



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.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.
Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.



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 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

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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mk 1:40-45)



Forty days Jesus was tempted by Satan. The devil began temptations saying, “**If you are the Son of God ...**” (Lk 4:3). In all three temptations, Satan wanted to prove that Jesus was not loved by His Father. As Fr. Rolheiser points out, in essence Satan is saying, ‘If you are truly loved by God, why are you in this miserable situation in the desert?’

Similarly, the devil addresses each of us, ‘If you believe you are God’s loved one, why suffering in your life, why illness, emptiness ...?’ Resisting temptations Jesus shows that being loved by God is not dependent upon being exempt from afflictions. Trusting that we are loved by God gives us inner strength. As Jesus was not disappointed, we won’t be either.

Dear Parishioners, as our church is open for public Masses, I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back. May God grant us safe and blessed return to our worship together. Pax Christi.

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, registration, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website:* www.stmichaelw.ca



Tuesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

7:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, February 18, 2021

12:15 pm For all essential workers

Thursday, February 19, 2021

12:15 pm For all those in Catholic Education

Friday, February 20, 2021

8:00 am For the retired priests of the diocese

7:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21, 2021

+ Helen Benninger – The Family



Public Masses have resumed but for now we will also live-stream the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. The link is available on the parish website. In person Mass times for Sunday Mass is Saturday at 5 pm, Sunday at 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm.



Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent following the 7:00 pm Mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open again for in person Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 4:30.



Led By the Spirit

Lenten Daily Reflections. Sign up on Formed with your email to have Lenten daily reflections delivered right to your inbox. Click <https://formed.org/lent> to sign up.



This weekend, we are of One Heart and One Soul!

It's Kickoff Weekend! The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign is now underway, and please go to our website and click campaign to hear Father's message and see the campaign video. Also, you soon will receive a mailing that offers much more information on the parish's projects, the diocesan ministries that benefit and how each parish will be helping other parishes in the diocese. Watch for the mailing, and if you hear from a fellow parishioner about the campaign, please welcome their call!

Q. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?

A. There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
- Making a stock or securities transfer

Q. Are cash pledges the only kind of gifts?

A. Because many of the needs of the campaign will require immediate funding, gifts of cash and appreciated securities are generally sought. But trust and estate gifts are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the Diocesan Development Director, Francis Doyle, at 905-528-7988 to discuss the options available.

Q. Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three years of the campaign?

A. Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the Diocese.



With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, the *Share Lent* campaign invites us to **share love** and **express solidarity** with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, **whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated** by the pandemic. Remembering the inherent dignity of all human beings, let us heed the Pope's reminder that "justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day." (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11.)

For details on the Share Lent campaign go to <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove>

Under "resources" you will find a downloadable solidarity calendar that you can print.

Reel Justice Film Festival

Development and Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library and Archives at the Diocese of Hamilton are co-sponsoring a Reel Justice Film Festival. The films will be shown online.

There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining us for a movie and discussion!

The first one is :

THE TRUE COST: Thursday February 25 at 7 pm.
Examine the true cost of the fast fashion industry.

WHERE: Online screening. To join the film R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled.. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

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