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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.

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). 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.*

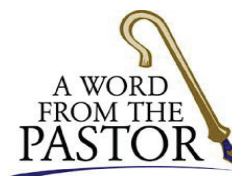


- Daily Mass and Lord's Day Masses celebrated in public are currently suspended due to the Covid-19 Health Precautions. The Public Celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Adoration on Tuesday are suspended. Our Parish Website will update you on developments. All Public Activities in our Parish Centre, Church and Student Centre are suspended.
- At the request of the Bishop, our Parish Church is to be closed and confessions are by appointment only, and will be through use of the confessional screen if at all possible. Please remember social distancing if you are standing in line. The Sacrament of Reconciliation may always be celebrated in danger of death.
- At the request of the Bishop, hospital visitation is strictly limited, bringing communion to homes is restricted, and it is not possible to bring the Eucharist to Senior Residences and Nursing Homes. The Sacrament of the Sick may always be celebrated in danger of death.
- Daily Mass will be celebrated by Father Freitas for your intentions in the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in our St John Paul Student Centre. It can be viewed on line via our new St Michael Parish You Tube Channel which you can access via our parish website – www.stmichaelw.ca
- Father Freitas will pray the Stations for your intentions and offer a Holy Hour on Tuesday privately in our Chapel for your intentions. The Rosary will also be recited daily by Father Freitas in our Chapel, and in time we hope to stream this on line also for all to participate in together.

The Parish Office remains open but may reduce hours moving forward. Please do not attend in person if you are not feeling well.

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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



In light of the present situation unfolding before us regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide, the difficult decision has been made by our Bishop to suspend the public celebration of Mass at this time. A copy of my Pastoral Letter, announcing this decision, can be found on our parish website. Our primary concern is the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the faithful and of all those who serve at our parish, recognizing that we also have a duty to care for the community at large and the most vulnerable among us.

Obviously this is disturbing. We join many of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are deprived of the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, for many reasons. Due to this health emergency, we also will now experience their suffering. Perhaps this sacrifice will help us to cherish more profoundly the great gift of the Holy Eucharist. There is no substitute for personally participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the source and summit of our life in Christ, and we pray for the time when once more we will be together.

It is important to follow carefully the provisions of the health authorities, but it is also essential that our spiritual life be enhanced and strengthened all the more during this crisis. For this reason we must not succumb to “spiritual self- isolation” and so I encourage all to engage in prayer – to pray the Rosary, to read the Scriptures, to use the Bishop Barron books we made available at the start of Lent, and to offer prayers for all those who are suffering in this crisis. We should also pray for the health care workers and others who are engaged in fighting this pandemic on the frontlines.

I also encourage us to come together virtually. I will celebrate Mass for you daily from the Chapel of our St John Paul Student Centre and I invite you to be together with me virtually and to tell neighbours, friends and other parishioners and Catholics to join us so that we can be together. It will come live at 9:00am daily on our parish YouTube channel – which can be linked from our parish website - and be available for re broadcast throughout the day. In time we hope to add other devotions so that we can be united in prayer.

In these challenging days, we must also recognize the opportunity to be truly present to one another and to care for those who are struggling, alone or isolated. Call a neighbor, Skype with a friend, stay connected with family. These moments of uncertainty call each one of us to renew our commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as part of our Lenten journey, amplified on a broader scale in light of current circumstances. May we continue to pray for all those infected with COVID-19, those caring for the sick and for one another.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING - AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Michael Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized and Electronic Giving allows you to give to the parish intentionally and faithfully from your bank account, directly to the parish, aiding in our mission of helping each person in our community to have a life changing encounter with Jesus. There are two ways:

- Pre – Authorized Giving: through scheduled monthly or weekly transfers. Forms are available at the entrances to the church. Fill out the form, attach a void cheque and place the form in a sealed envelope and put it in the offertory collection.
- Electronic Giving: Go on to the parish website and click donate and make your donation automatically using your credit card.

Thank you for helping in the Mission of Christ through St Michael Parish especially at this challenging time.



VBS RETURNS!

Vacation Bible School will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish. Save the dates of July 20-24, 2020 – 9:00-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website will open soon.* If you wish to be part of our planning team – please email the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK

We are currently putting together our Liturgical Ministries Schedule for Holy Week. We ask our Liturgical Ministers to please let us know of their availability for our special celebrations. Thank you to all who serve in our ministries.



We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Steubenville Conference – July 3-5, 2020. Watch for details or check our website – register soon!!

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

An opportunity to remember our loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. You are invited to return the Floral Tribute form, found at the doors of the Church. Please place this form with a separate donation in an envelope marked “**Easter Floral Tribute**” and drop it in the collection. You can also make a donation On Line via our website. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. Thank you for choosing to remember your loved ones in this way, all to whom a floral tribute is dedicated will be remembered at Mass during the Easter Season.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE (Pending Current Events)

PALM SUNDAY (April 4/5, 2020)

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (April 9, 2020)

7:30 p.m. - Mass celebrated followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository with Adoration until 10:00 p.m. (*Night Prayer will be celebrated at 9:30pm*)

GOOD FRIDAY (April 10, 2020)

Noon - Solemn Liturgy adapted for children

3:00 p.m. - Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (sung)

HOLY SATURDAY (April 11, 2020)

10:00 a.m. - Blessing of Easter Food (Church)

8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

(*Note: No 5:00pm Mass or Confessions today*)

EASTER SUNDAY (April 12, 2020)

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

(*Note: No 7:00pm Mass today*)



DIocese of Hamilton

At this time of year the Diocese of Hamilton often announces Pastoral moves which affect parishes. This past weekend it was announced that

Deacon Philip Fernandez, who has been with us for almost ten years, will begin ministry at St Mark Parish, Kitchener. St Mark Parish is Deacon Philip's home parish, and one with a special affection given his involvement as a founding member. This appointment will be effective April 1, 2020. We hope to have an opportunity in the future to thank Deacon Philip for his ministry in our midst.

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