



St. Michael's Parish

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.- Spanish
6:00 pm.

**Our Lady of the
Blessed Sacrament**
22 Middleton Line
Wheatley, ON

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy
Every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
St. Michael's
½ hour before each Mass
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays

Bulletin Submissions
In writing or by email by
Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School
Every Sunday from
September - June at
the 10:00am Mass.

DECEMBER 1, 2019 - The First Sunday of Advent

There are many seasons throughout the year that I look forward to. Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas are certainly highlights or me along with birthdays and special occasions.

Today we begin the season of Advent. The word Advent is Latin and means "coming". Its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth. It is a season that focuses on waiting. Sometimes I think we forget about patiently waiting. Oftentimes we get caught up in the busyness of getting ready or Christmas. We make lists of the meals we are to prepare, the presents we need to buy and in decorating our homes. In the end we forget what we are getting ready for—the birth of Christ.

This Advent I encourage you to prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus. Do you spend as much time preparing your home as you do your heart? How much time do you spend praying and just being with other people?

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

1. Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters without being distracted by trivial things.
2. Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.
3. Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them.
4. Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence and enjoy it.
5. Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
6. Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The above list was taken from an article entitled Advent Prayers for 2019 and can be found on the website www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/12-advent-prayers.html

So as you go about the busyness of getting your home ready, don't forget to also prepare your heart and to look for ways to help those around you.

Another great opportunity to help others would be to join us as we go Christmas caroling at the Sun Parlor Home on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm. It's a great way to prepare our hearts for Jesus when we are being Jesus to each other. I hope you will join us!

Yours in Christ,
Veronica Costa, Pastoral Minister

Pastoral Team

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Secretary

Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office

First Reconciliation -
Preparation begins in September

First Holy Communion -
Preparation begins in September

Confirmation - Confirmation
to begin in September

Marriage - Meeting with Clergy
minimum six months in advance.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy
Sacrament of the Sick -
Upon request

RCIA and RCIC - Call office

**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH
WELCOMES YOU TO
OUR CHURCHES!**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church offers Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays 9:00am-6:30pm. On mornings with funeral Masses, Eucharistic Adoration will follow.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us - his Son Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about the RCIA, please contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643.**

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
PARISH MISSION**

With Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM

December 9th - 12th

Confessions /Adoration: 6:00pm

Mission Presentation: 7:00pm

*Confessions available after presentations

*Confessions available on Wednesday, December 11 from 8:30am to 7:00pm

Presentations on:

God, the Father of Mercies

Eucharist - Food for the Journey

Our Heavenly Motherand more!



**ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS
MEMORIAL FLOWERS AND
DECORATIONS**

This year we will be collecting donations in memory of our loved ones to offset the cost of both decorating the church and for the Christmas flowers.

The names of your loved ones will be inserted in the bulletin on **December 22nd**. Please bring in your donation to the church office or put it in the collection on any given Sunday with the names clearly written of the person or persons you wish to have in this memorial along with your name and phone number.



Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:

**ELISABETH KORECK, HELEN
MACKINNON**

Please pray for the Intentions of our Brothers and Sisters working in the Diocese of London:

Dec. 01 Rev. Louis Mousseau

Dec. 02 Mrs. Rebecca Bondy

Dec. 03 Rev. Robert Champagne

Dec. 04 Miss Janet Loo

Dec. 05 Rev. Dwayne Adam

Dec. 06 Rev. Robert Weaver

Dec. 07 Deacon Lyle Lalonge



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
December 2 to December 7**

Mon. 8:00am	Elmer, Ted and Adele Wahby Gino Paliani Maria Carmo
Tues. 7:00pm	Living and Deceased Members of the K. of C. Living and Deceased Members of the C.W.L. Remo Coretti
Wed. 8:00am	Ghidsar and Linda Tannous John Anthony Dainter Jose Bento
Wed. 7:00pm Wheatley OLBS	Manuel, Cizaltina and Frank Pimentel Nelson Couto All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 8:00am	Deceased Family of John and Maria Reis John Da Parteira Giovanni Sera
Friday 8:00am	Domenic and Mary O'Connell Stefano Perciballi Peter Colasanti
Sat. 8:00am	Maria L. Carmo, Antonio Murracas, Dec. Family Virgilio Ibay Deceased Family of Jose and Rosie Cardoso

