



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

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

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

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 (Mt 3:1-12)



Each Advent (and Lent) we hear about repentance. In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls for repentance three times. The word *repent* is a translation of the Greek word, *metanoia*; it means a total change of the heart and mind.

As presented in the Gospel, repentance is not primarily a personal decision to better oneself; it is rather a response of a person to the prior experience of God's mercy and kindness. Ultimately, it is not the power of our own will that changes us; it is an experience of being loved and forgiven that motivates us to change our life in a meaningful way.

Fr. Jamroz



Tuesday, December 6, 2022

- 7:00 pm** + Special Intentions of Scott & Melinda Hannusch & Family – The Moser Family
 + Special Intentions of Ida Raj – The D'Souza family
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

- 12:15 pm** + Jordan MacKay – Catherine MacKay
 + Special Intentions of Gabriel & Helen D'Souza
 - Glen D'Souza

Thursday, December 8, 2022

- 12:15 pm** + Charles Commisong – Sharon Rodriguez & Family
 + Michael Dolff – Denise Dolff
 + Special Intentions of the D'Souza Family
 - Glen D'Souza

Friday, December 9, 2022

- 8:00 am** + Special Intentions of the Grandchildren of Maria Kuzio – Maria Kuzio
 + Joseph Krochak – Nick Stasuik
8:30am-9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 10, 2022

- 5:00 pm** + Keith Barker, Sr. – The Family
 + Karen Coules – The Family
 + PC Thomas Perum Pial & Thankamma
 Thomas Perum Pial – Thomas Kevin Biju

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open for in person, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz by telephone at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at pastor@stmichaelw.ca.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button 'LISTEN TO 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 that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.

CWL Rosary online during Advent

Mondays at 7:00 pm

The CWL will lead the Rosary over Zoom at 7pm on Mondays during Advent. Dates: Nov 28th, Dec 5th, Dec 12th and Dec 19th. If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj: cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome to participate – CWL members, parishioners and friends.*

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, Mass at 12:15 pm

The Dogma of Immaculate Conception proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854 states that Mary was conceived free from original sin: *"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ ... preserved immune from all stain of original sin."* Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because she was to bear and bring up Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Today's feast speaks also about each of us. St. Paul teaches: "[God] chose us in [Christ], before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish" (Eph 1:4). Each of us is called and capable to be 'holy and without blemish'; it is our truest destiny and God's desire for each of us.

Advent Retreat Night at our Church with Bishop Lobsinger, Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7 pm

Please join us for Advent Retreat Night with His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger who will speak on the Synod and Synodality. Before the talk we will pray Vespers, the evening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours.

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. Rehearsal will be Sunday, **December 17** after the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the parish office to register your child.

Confirmation Session

Reminder to all students preparing to receive their Confirmation that the 2nd preparation meeting will be held on Sunday, **December 11 at 12:10 pm**. Families are invited to join us for 11 am Mass, the meeting will be immediately after Mass.

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 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and Midnight (12am)

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25th
9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Christmas Season Mass Times –

Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30th, 8am and 7 pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st – 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st – 9:00 am, 11:00am and 7:00pm



CWL Christmas Social December 8th & Membership Reminder

CWL Christmas Social Dinner – will take place **Thursday Dec. 8th at 6PM** at Golf Steakhouse. All members are welcome. **Rides can easily be arranged.** To help plan for numbers, or arrange a ride, please RSVP to Shani Pregelj at 519-883-8933 or email: cwl@stmichaelw.ca. **2023 Membership dues – are \$40 as of 2023.** These can be brought to the Christmas Social or placed in the collection baskets anytime. *Please note, your parish envelope will still show \$30 as they were printed before the increase was implemented.*

Save the Date

On **Tuesday, December 20, 2022** we will have **all day confessions**. Watch for more details.

Make saving a life your greatest gift this holiday season...

Donate blood - Join fellow Parishioners on **Saturday December 17th from 8 am - 12 pm** at the **KW Donor Centre, 94 Bridgeport Rd. E. Waterloo** (Walmart/Sobeys plaza). This day has been set aside for us. Our Parish community has been a strong supporter of Canadian Blood Services since 2019. Please book an appointment by visiting blood.ca. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Shaw, shawbing@rogers.com or 519-886-2117.



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