



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Pawel Jamroz, Pastor email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

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
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

For food assistance in the Waterloo Region call 519-743-5576 Ext 340 to be directed to the program nearest you. SSVP is currently supporting the North of 60 project providing food assistance to Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut as well as creating Essential Hygiene Kits for newly arriving Ukrainian refugees.

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 25:31-46)



Celebrating the Solemnity of Christ, the King, we hear one of the most astonishing words on the mouth of Jesus. He says, “***I was hungry ... I was sick, ... I was a stranger ...***” Christ, the King of the Universe, is not the one who has power and dominion but the one who is in need.

The Lord has made Himself one with each of us, particularly with those who are in greatest need. Which is why those who gained Heaven learned that by serving others they were serving Christ Himself.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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



Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Marilou Reiko
+ Celine & Thomas Kumbattu – Jesna Thomas
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

12:15 pm + Patrick Morris – Josephine Bechely

Thursday, November 30, 2023

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Kathy Shaw – Parish Friends

Friday, December 1, 2023

8:00 am + Vera Alfred – Danpal Alfred & Family
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00 pm + Maria Freitas – The Family
+ Christine O'Donnell – Friends
+ Walter Stone – The Family

Parish Office Hours

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 and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘LISTEN OR READ 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 and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>

Sunday Missals

and Children's Sunday Missals are available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children's Sunday Missal and are at the main doors of the Church. Please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Each year we celebrate Christ's sovereignty on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time... Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 ... In his encyclical *Quas Primas*, the Pope wrote, "as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations." (Excerpt: ewtn.com)



DIocese of HAMILTON

XXXVIII World Youth Day 2023: "Rejoicing in Hope" The Church celebrates World Youth Day on Feast of Christ the King each year. This year's theme is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Rom 12:12). ... Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive. Let us celebrate the hope the young people bring to our communities!

ADVENT NIGHT OF REFLECTION LED BY FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB.

Friday, December 15,

Mass at 7 pm, Reflection at 7:45 pm

Please join us for Mass and an Advent Night of Reflection with Fr. Thomas Rosica. He will be speaking on *Emmanuel: The Plea and the Promise*.

Please register on our website at

<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/advent-evening-of-relection>

Or by calling the parish office.

Christmas Sharing Project 2023

St. Michael Social Justice Committee invites everyone to participate in our annual **Christmas Sharing Project** for the 27 residents living at **HUGO** and the 80 residents at **UA** (University Avenue) run by The Working Centre. Please select a tag from the display of an item or for a \$25 gift card to purchase and return it to the bins or to the church office **by Sunday, Dec. 3**.

St. Michael's Africa Project

Thank you to all the sponsors who have already submitted their donation for the Harambee Child Sponsorship Program. It is not too late - go online at the parish website stmichaelw.ca and follow the "donate" link, or call Diane at 519-616-2227 for more information. Christmas ornaments benefiting the construction of the *Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger Educational Centre* in Nyalieng'a Kenya are still available in the office (\$10 each) and at Masses on the weekend of Dec 9/10. *Asante sana* - thank you.

Sister Oyin-ozu Asishana, Provincial Leader of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Province of Africa, will be speaking at all Masses on **Dec 9/10**.

Community Outreach—House of Friendship

Join our St. Michael Team serving Saturday breakfast at House of Friendship (HoF). We are looking for additional volunteers to join our dedicated team. You will be teamed up with another volunteer and serve one Saturday morning a month (approximately 1.5-2 hour commitment). If you'd like to be a regular once a month volunteer or be a back-up please contact Kathy Shaw (shawbing@rogers.com). HoF forms and orientation are required before beginning.



CWL Christmas Social Sunday Dec 3rd & Membership Reminder

We are changing things up this year. The CWL Christmas Social Meal will take place **Sunday Dec 3rd at 2pm at Wildcraft Grill** (425 King St. Waterloo). All members are welcome. Rides can easily be arranged. To help plan for numbers, or arrange a ride, please RSVP to Chris McKenzie at 519-503-3184 or email: cwl@stmichaelw.ca by **Mon. Nov. 27th**.

2024 Membership dues are \$40. These can be brought to the Christmas Social or placed in the collection basket anytime. E-transfers can be sent to cwl@stmichaelw.ca

Grief Support

The Christmas Grief Support Session scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 at St. Michael's has been cancelled. The Diocese of Hamilton is offering a grief support session **Coping with the Holidays** on Sunday, December 3 at the Diocesan Chancery Office in person and on Zoom. Please register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

THE FAITH EXPLAINED - Solemnity, Feast, Memorial – what is the difference?

A **Solemnity** is the highest rank of liturgical celebration. The Gloria and Creed are always said on such days. Easter, Christmas, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in our Lord's life are Solemnities. A **Feast** is the next rank down. The Gloria is required on these days, but not the Creed. They consist of the celebration of certain saints like the Archangels or the Apostles. A **Memorial** is the lowest rank and are simply the celebrations of most of the saints. The Gloria and Creed are not said on these days. (*Expert: Catholic Answers*)



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