

St Michael Catholic Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may Christ be the Light of our lives and fill our hearts and homes with peace and hope.

Along with the parish staff, I wish each of you all the many blessings of Christmas and a grace-filled New Year! May Joy be your gift at Christmas and Faith, Hope, and Love your treasures in the New Year.

Pax Christi. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Pawel 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 26, 2023

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Donna Kaufman
- Arlene Kenrick

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

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of the Kaufman Family
- Arlene Kenrick
+ Vincenzo & Angelina De Rosa
- Maria Ianni

Thursday, December 28, 2023

12:15 pm + Philomena & Eugenio Villapiana
- Maria Ianni
+ Deceased members of the Benavides & Guajardo families – the Benavides family
+ Special Intentions of Paul Antony & Jesna
Paul on their 1st Wedding Anniversary
- Jesna Thomas

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:00 am + Leslie Molnar Jr. – The Molnar Family
+ Manuela Merino – Reyna Ramirez
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:00 pm + Steve Hollo - The Family
+ Edward & Florence Chapeskie
- Joyce Kramp
+ Obdolia Ramirez – Reyna Ramirez

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. **The parish office will be closed on December 25 and 26.**

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.



NATIVITY OF THE LORD: MYSTERY OF JOY AND LIGHT

Pope Benedict XVI: "... God becomes so close that it is possible to see and touch Him. ... God who seems very remote — has become close, 'The inaccessible wanted to be accessible, He who exists before time began to be in time, the Lord of the universe, veiling the greatness of His majesty, took the nature of a servant,' St Leo the Great exclaimed ... In that Child who needed everything as all children do, what God is — eternity, strength, holiness, life and joy — is united with what we are: weakness, sin, suffering and death..." (General Audience, 4 January 2012)

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**

December 26, Feast of Saint Stephen, The First Martyr, Scriptural Saint; Mass at 7 pm

All that we know of the life ... of St. Stephen, the first martyr, is found in the Book of Acts. ... he is listed among the seven men chosen to supervise the public tables. ... seven good and prudent men were selected ... and presented to the Apostles, were prayed over and ordained by the imposition of hands. ... It was in a certain synagogue... that Stephen chiefly disputed. ...

False witnesses made their accusations... They rushed upon Stephen, drove him outside the city to the place appointed, and stoned him... Stephen, full of "grace and fortitude" to the very end, met the great test without flinching, praying ... for those who killed him. (Excerpt from: ewtn.com; "Lives of Saints")

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. For an instant tax receipt, the Diocese has provided all parishes with a secure, online giving option through www.canadahelps.org. This allows you to make a donation directly to St. Michael Parish and receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps instantly. You may search St. Michael Parish, Waterloo or simply click on the following link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0014-st-michaels-parish/>



DIocese of HAMILTON

Christmas is a time of great joy and excitement for children who wait with anticipation to receive presents from Santa and other loved ones. Keeping Christ's birth at the heart of the celebration can be hard, but not impossible. We can help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas ... on Christmas morning sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before you open up the gifts under the tree. Christmas holds a deeper meaning for all when we stay focused on its true meaning.

THE FAITH EXPLAINED: how long does Christmas last?

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with **Christmas Eve** and concludes on the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** - this year, January 8th. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him, including the fact that he was born to die for us. (Expert from: uscb.org)



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