

# St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3R5

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday to Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAT Mass.....5:00 p.m.  
SUN Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
Mass...11:00 a.m.  
Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

## WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

TUE Mass..... 7:00 p.m.  
WED Mass..... 12:15 p.m.  
THUR Mass..... 12:15 p.m.  
FRI Mass..... 8:00 a.m.

TUE	Reconciliation....	6:00-6:45 p.m.
WED	Reconciliation..	11:50-12:05 p.m.
THUR	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
SAT	Reconciliation...	4:00-4:30 p.m.



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Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street. 

**NEW TO THE PARISH** • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at [www.stmichaelw.ca/forms](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/forms) or on the hospitality desks at each entrance to the church.

**PARISH RECORDS** • Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the office if you change your address or telephone number.

**MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS** • The staff visit St. Nicholas and Sir Edgar Bauer on a regular basis. Eucharist and Reconciliation are celebrated with each school during the year and the staff is available for classroom visits and other special celebrations. We also celebrate the sacraments and make pastoral visits to St. David's high school as needed.

**MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS** • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. During the academic year we have a student mass on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students. We also have the John Paul II Student Centre which is available for students. Please see [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) and follow the link to JP II Student Centre for more information.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE** • Please meet with the priest or deacon before making any other arrangements. Twelve (12) months notice is normally required so that proper preparation can take place.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN** • Trained Volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, in nursing homes, in hospitals or in prison. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the parish church, Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Court at Laurelwood and Clair Hills Retirement Community twice a year. Parishioners can request the Anointing of the Sick at any time by appointment in their home or in the church.

**PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL** • Privacy of information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish office whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

**PARISH OUTREACH** • St. Michael's Parish assists those in need through the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For emergency food help call 519-747-1090.

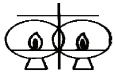
**MUSIC IN THE LITURGY** • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

**PARISH BULLETIN** • News items for the bulletin should be submitted via email if possible and may be edited due to space limitations. All items must be in the parish office by Monday prior to publication.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Dec. 22 - 26, 2015**

**Tuesday**

**7:00pm** +Vlasta Vejvoda – *Georgette*  
+Lisa Van Dam & Ken Fitzgerald – *Olga Fitzgerald*

**Wednesday**

**12:15pm** +Louisa & Tihomil Franolic – *Ana & Family*

**Thursday**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4:30pm** Christmas Pageant followed by Mass  
**7:00pm** Mass for Christmas Eve  
**Midnight** Midnight Mass

**Friday**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9:00am** For the People  
**11:00am** For the People

**Saturday**

**5:00pm** +Allan Edlund – *Michelyne, Family & Sister Dorothy*  
+Edward Roskie – *Tony & Madeline Hergott*  
+Special Intentions of Ron & Louise Kirvan in Thanksgiving – *The Family*

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

*Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.41-52*



**PARISH NEWS**

**Sunday Offering**

December 5 & 6 – \$7,303.85  
December 12 & 13 – TBA

**PLEASE NOTE:** Incense will be used at both the Midnight & 9:00am Masses at Christmas.

**2016 collection envelopes are available for pick-up outside the Parish Centre.**

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2015, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.** Donations given on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2016 donations. The Parish Office is open until 4:30pm on **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and closed **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** until **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 inclusive.**

**Meetings for Sacraments in 2016:**

**First Reconciliation – January 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm**  
**If your child does not attend Sir Edgar Bauer or St. Nicholas Schools please contact Charlie Van Alphen at Ext. 32 to register your child.**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:30pm:** Clara Thompson, ???, ???  
**7:00pm:** Abigail O'Reilly, Tyler Malizia, Gabriel Pregelj  
**Midnight:** Don Klein, Melissa & Rachel Chinnick

**Friday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**9:00am:** Ryan & Joel Jobby, ???  
**11:00am:** Sofia & Cristy Argueta, ???

