



# 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. & 7:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before daily Masses and

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m.

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

Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.



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 prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

## 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

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

## 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.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

***Weekly Gospel Reflection*** (Mt 2:1-12)



The first to pay homage to Jesus are Gentiles, the Magi from the East. It is not chosen people, but outsiders who recognize God's presence in a helpless Baby. In these wise men, the fulfilment of Jesus' promise is found: **"Many will come from East and West and sit at the table ... in the kingdom of heaven"** (Mt 8:11).

For God there are no strangers or outsiders. All are welcome, the saints and the sinners. Never is it too late to look for a 'star' and begin following it from the place where we find ourselves today.

Fr. Jamroz

**WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please check out our website: [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca)



**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**7:00 pm +** Dona Isobel Gregory – Veronica & Rafal Zarin  
+ Stanislaw Kaminsky – Veronica & Rafal Zarin

**7:30pm-8:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**12:15 pm +** Marilyn Shinbein – Dave & Nancy Huber

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

**12:15 pm +** Alzbeta & Jozef Kunc – Stefan & Maria Liko

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

**8:00 am +** Special Intentions of Maria Kuzio  
– Catherine Mackid

**8:30am-9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

**5:00 pm +** Gloria Sdao – Moya Quinton  
+ Silvano Colussi – Doug & Gai Brown & Family  
+ Bernard Adlys – Sonia Adlys

**Parish Office Hours**

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz by telephone at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at [pastor@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:pastor@stmichaelw.ca).

**Sunday Homilies Online**

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button 'LISTEN TO HOMILY'.

**The Church is Open for Prayer**

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Prayer Intentions**

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.

## **Solemnity of the Epiphany and Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian feast observed on January 6. In some countries it is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates that Christ has made Himself known to the world with the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). The feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. On this occasion, Jesus entered into His ministry and acquired His first disciples; St. John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the Triune nature of the Godhead was manifested. The Baptism of the Lord is usually celebrated on the first Sunday following the Solemnity of the Epiphany but in some calendar years like this year it is celebrated the Monday after.

## **Youth Ministry**

We are looking forward to starting up again on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. (Note: Thursday not Friday). We are looking for additional volunteers and will be holding a training session the end of January. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being part of this dynamic team.

## **Thank you!**

72 St. Michael Parishioners rolled up their sleeves on December 17<sup>th</sup> on our St. Michael Parish Day at Canadian Blood Services. Thank you on behalf of Canadian Blood Services and everyone who counts on this life-saving donation.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Members of St. Michael's knit and crochet prayer shawls and pray for people who are ill or have experienced a loss. The next meeting is January 11 at 1 pm in the library. Please consider joining this ministry. All are welcome.

## **Heartache to Healing – Monthly Grief Support Group – January 11, 2023, 7 – 8:30 pm**

The monthly Grief Support runs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the parish hall. This group is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. You can attend when you're able to. Visit our website ([www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support)), or contact our parish office for more information.

## **St. Michael's Africa Project**

SAVE THE DATE – Harambee Pub Night - Thursday February 9, 2023. See next week's bulletin for more details.

## **Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 for current envelope users are available at the main doors of the Church. 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 - forms are available online or the main entrance.



**DIocese of HAMILTON**

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY-** Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month 7 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

**JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** for a special discussion and film screening to raise awareness and understanding of Indigenous Reconciliation, January 26, 2023 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM . The film *Doctrine of Discovery, Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts* is a challenging, truthful documentary, meant to educate people about the historic policy, which established a justification for colonization and seizure of land. The legacy of the Doctrine and the impact on the current state of Indigenous affairs is discussed. Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery and its manifestations are important as we strive for reconciliation. Special discussion following the screening with Rev. Val Kerr, Indigenous Elder, and former Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry for the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator Office of Justice and Peace, Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, and Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Hamilton. The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.





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