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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright

With scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friends so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent

From heaven above...

We thank thee, Lord



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 21: 33-43)



In today's parable, God is presented like a landowner who sends his only beloved son to protect his vineyard. The vineyard stands for each of us. When the son is killed, Jesus proclaims, **"The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone."** These words refer to Jesus' death and His Resurrection. It is to say that the death of the Son of God is not the last word; paradoxically it becomes a source of hope and life for all.

Today's Gospel emphasizes with strength that God is not helpless in dealing with sin and evil. When everything seems to be lost, precisely then, God finds new and greater ways for His love.

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



Monday, October 9, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am – Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:30 pm Rosary led by the CWL

- 7:00 pm** + Special Intentions of Philford & Edith Benjamin
- Their Daughter
+ Deceased members of the Batestil Family
- Marilou & Alex Reiko
+ Edward DSouza – Donnabell DSouza

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

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

- 12:15 pm** + Special Intentions of Sister Gerarda van den Bogard, ICM – Jaye Reddock
+ Special Intentions of Bob & Mary Flanagan on their 65th Wedding Anniversary
+ Deceased Priests – A Parishioner
+ Cornelia Grzegorzczak – The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, October 12, 2023

- 12:15 pm** + Leslie Molnar, Jr. – Rita Molnar
+ Special Intentions of JR
+ Special Intentions of Tressa Joy

Friday, October 13, 2023

- 8:00 am** + Special Intentions of Stefan & Maria Liko on their 50th Wedding Anniversary-Susan Bourque
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 14, 2023

- 5:00 pm** + Mary Chrysler – The Family
+ Rose-Marie Grubisic – Anthony & Magnell

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. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, 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!

To keep everyone updated we are starting a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of a death of parishioners and any upcoming parish events. To join the list, please sign up on our parish website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>

Rosary Every Tuesday. The CWL will lead the Rosary in the church on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 prior to the 7pm mass. All are welcome to join together in this wonderful prayer.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us for Mass on

Monday, October 9 at 9:00 am.

We give thanks for all of God's blessings.

(The parish office will be closed.)

Thanksgiving and Praise

"...it is normal for us to ask something of God ... There is also reason to give thanks, and if we are attentive, we see that we receive so many good things from God: He is so good to us that it is fitting, indeed necessary, to say thank you. And it should also be a prayer of praise: if our heart is open, despite all problems, we see the beauty of His creation, the goodness shown forth in His creation. Therefore, we must not only ask; we must also praise and give thanks: only in this way is our prayer complete" (Pope Benedict XVI, 'A Prayer of Praise and Thanks').

October - the Month of the Rosary

Pope Saint John Paul II: "the rosary is my favorite prayer, a 'prayer for peace and for the family.'"

Pope Benedict XVI: "without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and His Mother, Mary... this prayer helps to put Christ at the center."

Pope Francis: "a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the Saints... it is a prayer from my heart."

Thank you! Send 'em Off Smiling Back to School Supply Collection Results

A huge thank you to everyone who again this year so generously contributed to our St. Michael Parish / Send 'em Off Smiling campaign. Backpacks, school supplies and cash /cheque /online donations totaled **\$2,395.98**. We are so blessed to have a Parish community who cares about others who need a helping hand. Our annual campaign helps so many families and children in need.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy program for children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 will resume on **October 15th** at the Sunday 11 am Mass. Registration is open online. A registration form for each child needs to be completed each year. Volunteers are welcome and needed, please contact the parish office.

Heartache to Healing- Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. A monthly informal drop-in support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **October 11th** is the next meeting. Registration is not required. Come when you can.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given thousands of Prayer Shawls to parishioners, families and friends, St Mary's Hospital, assisted living and long term care residents. We also give Baptismal Blankets (The White Garment) to every child baptized in our parish. Please support our work with donations of yarn or cash or join our ministry on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the parish library. The next meeting is **Wednesday, October 11.**

Sacramental Registration

Registration is now open on the parish website for First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 7). We do not receive a list of children from the school which is why it is necessary for parents to register their children for sacraments. All parents/guardians of students in grade 7 wishing to celebrate Confirmation are invited to attend an information meeting with their child on Wednesday, **October 11 at 7 pm** in the church.



**Volunteer
Appreciation,
Laity Sunday
October 15, 2023**

Please join us at Coffee Sunday on Sunday, **October 15** as we give thanks to our volunteers after the 9 am and 11 am Masses.



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Men's Discernment Group

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending the diocesan Men's Discernment Group. The first meeting for the fall will be held on Friday, **October 20th** at 7:00pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo, ON. We will gather in the hall.

If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact Fr. Morley at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



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