



# 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.



Our Worship Space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street entrance

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Please consult inside of bulletin.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, just drop us an email at [stmikesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesprayer@gmail.com)

## 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### *Weekly Gospel Reflection* (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)



Today's readings call us to rejoice. We wonder how does this call to rejoice correspond to our lives and the circumstances we face?

By inviting us to rejoice, regardless of circumstances, the Liturgy of the Word reminds us that there is no place empty of God, no circumstances in our lives abandoned by God. God, in His creativity and mercy, always finds new ways for His love. It is the coming of such a God that John proclaims in the Gospel to people who seek hope. Each of us is invited, not only to be waiting for God, but witnessing to Him. Anyone who brings hope and comfort to others is anointed by God and finds true joy in life.

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, 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 15, 2020

**7:00 pm** Special Intentions of Larry Laba  
– Bob & Jean Balahura

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

#### Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**12:15pm** + Moravi Ondrej – Stefan & Maria Liko

#### Thursday, December 17, 2020

**12:15pm** + Joanne Volcansek – Bob Bechtel  
+ Martin Singco & Lily Choi – Evelyn Singco

#### Friday, December 18, 2020

**8:00 am** + Joseph & Rose Brolly – The Brolly Family

#### Saturday, December 19, 2020

**5:00pm** + Louisa & Tihomil Franolic - Ana & Family  
+ George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family

#### *Lord's Day Mass Times*

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11 am

Church doors are open 30 minutes prior to each Mass. Please arrive early so that the Ministry of Health guideline of social distancing can be followed.

#### *Reconciliation*

Tuesday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm

Friday 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Also, by appointment.



#### **All Day Confessions**

Tuesday, December 22

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8 am to 7 pm. Mass will be at 7 pm and Adoration will follow. No registration is required.

#### *Parish Office Hours*

Our parish office hours during COVID will continue as Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm.



## Christmas Season Masses

### Christmas Mass Schedule Registration required

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Registration is required and you will be assigned seating. You can register on our website or contact the parish office by phone 519-884-9311 or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)**

### Christmas Season Mass Times – no registration required

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26 – 5 pm

Sunday, December 27 – 9 am and 11 am

#### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

December 31 – 5 pm

January 1 – 9 am and 11 am

#### Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 2 – 5 pm

Sunday, January 3 – 9 am and 11 am

Sunday Missals and Children's Missals are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for Sunday and \$10 for children's and are available at the main doors of the church or the parish office. In order to limit contact, please have exact change.

Catholic Missions Calendar for 2021 is available at the welcome desk and at the parish office. Limited supply. Donations would be appreciated.

### Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2021

Sunday Offering Envelopes for current envelope users are at the welcome desk. If you wish to pick up your envelopes at the parish office, please call a day ahead so we can have them ready for you. **Help us keep accurate records by printing your name, address and the amount of your donation on every envelope you use. Please destroy all unused 2020 envelopes at the end of the year. Your number may have changed for 2021.** If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family - forms are available online.

### Parents and Grandparents

Want to share some meaningful time with your children this Advent? Come and pick up a free copy of "The Best Advent Ever" a book from the Adventures of Nick & Sam from the Augustine Institute. Limited supply. Please only one per family. Available at the weekend Masses or from the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm.



St. Michael Parish has access to FORMED. For information and instructions on how to sign in, please go to our website.

### 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 Mass through the Christmas Season.

### Christmas Sharing Project

Although we were not able to do our usual Christmas Sharing project this year, please remember to pray for them, especially at this time of year. To donate directly to HUGO, email Christine at [wilfing1@gmail.com](mailto:wilfing1@gmail.com); to Kaljas Homes, email [kaljashomes@bell.net](mailto:kaljashomes@bell.net); and for Healing of the Seven Generations, oneROOF, and Marillac Place, visit their websites.

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