



# 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. and 7:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry for those in Age 2 - Grade 4 is offered at both 9:00am & 11:00 a.m. Mass.



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 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday 6:00-6:30 p.m. (effective September 2019)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## PASTORAL TEAM

Father F. Freitas, Pastor  
email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

Father David Perrin - Assisting Priest

Deacon Philip J. Fernandez

Mrs Andrea Laughlin - Lay Pastoral Associate

Mr Joseph Goodwin - Campus Minister

Mrs Elizabeth King - Administrative Assistant

Ms Carolyn Snyder Milke - Director of Music

Mrs Merlie Ladroma - Cleaner

## 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). Our 7:00pm Sunday evening Mass is especially for our student community.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Church is Open Daily for Quiet Visit and Prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday evenings following the evening Mass.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father Freitas 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.

## BEREAVEMENT CARE

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group. To find out more about the program 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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 on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



**December 10-14, 2019**

#### Tuesday, December 10, 2019

- 6:30 pm** Rosary  
**7:00 pm** + Kate Gilbert – Linda Guacci  
+Eileen Minton – Vittoria Emanuele  
**7:30 pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

#### Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Day of Mercy

##### All Day Adoration and Confessions – 8:00am-8:00pm

- 12:15 pm** +Ray Heimpel - Jan

#### Thursday, December 12, 2019

- 12:15 pm** +Wendykier Family Members - Teresa

#### Friday, December 13, 2019

- 8:00 am** +Denis Kennedy - Yvonne  
**11:00 am** +Mass at University Gates

#### Saturday, December 14, 2019

- 5:00pm** +Nicola & Teresina De Leo - Josephine  
+Ralph Schnarr – Bernie & Family  
+Therese Madappuli – Angela Madappuli

#### **LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

November 30 & December 1, 2019 – \$ 5,514.89  
Pre Authorized Giving– \$ 1,053.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**December 14 & 15, 2019 - Team C**

*(full schedule on our website - [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca))*



**Did you know...**that you can park in Lot 32 right next door at the WLU Lazaridis Building during weekend Masses? Street Parking is also permitted on Hemlock Street – look for our designated spaces.

#### **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, email us at [stmikesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesprayer@gmail.com)

#### **SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE**

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.



### CATHOLIC CAFÉ **THIS WEEKEND**

Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses – Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am and even after the 7:00pm Mass. Special treats, coffee, juice and more, and on Sunday night our students are serving pizza!! Several displays will also be present by our various Parish Groups. We will also have 2020 Sunday Offering Envelopes available for pick up.

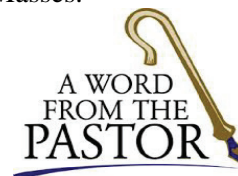
#### **DAY OF MERCY**

**- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11 - 8:00AM-8:00PM -**

We host our annual “Day of Mercy” - 12 Hours - 12 Confessors. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most powerful encounter with divine mercy. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church for the day for Adoration. The light is on for you.

#### **CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES**

During the holy season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes for placement in the Church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at all entrances for those who wish to make a donation. These floral tribute sheets will be placed near the altar in a gift-wrapped box, and your loved ones will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.



On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> we host our “Day of Mercy.” The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most powerful encounter with divine mercy. I urge you to participate- the light is on for you! See purple handouts at all of the doors of the church with list of priests who will be helping us.

Available in the Parish Centre after Mass today are Sunday Offering Envelopes and Religious Art Calendars for 2020. Please make sure to pick yours up early. Those *not currently using envelopes* but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in the Parish Centre. All are invited to consider Pre Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family. Forms are available at the Church entrances.

Make sure to pick up copies of the Advent Newsletter which was in the bulletin last weekend - copies of our Christmas Schedule were included. These can be found at our Welcome Desk or near the Church entrances. Let's prepare for a great Christmas where many can come Home for Christmas at St Michael Parish.



