



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 11: 2-11)



John the Baptist asks Jesus, “**Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?**” His inquiry gives voice to our questions about God’s presence in our life. Instead of answering directly, Jesus describes how God’s presence is manifested: the dead are brought to life, the blind and deaf have sight and hearing restored.

The Lord is saying there are many who were unable to see light in life, but now they find purpose and meaning. There are many who stumbled, being unable to walk God’s ways, but now they find strength. In other words, do not be misled, God is alive and active. God’s presence is settled but not absent; it is hidden but not invisible.

Fr. Jamroz



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.*



Coffee Sunday

Join us next Sunday after the 9 am and 11 am Masses in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship.

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:00 pm + Brian Schmidt – Paul & Marie Lehman

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

12:15 pm + Meg MacKay – Catherine MacKay

+ Agostinho Lopes – Dianne Gross

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:00 am + Jadwiga Kozubal – Maria Kuzio

+ Joseph Krochak – Nick Stasuik

+ Marg Dosman – Kathy Shaw

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

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 pm + Walter Stone – The Family

+ Theresa Das – The Family

+ Mary Chrysler – The Family

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. The office will be closed on December 26, 27 and January 2.

What is the meaning of Gaudete Sunday?

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday! The Latin word "Gaudete" (rejoice) is the first word in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent. It directs us to rejoice for the Lord's coming is at hand. On that day, the priest may wear rose instead of purple vestments. (From: ewtn.com)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12, we celebrate the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe and the joy she gave the Americans when she appeared at Tepeyac hill. The miraculous image she imprinted on St. Juan Diego's tilma is annually the cause of admiration and joy. ... She said to Juan Diego, "I will give Him to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection: because I am truly your merciful Mother, yours and all ... those who seek me, those who trust in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their complaints and heal all their sorrows, hardships, and sufferings." ... (From: aleteia.org)

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.

Youth Ministry

For all youth attending Alpha, we will wrap up the program this year on Friday, December 16th. We are looking forward to starting up again on **Thursday, January 12th, 2023**. (Note: Thursday not Friday). Thank you to all parishioners who have played a role in bringing this program together.

Save the Date

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

Year End Giving

An important reminder that donations must be received at the parish office by Friday, December 30th in order to be included in your 2022 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 27th in order for it to be credited to the parish account by Friday, December 30, 2022. Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish.

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

Heartache to Healing Grief Support Group

Our monthly informal support group meetings are open to anyone. We meet in the Parish Resource Centre the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Upcoming dates: **December 14th** and **January 18th**. Come when you can.



DIocese of HAMILTON

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! 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>.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.



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