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00pm:** Alex & Max Winter, Katie Kuepfer

**Sunday, December 27**

**9:00am:** Melissa, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick  
**11:00am:** Anson Chan, Oshana & Sargon Putros

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:30pm:** \* Paul Gladding  
1 D'Arcy Terpstra 2 Sylvia Daudu  
**7:00pm:** \* Sue Durance  
1 Teresa Palmer 2 Stefan Pegelj  
**Midnight:** \* Kishanie Jayasundera  
1 Tom Connor 2 Kathleen McCauley

**Friday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**9:00am:** \* Gilles Gelinias  
1 Pat Corman 2 Helen Gelinias  
**11:00am:** \* Patrick Dietrich  
1 Veronica Zarin 2 Gerry Kraemer

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00pm:** \* Abraham Fernandez  
1 Shari Guinta 2 Judy Shulist

**Sunday, December 27**

**9:00am:** \* Dave Swart  
1 Ralph Stacey 2 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu  
**11:00am:** \* Gerry Kraemer Tessa Heffernan-Hendel  
1 Sue Durance 2 John Strong

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:30pm:** Gai Brown, Alicia Smith, Paul Gladding  
Gerdy & Susan Frantzke, Jaime Quintanilla  
**7:00pm:** Jeannie Krulicki, Bruce Fleming,  
Doug & Yvonne Rickert,  
George Farrell, Angela Tiedemann  
**Midnight:** John Miller, Andrea Dafoe  
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

**Friday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**9:00am:** Pam & Tony De Leo,  
Theresa Leung, Mary Ellen Nolan  
**11:00am:** Lorna Kennedy, Dorothy Krauskopf,  
Eleanor Horrigan, Teresa Palmer

**Saturday, December 26**

**5:00pm:** Joan Fernandez, Paul Gladding,  
George Farrell, Angela Tiedemann

**Sunday, December 27**

**9:00am:** Teresa Palmer, Jaime Quintanilla,  
Gai Brown, Bonnie Schroth  
**11:00am:** Jeannie Krulicki, Denise McClanahan,  
Jeanette Rousseau, Kathy Shaw,  
Martina Smith, Susan Frantzke

**Where there are ???'s we are short altar servers. Can you help?**



The **Social Justice Committee** would like to thank the parish for once again supporting the Christmas Sharing Project. Your gifts to HUGO, Kaljas Homes and the Weejeendimin Native resource Centre make a big difference in the recipient's lives. For many, this is the only gift that they receive at Christmas and it brings joy and excitement to their lives. Sir Edgar Bauer School shared with Marillac Place; St. Nicholas School provided well over 100 bags of toiletries as well as children's toys for the St. John's Kitchen Christmas distribution. Watch the bulletin boards in the new year for thank you notes and pictures.

Last weekend at the 11 am mass, St. Michael's gave a warm welcome to Youssef, a new arrival from Syria via Lebanon. Youssef expressed his deep gratitude to the parish for helping with his sponsorship and spoke about his deep faith in the goodness of God that enabled him to get through each day as a refugee. Please continue to pray for all refugees as they wait and hope and wait and hope and wait ... If you have any household goods to share, please call Diane at 519-616-2227.

Fair Trade orders are to be picked up this weekend in the main vestibule of the church. After Dec 20th, orders may be picked up in the Drawer Unit at the top of the stairs leading to the main vestibule. Thank you for your support and we hope you can "Taste the Justice" in every sip.



**Do you have a love of gardening? We are looking for volunteers to maintain our flowerbeds next year. You will have a budget for purchasing flowers etc. Please call the office if you are interested in helping beautify our church property.**

**Annual Carmelite Christmas Bazaar** at the Carmel of St. Joseph from the First Sunday of Advent to December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Homemade jams, jellies, loaves, honey, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

**Waterloo Knights of Columbus "New Toys for Needy Kids"** campaign has begun. Toys may be dropped off at any City of Waterloo Fire Station or at the Waterloo Regional Police Services North Division (corner of Weber & Columbia Sts.) until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on Mon. Dec. 21 at 7pm for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.



**St. Michael's  
Catholic Women's League**

**Attention All Snowbirds:** CWL Members may pay for their 2016 membership fee early. You may place your \$30, name, address, email and telephone number in an envelope marked CWL in the collection. New members may use the yellow forms at the entrances of the church.

**Christmas Midnight Mass – CHCH**

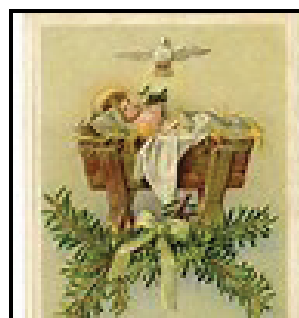
His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Life sometimes throws so much "stuff" at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it is time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first, or last? It is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

Children thrive on routine because it gives them a sense of control and security in their lives. As parents we can offer great benefits to our children by providing routines, setting limits and ensuring there is structure to our family commitments and obligations. When we model these actions to our children they learn organizational skills that will help them as they move into adulthood and take control of their own lives.



**Every good and  
Perfect Gift  
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~ James 1:17

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