothy Freiburger – The Family

+ Beverlee Snyder – Arlene Kenrick

**7:30 pm** Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

**12:15 pm** + Alfons Hoegler – Marianne Hoegler

+ Diane Groulx – Arlene Kenrick

**Thursday, December 23, 2021**

**12:15 pm** + Joseph & Rose Brolly – Kathleen Ebrahimi

+ Joan & Valerie Brathwaite – Arlene Kenrick

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

**Christmas Eve no 8:00 am Mass**

**Mass at 5 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm**

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

**Christmas Day no 5:00 pm Mass**

**Mass at 9 am and 11 am**

**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.

**Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office will close at 2:00 pm on December 24.



## All Day Confessions Tuesday, December 21

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8:00 am to 8:30 pm. Mass will be at 7 pm and Adoration will follow. Confessions will pause during Mass then will continue until 8:30 pm. More details on the scheduled priests are posted on our website.



## Christmas Season Masses No registration required

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### 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.

### NATIVITY SCENE

The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member. ([www.usccb](http://www.usccb)).

### Blessing of a Christmas Manger:

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to Him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
R. Amen.



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**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** - Parenting Tip 135 - The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!



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