



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

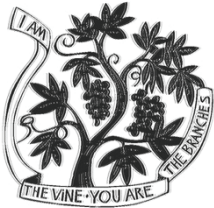
The Blessing of Expectant Parents takes place after each Mass on the First Sunday of the month.

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 (Jn 15:1-8)



It is noteworthy that Jesus does not say I am the stock, and you are the branches. He says, “**I am the vine, you are the branches.**” The image of Jesus being the whole vine and the followers the branches, implies our strong union with Christ. Each branch is a smaller or larger part of the vine and when the branch withers, the whole vine ‘suffers,’ and when the branch brings fruits, the whole vine ‘rejoices’.

Christ does not merely expect us to bear spiritual fruits. He rejoices with us in our successes but also weeps with us in our failures. He is always with us to lift us up. All we need to do is to stretch out our hand and He will gladly take it into His own.

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*



No in person Masses. Intentions will be remembered in a private Mass by Fr. Jamroz.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

+ Deceased members of the Racca & Directo Families
- Belinda Racca

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

live stream

12:15 pm + Jack Costa – Luis & Maria Pereira
+ Dorothy Freiburger – The Family

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Staff & Students of St. David's Catholic High School during Catholic Education Week – Annabel Quinn, Chaplain

Friday, May 7, 2021

+ Marilyn Culliton – Bob & Jean Balahura

Saturday, May 8, 2021

+ Tonleu Jérôme – The Jemetio Family



Public Masses have been suspended. We will live-stream Sunday 11:00 am Mass and Wednesday 12:15 pm Mass. The link is available on the parish website.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to the lockdown, the parish office is closed for in person. You can call or email. Messages will be checked regularly. 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

Donating Options

Although the office is closed, you can still drop off donations (no cash please) in the mailbox at the parish office. It will be checked regularly. You can also donate online at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/donate> 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 \$241,761 which is 62% of our goal.

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!

Update on Refugee Sponsorship Program:

Currently, the parish has three sponsorships on the go – a Rohingya family now in India, a Syrian family in Lebanon and an Iraqi woman in Turkey. Because of the pandemic, all of their applications are on hold until international travel restrictions are lifted. The Refugee Sponsorship Team is getting organized for the possibility of arrivals later this year. If you have some time and the interest, please consider helping with resettlement. If you own a truck and can help deliver donations of furniture, if you speak Arabic, Rohingya or Bengali, if you are able to drive to appointments, if you are interested in helping newcomers with language skills and homework, and much much more, your talents are needed. Please see the parish website for more information or contact the office.

From Bishop's Crosby Heart to Heart:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK is being celebrated across Ontario starting Sunday, May 2, 2021. The theme this year is *Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope*. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) will be offering a livestreamed Provincial Mass on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Catholic schools across the Province will be participating in this online Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live>

Celebrate Your Mom

On May 9, women across Canada will celebrate Mother's Day with their families. It's a day of celebration for many, but for some, it will be a day spent with their children in the safety of a women's shelter.

You can honour these moms, and the moms in your life, through a donation to The Women's Centre. We'll send an e-card to your mom letting her know that you're honouring her by supporting the women staying with us.

Your gift will allow us to continue providing programs to more than 1,500 local women and children who use our services every year.

The deadline to order is 4 pm, Wed, May 5, 2021.

Click here <https://www.thewomenscentre.org/>



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Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Come retreat with Loyola House – virtually!

VIRTUAL – The Little Prince Retreat

May 7 @ 7:30 pm - May 9 @ 8:30 pm

A Weekend with a Childhood Friend Facilitated by Greg Kennedy, SJ.

VIRTUAL – Jesuit Ignatian and Buddhist

Traditions Retreat

May 15 @ 9:00 am - May 16 @ 8:00 pm

Inter-Spirituality and Comparative Mysticism Led by: Dr. Greg Kennedy SJ.

VIRTUAL – “See, I Am Making All Things New”

Join Me! Weekend Retreat

May 21 @ 7:30 pm - May 23 @ 4:30 pm

Cultivating hope, faith & love during Covid & Climate Change “See, I Am Making All Things New” (Revelation 21:5) Facilitated by Bill Clarke, SJ, Yvonne Prowse, & Greg Kennedy, SJ.

Register by calling Tel: 519.824.1250 ext. 266 or by emailing registration@ignatiusguelph.ca. Ignatius Location: Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph ON N1H 6J2; <https://ignatiusguelph.ca>

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