



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. 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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.. *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*



St. Michael Parish has a [YouTube Channel](#).
You can also access through our website –
www.stmichaelw.ca

(9:00am Daily – repeats throughout the day)



MASS INTENTIONS

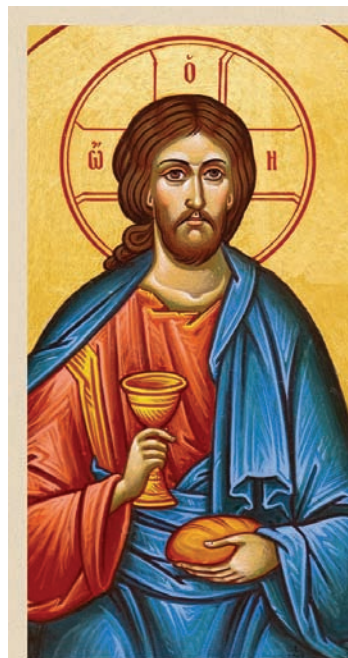
We are honouring all previous Mass Intentions that have been booked and these are being celebrated privately. At this time it is not possible to be present for the celebration of the Mass, however, all Masses are being said. If you wish to re schedule a Mass you requested, please send a message to our parish office ahead of the scheduled date and we will do our best to accommodate you.

(Noon Daily – repeats throughout the day)



THE MONTH OF MARY

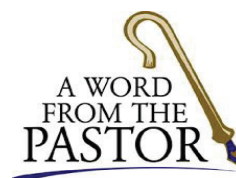
The month of May has traditionally been devoted to Mary. This month highlights the special sharing of our Blessed Mother in the paschal mystery of Christ, her Son. We are called to imitate Mary in her openness to God's will, in her prayerfulness of spirit and in her quiet dedication to the purpose and mission of her Son's life. Let us pray to God through Mary that every person may model her discipleship and her devotion to Christ, her Son.



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.



This week our Provincial government extended the Emergency Order until June 6, 2020. This means our office and church will remain closed at this time. Our staff has begun discussing what our phased re-opening will look like.

We are eager to open our doors once again as we are able, and are already taking some steps to make sure we are ready. In the meantime, I am grateful for your patience and your continued support to help us as we continue our online "virtual" ministries. We have received a number of financial gifts to support our effort that has enabled the purchase of new equipment and software. We plan to continue the weekend mass livestream even after we resume public worship, as many of our homebound parishioners have expressed such joy at being able to worship with us again.

Our website also contains the 2019 Annual Stewardship Report which was also released last weekend. I am grateful to all who helped to assemble it, and also to the members of our Finance Council for their valued assistance, especially in this challenging time during Covid-19.

Parents of children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation received this week a special message from the parish announcing that Sacraments scheduled for this Spring 2020 will now take place in the Fall of 2020. We are beginning some remote preparations to ensure that our connection and preparation with them can continue.

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, you would allow us to pay salaries, 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.

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 opened this week – check it out***

via our website. If you wish to be part of our planning team – please email the parish office - - parish@stmichaelw.ca

E - NEWSLETTER

Our 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 - parish@stmichaelw.ca

REACHING OUT



While social distancing and shelter in place has impacted the way we do community outreach, our mission to Love God and Neighbour remains unchanged.

Following all guidelines designed to protect the health and safety of people across the province, please consider the following ways to meet the needs of your neighbours being directly impacted during this time.

Please note: if you currently have a fever, cough, are feeling generally unwell, or have travelled outside of the Province or Country in the past 14 days, please refrain from volunteering and consider your interaction with others.

KEEPING CONNECTED

Our attempts to personally telephone all of the households in our parish to individually check on families continue. We are still here for you during this difficult time. If you need us please call at 519 884 9311 and leave a voice mail. Or you can email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, flatten the curve and protect the health and safety of people across the province, the Ontario government announced this afternoon an extension to the emergency orders until **June 6, 2020** therefore our Parishes and Parish Offices will remain closed until **June 6, 2020**



MAKING THE MOST OF MASS ON OUR NEW YOU TUBE CHANNEL

1. Participate fully in the Liturgies, just as if you were at Church. Sit, stand and kneel at the appropriate times.
2. Listen to the readings & observe the moments of silence.
3. Consider watching it on your big screen TV's, it may actually feel like you are present with us.
4. Be very careful not to just say, "Mass is cancelled so I'll do something else". Mass is not cancelled. Jesus died and rose again to life to save us. Don't forget and don't pass it off as if it is just one more "thing" in your life.
5. "Watch" at the time you "Attend": Make Sunday, a priority and so watch at the usual time you would attend Mass

The Mass is the one and most important "thing" this week. Don't let anything get in your way of celebrating it. This year more than ever we need to know, experience and believe that Jesus is alive, He loves us, and He has given His Life to save us. Spend time with your family, thinking, talking and praying about the power of the Resurrected Lord especially with the challenges we are facing at this time.

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