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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

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| 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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 from 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 will be celebrated by Father Freitas for your intentions in the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in our St. John Paul II Student Centre. It can be viewed on line via our new St. Michael Parish [YouTube Channel](#) which you can access via our parish website – www.stmichaelw.ca
- This week Stations of the Cross and a Daily Rosary will also be prayed and can be viewed on line via our new St. Michael Parish [YouTube Channel](#), which you can access via our parish website – www.stmichaelw.ca
- On a daily basis, Father Freitas will pray the Stations of the Cross for your intentions and offer a Holy Hour privately in our Chapel. The Rosary will also be recited daily by Father Freitas in our Chapel, and is available on our [YouTube Channel](#), for all to participate.

The Parish Office is currently closed, but staff members are working remotely to answer calls, emails and concerns. Father Freitas remains on campus daily to attend to emergencies and day to day needs. He is also attending as one of the Chaplains to the needs of the Carmelite Sisters in St Agatha.

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

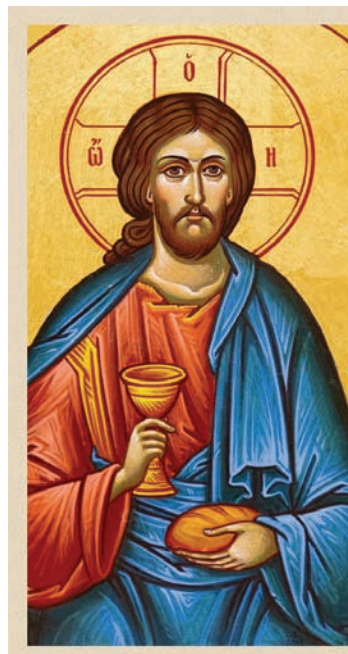
Previous Sunday homilies are available on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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

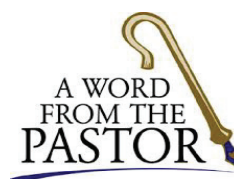
Deacon Philip Fernandez, who was been with us for almost ten years, will begin ministry at St Mark Parish, Kitchener. St Mark Parish is Deacon Philip's home parish, and one with a special affection given his involvement as a founding member. This appointment will be effective April 1, 2020. We hope to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



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.



Dear Parishioners

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and in cooperation with the Diocese of Hamilton and adherence to regulations from the Government of Ontario, **our Parish Church, Parish Office and our Food Pantry must remain closed and we are not yet ready for public celebrations of the Eucharist to resume. This, sadly, must include not being able to gather for Holy Week and the festive day of Easter Sunday.**

This is a deeply painful, but necessary decision for our faith community. Our hearts are in deep yearning for Him, yet our joy will be unimaginable when we are together again.

We are still here for you during this difficult time. If you need us please call us at 519 884 9311 and leave a voice mail. Or you can email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Daily and Sunday Mass, Devotions such as the Rosary and Stations of the Cross, and special messages from myself are available On Line via our website at www.stmichaelw.ca and on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Please continue to pray for those sick and for those caring for them. Let us recall the message of the last time we gathered physically together on Sunday – *Prayer and Not Despair* – may it continue to guide us in these challenging days.

GIVING TO OUR PARISH AT THIS CRITICAL TIME - ELECTRONIC GIVING -

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Michael Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. With the suspension of Sunday Mass and our Holy Week Celebrations, we urgently need you, our faithful parishioners, to continue to support St. Michael Parish. I realize that this is a time of significant insecurity, financially and in other ways, for many people, but if you are able to continue your contribution to St. Michael Parish, would allow us to pay salaries and keep the buildings heated and provide for our outreach ministries. There are four methods to make your offering:

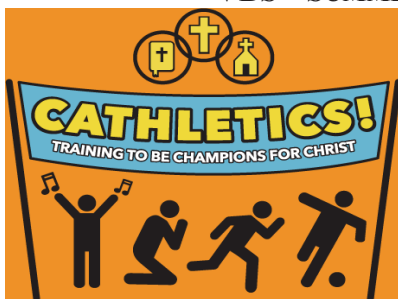
- Pre – Authorized Giving: through scheduled monthly or weekly transfers. Forms are available at on our website or by calling our parish office and we will send the forms to you. Fill out the form, attach a void cheque and place the form in a sealed envelope and put it in the parish office mailbox or scan both and email to parish@stmichaelw.ca
- Drop off your weekly envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- Post-dated cheques. Instead of coming every week, put several post-dated cheques into the same envelope.
- Electronic Giving: [Go on to the parish website](#) and click *donate* and make your donation automatically using your credit or debit card on our secure page.

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



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

VBS – SUMMER 2020



VBS 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 - - parish@stmichaelw.ca



NEW YOU TUBE CHANNEL

St. Michael Parish has begun a [YouTube Channel](#). Here you will find the Daily and Sunday Masses from the Chapel of the St. John Paul II Student Centre. You can also access the Mass from our Facebook page. In addition to the Mass, a special Sunday Children's Message and Ministry page is accessible and you will find special messages from our Pastor. Devotions such as the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary filmed in our own parish church are also available. Donations to help cover the cost of this endeavor are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire as to how to help. [Click here to check it out](#)

NEW E - NEWSLETTER



A new weekly E Newsletter is being sent to parish households as part of our efforts to keep all informed of updates, changes and opportunities. If you are not receiving it – to get put on the list - drop the parish office a line - parish@stmichaelw.ca

PRAYER AND NOT DESPAIR

Each day, as part of our televised Daily Mass, and as a conclusion to the Prayers of the Faithful, the following prayer by Pope Francis is offered by all together to seek an end to Covid-19 – make sure to join us!

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the your people, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

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