



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

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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.

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 or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*

**January 6-11, 2020****Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

- 6:30 pm** Rosary
7:00 pm + Donald Duke – Waterloo Rec Centre Walkers
 + Cheryl Defelice – Linda Guacci
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

- 12:15pm** +Frank Milos – Jean Batte and Family
 Special Intentions of Szeto Family

Thursday, January 9, 2020

- 12:15pm** + Robert Laurette – Marg Laurette

Friday, January 10, 2020

- 8:00 am** Special Intentions of Sam Cino – Guinta Family
11:00am – Mass at University Gates

Saturday, January 11, 2020

- 5:00pm** Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
 + Marie Oberle – Marg Laurette
 + Priapa Villiapiano – Maria Ianni
 + Nicola & Teresina DeLeo - Family

LORD'S DAY OFFERING

December 21/22, 2019 – \$ 7,154.50

December 28/29, 2019 – \$ 6,193.15

Christmas 2019 – \$19,687.00

Pre Authorized Giving (December 21/22) – \$ 1,053.00

Pre Authorized Giving– (December 28/29) – \$ 1,053.00

*Thank you for your generosity***LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND:****January 11/12, 2020 – Team B***(full schedule on our website - 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.

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

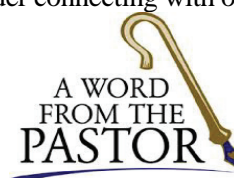
Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.

**CATHOLIC CAFÉ****JANUARY 11/12, 2020**

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.

PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS

Many young adults come looking for a Pastoral Reference Letter when they apply for teaching positions with Catholic Boards. Father Freitas can only provide letters to those who are active weekly in our parish life. Think ahead. Get involved and consider connecting with our parish programs.



I wish to thank you for your generosity during the Christmas Season, and for the hospitality which you showed to so many who visited with us during Christmas. Many commented on how welcome they felt in our midst; from the greetings in the Parking Lot, at the door and even in their pews. Numerous commented on the sense of family as we celebrated and that they felt “at home.” I pray that the Lord truly blesses our parish family in this New Year as we continue to share the presence of Christ with others.

Today we celebrate the “Epiphany” which celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. Our Gospel tells us that the Magi came from the East and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This Feast tells us that Jesus is the “light to the nations” and invites us to look at our response. Is He our light, and are we following the light in order to come closer to the Father? May our searching and seeking of Christ draw us closer to Him and to one another.

We will welcome many of our Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Lord's Day Masses next weekend. This is our opportunity to remember these young people in our prayers as they enter their next phase of preparing for this Sacrament celebrated in May.

The flu is relentless and continues to escalate into the New Year. It is a good reminder that we must be holy but in doing so, we must also be prudent in practice at Mass so that we may all continue to be healthy. If you are not feeling 100%, please remember that there are many wonderful and warm expressions that can be used at the Sign of Peace - a gentle wave and smile, a few thoughtful words, a gentle bow of the head. All these also express the peace we want to share as a holy and healthy community of faith. Prayers for your health this week.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT

We will welcome many of our Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend of **January 11/12** for their Rite of Enrollment. This is our opportunity to remember these young people in prayer as they enter the next phase of preparing for this Sacrament to be celebrated in May.

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.



CWL NEWS

2020 Membership dues – remain at \$30. These can be placed in the Sunday Offering. Please clearly mark your envelope to “Attention CWL.”

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of this ministry knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for those who are experiencing difficult times and Baptismal Blankets for each baby baptized at our parish. For more details on joining, contact the parish office.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES



In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: *“I am the Light of the World.”* In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the intercession of saints are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. The lighting of candles has been observed since the time of the early martyrs. *We ask for a \$2 offering for each lit candle. Candles may be lit anytime the Church is open.*

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!!)

OLDER ADULT LUNCH TO BEGIN IN 2020

We are excited to announce that beginning early in 2020 we will be hosting monthly lunches for “Older Adults”. What is an Older Adult? – Well whatever you think – but we are thinking 55+. It is an opportunity to come together for a lite lunch, listen to a speaker and grow in faith and fellowship all right in our own Parish Centre.

We need your input.... Who might you suggest as a speaker or topic? Let us know as we put together the calendar for 2020. Drop us a note or email. We would love your ideas!



DON'T FORGET.....

.....if you're traveling this holiday season to save personal size soap, shampoo and lotion for donation to St. John's Kitchen for those in need in our community. The collection bin is at the top of the stairs near the main vestibule in the drawer marked “Personal Size Toiletries”.

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.

PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish Library is located in the lower level of the Church across from our Parish Centre. Check it out!

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2020

Sunday Missals for 2020 are available at the Welcome Desk for \$5.00 each. Children's Missals available for \$10.00 each.

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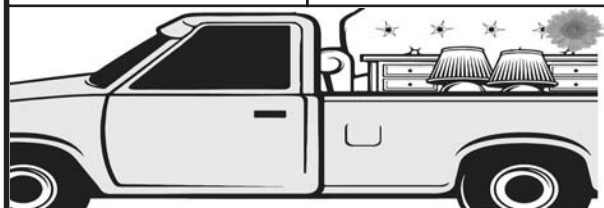
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