



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. & 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

Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00-4:45 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

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36)



On the 1st Sunday of Advent, as we begin our preparation for Christmas, we hear about symbolic signs that will accompany the last coming of the Lord. But when “**the heavens are shaken**” Jesus wants us not to be afraid but to “**stand up and raise up our heads because our redemption is drawing near.**”

Christ wants us to know that if the unmovable heavens can be shaken, there is no evil or sin that cannot be changed into goodness for us. When God comes into our life, when He is born in our hearts, even the deepest darkness in our lives can be transformed into light and hope.

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*



Tuesday, November 30, 2021

7:00 pm + Rosaria Zefferino – Josephina Facciuolo
+ Donna Bruder – Dorothy & Jerry Hirschberger and family
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

12:15 pm + Vera Alfred – Dan Alfred

Thursday, December 2, 2021

12:15 pm + Helen Benninger – The Family

Friday, December 3, 2021

8:00 am + Intentions of Susan Bourque

Saturday, December 4, 2021

5:00 pm + Nicola & Teresina De Leo – Tony De Leo
+ Momo Marie – Jemetio Family
+ Maria Freitas – The Family

Public Masses have resumed

We may welcome the number of people we can accommodate with two metres of social distance between individuals/households. All who participate in the liturgy are to wear masks.

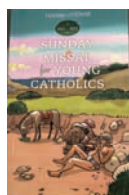
Sunday Homilies Online

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

Sunday Missals



are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 each and are available at the main doors of the church. In order to limit contact, please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm.



Children's Sunday Missals are also available at a cost of \$10 each.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022 for current envelope users will be available the next weekend. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online.

The Advent Season

Advent (from Latin *ad-venio*, to come to) is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to both Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the celebration of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance but in the sense of preparing our hearts for the joyful festivity of Christmas. (usccb.org)

Advent Wreath

Traditionally, the Advent wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Usually, three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this special time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, which is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, and they are close to Christmas. (usccb.org)

Advent Resource for Families –From the Diocese

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season.

Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer (see below) to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

As you light your candle(s) for each week of Advent invite all who gather to share in this prayer:

God, Send your light into our hearts and fill us with joy, as we prepare for the birth of your Son.
Transform our lives into images of Jesus
so that your light will shine through us.
Lord, fill the world with your peace, hope and love this Advent.
Amen.

Save the Date

On Tuesday, December 21, 2021 we will have **all day confessions**. Watch for more details.

First Friday Mass at 8 am, December 3

Everyone is welcome to join us.

What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?

Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ's Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, you are invited to go to confession. (*alteia.org, 5 Things Catholics Should Know About First Fridays.*)

Beautiful Iconic Cards

Notecards are available for purchase in support of the St. Michael Refugee Fund. The cards are the "Icon of the Virgin Mary". Cards are available in sets of 5 cards for \$10 or 10 cards for \$20. These may be purchased at the parish office.

THE ONES: We are people in the parish who normally eat alone. For a few years, we have been gathering at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus on the first Friday of each month at 5:30 pm for fish and chips. Reservations are made on the previous Thursday at noon. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Eleanor Horrigan at 519-885-3674 or horriganeleanor@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Lectors

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Ministers of Communion to the Sick (Long Term Care)

Please contact the parish office.



DIocese of Hamilton

The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



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