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#### SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

15 minutes before daily Masses and Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m. Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m. Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. Sunday 6:15-6:45 p.m. Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.



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 prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca

#### **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

Sir Edgar Bauer Elementary School	519-884-8480
St Nicholas Elementary School	519-884-9198
Resurrection Secondary School	519-741-1990
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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

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

#### **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 (Mt 28:16-20)



The Ascension of the Lord into heaven we celebrate today is not the celebration of a physical journey through the skies, but a way of saying that Christ though no longer physically present with us, is still very close to us. The Lord points this out when he says, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). Which is why, when the disciples were gazing up into the sky, two angels challenged them to focus their attention rather on the world around them, "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" (Act 1:11).

The angels remind us that for now we are the continuing presence of Christ on earth. St. Theresa of Avila was right saying, "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours."

Fr. Jamroz

#### WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca



#### **Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

**7:00 pm** + Special Intentions of Magnell Robinson – Eleanor Horrigan

+ Kevin Reape – Dina Guajardo

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

12:15 pm + Les Molnar – Rita Molnar

+ Berta López Araujo de Guajardo

- Parish Friends

#### **Thursday, May 25, 2023**

**12:15 pm +** Raymond, Carol & Natasha Cook - Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family

#### Friday, May 26, 2023

8:00 am + Wladyslawa Wojtowicz – Maria Kuzio

+ Joan Bogan - Tony Bogan

8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Saturday, May 27, 2023

**5:00 pm +** Mary Chrysler – The Family

#### **Parish Office Hours**

The parish office and the church will be closed on Monday, May 22 for Victoria Day.

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

#### **Sunday Homilies Online**

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button 'LISTEN TO HOMILY'.

#### The Church is Open for Prayer

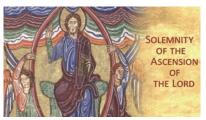
The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

#### **Prayer Intentions**

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website <a href="https://www.stmichaelw.ca">www.stmichaelw.ca</a> and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.

#### Rosary 6:30 pm, Tuesdays in May

The CWL leads the Rosary in the church on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 prior to the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to join.



#### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension is a liturgical Solemnity celebrated by all Christians. It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday. Since it falls on Thursday, in many countries, including Canada, this Solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. With His Ascension into heaven, the presence of the "historical Christ" comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, the Church, is inaugurated. (*vaticannews.va*)

#### Rosary - why are there 20 mysteries?

Why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers in particular twenty mysteries? The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honoring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary ... reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. (rosarycenter.org)

# St. Michael Parish Pilgrimage to the Carmel of St. Joseph - Saturday, June 24, 2023, 10am-12pm

All parishioners, family and friends are welcome! Please join us on our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pilgrimage to the Carmel of St. Joseph. Our morning will begin with Father Jamroz celebrating Mass with us at the Monastery Chapel. We will then gather together in another room where the sisters will share their story – "A Day at the Carmel" and provide an update on what has transpired over the past year since our last visit. There will be time to shop and enjoy their gardens. You are welcome to bring a lunch. You must register by Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in order to attend as there is limited space available. For more information and to register contact parish@stmichaelw.ca, or phone 519-884-9311. Carpooling can be arranged.

#### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award**

St. Michael Parish along with St. Michael's CWL is pleased to offer the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. This award is given to a graduating high school student who is an active member of St. Michael Parish and who

has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership. Application forms are available on the church website. All applications must be submitted to the parish office no later than **June 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2023.

#### Ukrainian Support at St. Michael's

Our team's role is becoming clearer as time goes on. WRGR (Waterloo Region Grassroots Response) has given us two 5 bedroom residences. One is for 5 single adults. The other is for 10 people and already there are two families living there and one dog. This has a very small common area and will become very crowded when another 3 people move in. If you are interested in becoming a host please let us know. You can call Dwayne at 226-898-5151 or Diane at 519-616-2227 for more information. If you could potentially employ or provide affordable housing, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to make a financial contribution (eligible for tax-receipt), please do so through WRGR at wrgrassrootsresponse.ca-click on "Donate Now". The Ukrainians defending their homeland credit the power of prayer for the miracles they are witnessing on the frontlines - please keep them in your prayers.

### **FORMED**°

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith. Parishioners at St. Michael Parish have free access to FORMED. The Family Ministry Office at the diocese will be having an on line session for an opportunity to learn more about the site. Join them on Wednesday, May 24th at 7 p.m. by zoom. Register to receive the link at <a href="https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/formed-resource-session">https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/formed-resource-session</a>



#### **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip**

130 - "United We Stand" is the title of a 1970's song by the Brotherhood of Man. The song may be old, but the lyrics contain words that every married couple would do well to look at and memorize. The song is really a reminder that couples should always support each other ... So, remember the words from the song and repeat them to each other often: "For united we stand, divided we fall, And if our backs should ever be against the wall, We'll be together, together, you and I."

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