

StMikesWaterloo

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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 programing 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 (Jn 3:14-21)



In today's Gospel we find one of the most consoling words in the whole Bible: "God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son." As Hans Urs von Balthasar points out God does not give us something: He gives us Himself. This fact reveals deep truth about our lives. Just as God has changed the world's situation by giving His very self, so it is by investing our whole hearts (and ultimately in no other way) that we can help to change the world around us.

In other words, we do not find happiness by living for ourselves alone. Meaningful life, happiness if you will, in a paradoxical way, is found in self-giving acts of restraint for the good of someone else.

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, preauthorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



<u>Tuesday, March 16, 2021</u> 7:00 pm + Norm Mapplebeck – The Guinta Family

<u>Wednesday, March 17, 2021</u> 12:15 pm + Arthur Benninger – The Family

<u>Thursday, March 18, 2021</u> 12:15 pm + Payton Colussi – Silvano & Rina Colussi

Friday, March 19, 2021
8:00 am + Leona (Toots) Hamilton – Dianne Gross
7:00 pm + Bill Bernhardt – Anthony & Magnell Robinson
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20, 2021 5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. - 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 Sunday Mass times are back to our regular schedule: Saturday at 5 pm, Sunday at 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm.

Note the Sunday 7 pm Mass has resumed.

Stations of the Cross

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 4:30.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8 am to 7 pm. Mass will be at 7 pm and Adoration will follow. No registration is required.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule (no registration required)

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 27 – 5 pm Sunday, March 28 – 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

Holy Thursday, April 1 - 7 pm (no 12:15 Mass) Good Friday, April 2 - 12 pm and 3 pm (no 8 am or 7pm Mass). Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Easter Schedule – no registration required

<u>Holy Saturday</u> 10:00 am – Blessing of Easter Food (Church) 8:00 pm – Solemn Easter Vigil (no 5 pm Mass or Confessions)

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 4 – 9 am and 11 am No 7 pm Mass

Easter Floral Tribute

Envelopes and forms for Easter floral tributes are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also donate online. If donating online, in the comments section, please put floral tribute and the name of the deceased person you wish to remember. Names will be placed by the altar and remembered at Mass through the Easter Season.



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

God bless our campaign, and our parish

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail soon. If you have any questions once you've read the material, 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!

2021 Offertory Envelopes are available at the main doors of the church or you can pick them up at the parish office. If you are coming to the office, please call ahead so we can get them from the church for you.



From the Diocese

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only. Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese - our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.

Bishop Crosby's Letter on Conscience Rights

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Catholic physicians, nurses and pharmacists in Ontario to practice their professions because regulators require some form of participation in ending the lives of their patients. It is time for us to support their need for protection. The human dignity of each person is at stake and we are called to stand for the vulnerable. Please go to https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-

ministry/conscience-rights-for-ontario-physicians for an important letter from Bishop Crosby on conscience rights.