## CHRISTMAS SHARING PROJECT NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 8

Information is available in our Parish Centre this weekend. Please follow the gift tag directions and return all gift items (must be new) by Mon. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note this year all items are to be returned to the Kateri Room. Financial donations are also appreciated – cheques should be made out to “St. Michael Parish” with “Christmas Sharing” in the memo section and Place either in the Sunday Offering or just place in the appropriate donation box in the Kateri Room.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### ENTERING AND LEAVING GESTURES

It is the Catholic custom, upon entering and leaving the Church, to make the sign of the cross with holy water. Traditionally, one uses the right hand, dips it into the holy water fonts, found at each entrance which symbolize the baptismal font, and then makes the sign of the cross by touching the forehead, chest, left then right shoulder. This action expresses our belonging to Christ, is a reminder of our baptismal share in the life of Christ, and a sign of our union with fellow believers as members of the Body of Christ. It is then most appropriate to genuflect before entering our pew or if physically unable to bow. These gestures also remind us that we are entering a solemn place where a spirit of silence permits people within the Church the quiet which prayer before Mass deserves. Thank you for keeping that spirit of sacred silence in our Church before and after Mass.

#### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Current envelope users are reminded that Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Parish Centre **THIS WEEKEND**. Those *not currently using envelopes* but who are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, may use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. All are invited to consider Pre Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish family - forms at Welcome Desk.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can financially support our parish through pre authorized, debit or on line giving? To find how see our website, or inquire at our Welcome Desk or give the parish office a call. Your financial generosity makes it possible for us to be a welcoming community that has a place for all. Help us continue our good work.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY DRIVE



Consider supporting our Knights in this worthwhile project which continues until December 21<sup>st</sup>. Toys may be dropped off at all Waterloo Fire Stations or at Waterloo Knights Centre at 145 Dearborn Pl.



## CWL NEWS

The CWL Bake Sale and Silent Auction was a great success again this year. In total we raised \$1892! Proceeds will be donated to charities supported by the CWL and will be used to support the ongoing work of the CWL. Thank you to everyone who donated items (baking or silent auction) to this event. It wouldn't be successful without everyone's support.

### WANT TO LEND A HAND?

Are you looking for a simple way to volunteer. The Altar Society may be what you are looking for. For one to two months a year, a short weekly task of cleaning and refilling holy water bowls along with light washing and ironing of church linens is required. Please contact the church office. We would love to have your help.

### BEAUTIFUL ICONIC CARDS

Once again, notecards will be available for purchase in support of the St. Michael Refugee Fund. There are two options this year, either the "*Holy Family Fleeing to Egypt*" or "*Icon of the Virgin Mary*". Cards are available in sets of 5 cards (\$10) or 10 cards (\$20). These may be purchased after Mass at the Catholic Cafe this weekend.

## Kids Klub

**Save January 31.** It might be the last day of next month, but it will probably be one of the best days of the year – a great Kids Klub event will soon be announced (and we will be bringing our Da Crew – High School Members too!!)

### FROM LAST WEEK.....

*Over the past few months consultation has taken place regarding the question of the time of the Solemn Mass of Christmas (traditionally held at Midnight). Over the last few years, I am told, that attendance has decreased at this Mass, and it has become difficult to obtain liturgical ministers. In addition, this year, it has also become apparent that we will not, due to various commitments, have a traditional choir present if the Mass time remains unchanged.*

*Therefore, following several discussions with parish groups, and in consultation with the Diocese of Hamilton, it has been decided that we will adopt a practice undertaken by other parishes, and **the Solemn Mass of Christmas will take place at 10:00pm this year and not at Midnight.** This decision, though not one all may embrace, will permit us to host a traditional choir, have more liturgical ministers present, and hopefully alleviate some attendance at other Masses to make it a more enjoyable experience for all. I thank all who have given input on this matter. Let us pray for God's graces as we continue to move forward as a Family of Faith.*

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