



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

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

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Mk 13: 33-37)



On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to make our preparation for the coming of the Lord on Christmas and for His coming into our lives daily. Three times in today's Gospel Jesus repeats, "**keep awake**" and He explains why: "**for you do not know when the time will come.**"

As the Gospel emphasizes, each of us has an assigned task and 'staying awake' means faithfulness to the task entrusted to us.

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00 pm + Madeline Hergott – Dorothy & Gerry Hirschberger & Family
+ George, Bejoy & Jibimol Eranullil
- Jesna Thomas

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

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Eleanor Horrigan
– Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family

Thursday, December 7, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Theresa St. Peter
– Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family

Friday, December 8, 2023

8:00 am + Tom Newman – Denise Doff
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00 pm + Mary Chrysler – The Family
+ Bill Walter – Donny & Mary Lou Lang
+ Special Intentions of Joyce Persaud for her 80th Birthday – The Khan Family

Today we begin Advent!

Advent, from Latin *ad-venire* – ‘to come to,’ is the season encompassing the four Sundays, and weekdays, in which we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord on Christmas and for His coming into our lives daily.

Today, on the first Sunday of that Advent, we begin a new Liturgical Year. We move into the “Year B” cycle of readings. The Gospel - on most Sundays - will be taken from the Gospel of Mark.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8 Mass at 8 am followed by Adoration

The Dogma of Immaculate Conception proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854 states: ‘*The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception ... by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ ... preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*’ Although the Blessed Mother was never subjected to original sin she needed redemption by Her Son, just as we do. Immaculate Conception says that by anticipation the Grace of Christ’s redemption was given first to Mary from the time of her birth. The Blessed Mother was granted this extraordinary privilege because she was to bear and bring up Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *(based on an Expert from ewtn.com)*

ADVENT NIGHT OF REFLECTION LED BY FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB.

Friday, December 15,

Mass at 7 pm, Reflection at 7:45 pm

Please join us for Mass and an Advent Night of Reflection with Fr. Thomas Rosica. He will be speaking on *Emmanuel: The Plea and the Promise*.

Please register on our website at

<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/advent-evening-of-relection>

Or by calling the parish office.

Christmas Pageant Invitation

All children ages 4-12 are invited to be part of the Christmas pageant at St. Michael Parish on Christmas Eve, December 24 at the 5:00 pm Mass. Rehearsals will be Sunday, **December 10 and 17** after the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the parish office to register your child.

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.

Christmas Sharing Project 2023

Many thanks for your generosity to the St. Michael Christmas Sharing Project for HUGO and UA residents. Please return your items to the parish office by Monday, December 4th.

Save the Date - All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, December 20, 2023 we will have all day confessions. Watch for more details.



Advent Rosary On-Line & CWL Elections

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in praying the Rosary on Monday evenings during Advent – Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th. **The Rosary will be prayed on-line over Zoom at 7pm.** If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj at cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome to participate – CWL members, parishioners and friends.*

St. Michael CWL is going through the nomination and elections process for new executive members. Election packages will be available at the back of the church until Dec 17th. Please note that CWL members on-line will be receiving this elections package via email. ***We are looking for new faces on our executive and ask that members pray on this calling to serve God and the CWL.***

THE FAITH EXPLAINED - What is the Liturgical Year?

The liturgical year is the celebration of a series of religious seasons and feasts. Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and is made up of six seasons: **Advent, Christmas, Lent, Sacred Paschal Triduum** (*Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday*), **Easter**, and **Ordinary Time**. In each liturgical year we celebrate the entire life and paschal mystery of Jesus Christ so that He may live in each of us ‘with the fulness of His holiness’ (see, Pope Pius XII, *Mediator Dei*, #152).



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