



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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mk 4: 26-34)



Jesus presents two parables, and both are metaphors of hope. He says that the Kingdom of God is like a seed planted in the ground. It grows hidden from our eyes and though smallest at the beginning it becomes largest of all, but only later in time. The Kingdom of God is not to be equated with a place; it signifies a time when God enters our life and transforms evil into goodness.

The two parables are a metaphorical way of saying that there is redemption from all evil that we face in our life. God always transforms darkness to light, but not necessarily as fast as we would wish. Out of His love for us, God will transform the deserts in our life into green and gigantic gardens, if we only trust in Him and hope in His steadfast love.

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*



In person Masses have resumed to 15% capacity.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 pm + Deceased Loved Ones of the members of Heartache to Healing, Grief Support Group
– Kathy Shaw

7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

12:15 pm + Helen Benninger – The Family

Thursday, June 17, 2021

12:15 pm + In Thanksgiving for the Intercession of St. Rita
- Mathilda

Friday, June 18, 2021

8:00 am + Arthur Benninger – The Family

Saturday, June 19, 2021

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family
+ William (Bill) Bernhardt – A Serra Friend
+ Thomas Brzustowski – Louise Brzustowski

Public Masses have resumed at 15% capacity. We will continue to live-stream Sunday 11:00 am Mass. The link is available on the parish website.

OUR SUNDAY 7:00 PM MASS

Since our parish serves university communities that operate on a three-term system (i.e. year round), and since the summer months provide opportunities for many of our parishioners to travel to cottages, and return Sunday nights, we will make our Sunday 7:00 pm Mass year-round. **The Mass resumes this Sunday, June 13th!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open for in person, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at 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'.

Looking for faith-based activities for your children?

“The Kid’s Bulletin” offers weekly activities for Catholic children who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass. Children love church when there is something for them to enjoy too. Please see our website and click on the link



A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish.

God bless our campaign, and our parish

Thank you to all who have already donated. To date we have received \$317,941.

If you have any questions about the campaign, feel free to contact Shari Guinta by email at sg2009@bell.net or call the parish office at 519-884-9311. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make!

World Refugee Day

Every year, the UNHCR celebrates World Refugee Day on June 20th. This day celebrates the strength and courage of people forced to flee their homes to escape conflict or persecution and reminds all of us that we need to work together to create a more just, inclusive and equal world. This year, the UNHCR estimates that 1% of the world's population (80 million) has been forcibly displaced. Of this number, 26.3 million are refugees. Please pray for all displaced people and, in particular, for the 3 refugees families (Rohingya, Syrian and Iraqi) currently being sponsored by St. Michael's parish. To participate in a virtual World Refugee Day event here in Waterloo Region, visit the Community Coalition on Refugee and Immigrant Concerns website.

Volunteer Screening Committee

We are setting up our Parish Volunteer Screening Committee and are in need of volunteers. Members of the Volunteer Screening Committee are to be primarily responsible to oversee the screening and training of all volunteers in the parish. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more details.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please contact the parish office by phone or email.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

From Bishop Crosby's Heart to Heart

THE SHOCKING DISCOVERY OF 215 UNMARKED CHILDREN'S GRAVES at the former Kamloops Residential School has shaken and upset the country. Wounds are reopened and we suffer with our Indigenous brothers and sisters who experienced this dark chapter in our history. Silent memorials have sprung up across the country, including at some of our churches. They remind us to pray for rest for those who were lost, and for healing for those who remain. Statements from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are included on the Diocesan website

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/news/2021/May/statements-regarding-discovery-at-former-kamloops-indian-residential-school>

Click on the following links for Statements from Cardinal Thomas Collins (Toronto)

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/statement-from-cardinal-thomas-collins-archbishop-of-toronto--re-discovery-of-childrens-remains-at-former-kamloops-residential-school/>

and Archbishop Michael Miller (Vancouver)

<https://rcav.org/first-nations>

Marriage Support

Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? **The solution is Retrouvaille** - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by zoom offering more possibilities for engagement. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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