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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 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

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 (Mk 12: 28-34)



Answering the question, which commandant is the greatest, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... and your neighbour as yourself.**" The answer was not new. The importance of love was already emphasized in the Torah. What was new was that Jesus presented the love for God and the love for a neighbour as inseparable from each other. Our love for God is shown by the way they we treat one another. To present love for God and love for neighbour as one, is to say that whoever finds deep meaning in the love of another person, even not being aware of it, encounters God Himself.

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* 



Monday, November 1, 2021 All Saints Day 7:00 pm + All Saints Day

#### Tuesday, November 2, 2021, All Souls Day

- 7:00 pm + For the deceased parishioners of Saint Michael Parish and for the deceased Indigenous children
- 7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

#### Wednesday, November 3, 2021

12:15 pm + All deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons of the Diocese of Hamilton.

#### Thursday, November 4, 2021

12:15 pm + Katharina, Milja and Stephen Vukovic - Manfred & Cathy Lamers

#### Friday, November 5, 2021

8:00 am + Dorothy MacDonald – Rita Molnar

#### Saturday, November 6, 2021

- 5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. The Family
  - + Ewa Sychterz Piotr Sychterz
  - + Al Dietrich Doug & Gai Brown & 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.

# Lord's Day Mass Times

Saturday at 5 pm Sunday at 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

### **Parish Office Hours**

The parish office is open for in person, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at <u>pastor@stmichaelw.ca</u>

### **Sunday Homilies Online**

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



Monday, November 1, 2021; Mass at 7 pm ALL SAINTS DAY

### Tuesday, November 2, 2021; Mass at 7 pm ALL SOULS DAY

For the deceased parishioners and the deceased Indigenous children. The names of the parishioners who have died this past year will be read at this Mass.



**Book of Life** During the month of November, our parish "Book of Life" will be placed near the altar. You are welcome to add the names of your loved ones who have

died and are now with the Lord. They will be remembered at our parish Masses during November.

#### All Saints Day and All Souls Day – the difference.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on **November 1st**. The day is dedicated to the saints, that is, all those who have attained heaven even if they have not been officially canonized.

All Saints Day should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on **November 2nd**, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

#### Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

All Saints Day is celebrated to commemorate every individual in heaven, even those who salvation is known to God alone. If our deceased loved ones are in heaven, even though they have never been canonized, on All Saints Day the Catholic Church commemorates them. They, too, have a place in the liturgical calendar, alongside the more famous saints

#### First Friday Mass at 8 am, November 5

Everyone is welcome to join us. *Why nine consecutive months?* The number nine (Latin *novem*) is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the Apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal. (*alteia.org, 5 Things Catholics Should Know About First Fridays.*)



Harambee Child Sponsorship Update: Sr Nentaweh sends her thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Harambee Child Sponsorship program this year. She and the children are so

grateful for the support in these very trying times. Our deadline this year was October 31<sup>st</sup>; however, all donations continue to be gratefully accepted. Please visit the parish website, call Diane at 519-616-2227 or the parish office for more information. Asante!

Refugee Family Updates: Hassan and family are out

of quarantine and excited to be able to explore their new community. Soon the family will all be enrolled in school, will be moving into their first Canadian home and experiencing colder weather. Thank you to everyone who donated items for them during the past few weeks. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated by the family. If you still have items to give, please call Dwayne at 226-898-5151.

The **Rohingya family**, also sponsored by St. Michael's, will be arriving in approximately 3 months (we hope). At that time, there will be another in-kind-donation event. If you have extra furniture, household goods, linens etc and could hold onto them until further notice, that would be great.

#### Heartache to Healing – St. Michael Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - 7 pm – Parish Centre (doors open at 6:30pm).

**Registration is required** by phoning or emailing our Parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca).

COVID protocols will be followed. Please register to reserve your spot by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 17<sup>th</sup></u>, <u>2021. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!</u>

#### **Moms Ministry-Advent Preparations**

Christmas is coming! But before we rush to December 25th, the Moms Ministry invites you to pause and prepare for the beautiful season of Advent. Join us on Monday, November 22nd at 7:30pm for a night out with friends while learning and preparing for the Advent ahead. season Visit https://stmichaelw.ca/womens-ministry to register. This event will take place in person in the Parish Centre. COVID protocols will be followed. Questions? Email parish@stmichaelw.ca

**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 Liturgical Publications 3171 LENWORTH DR. #12 MISSISSAUGA, ON L4X 2G6 1-800-268-2637