SUNPARLOR HOME

DECEMBER 5

Thurs. 10:00am	Jose V. Carreiro, Ernesto Rebelo Jose Medeiros, Simao & Francelina Correia Antonio Moniz Pacheco
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, December 24

- 4:00pm at St. Michael's (Children's)
- 6:00pm at St. Michael's
- 7:00pm at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament
- 8:00pm at St. Michael's
- Midnight at St. Michael's

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, December 25

- 8:00am at St. Michael's
- 10:00am at St. Michael's
- 3:00pm at St. Michael's (Spanish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Tuesday, December 31

- 5:00pm at St. Michael's

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Wednesday, January 1

- 8:00am at St. Michael's
- 10:00am at St. Michael's
- 10:30am at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00pm at St. Michael's (Spanish)
- 6:00pm at St. Michael's



Healing Mass

Immaculate Heart Parish, 2153 Parkwood Avenue,
Windsor. **First Friday December 6, 2019 at 7:00pm.**

Prayer teams are available after Mass.

Elevator accessible.



POTLUCK SUPPER/WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION – this WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 6:00pm.

Come out for a night of great fun and fellowship. Remember to bring your **favourite dish** and a **gift** for the Auction (proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul). Hope to see many of you there.

Keep these special December dates in your thoughts and prayers: **December 8** – Feast of the Immaculate Conception/**December 12** – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples/**December 29** – Feast of the Holy Family.

“Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.” Luke 1:42



St Michael's is excited to announce that we will be offering the Alpha program in our Parish in the coming year. Alpha is a wonderful program where we can come together to have dinner, watch a short video and have discussion together. It will begin on **Monday, January 6th and continue on Monday evenings** here at our church. Daycare will be provided. To register, please call the parish office or Luis & Dina Sardinha at **326-0994** or sardinha600@gmail.com



THANK YOU to everyone who attended 'Empty Bowls' on World Day of the Poor November 17th at St. Michael's Parish. We had a good turnout. 23 soups were donated. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated soup, vegetable trays, fruit trays, breads, cheeses and dessert. We had extra soup that we shared with our Migrant friends after the 3:00pm Mass. After the Migrant meal we filled 39 containers and 23 heavy duty freezer bags with soup to give to our friends and neighbours we serve in Leamington. **THANK YOU** to Mayor Hilda MacDonald and Councillor Larry Verbeke for attending 'Empty Bowls'. God bless.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CIRCLE “God’s Work, Our Hands”

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate wool to our Ministry! The bin will be in the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate for our prayer shawls/pocket prayer shawls. You can also drop your donations off at the Church office.

We have a wonderful group committed to this Ministry and are always looking for anyone who can knit or crochet to join us. **We meet the third Saturday of every month in the Sun Room from 10:00 - 11:30am.** If you would like to help us but cannot come out to the meetings, we can supply you with wool and patterns - call Sandy at the Church office at 519-326-2643.

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta.



DECEMBER 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Second Reading (Romans 15:4-9)

Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12)



FAMILY ADVENT CARNIVAL

All families are invited to join us for our Advent Carnival on **Sunday, December 1 from 11:00am to 1:00pm.** The event will consist of lunch, crafts and games for the whole family. The cost is \$10 per family to help cover the cost of the meal and supplies.



CHRISTMAS PLAY

We are looking for young people to become involved with our Christmas pageant this year. Youth of all ages are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held at St. Michael's Church from 6:30 - 7:30pm as follows:

Thursday December 5th, Friday December 13th, Thursday December 19th. Parents are also needed to help direct the children. If you are interested, please contact **Veronica at 519-326-2643.**



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

We're going Christmas Carolling and you are invited! Join us on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm at the Sun Parlor Nursing Home as we bring good cheer to the residents.

Please RSVP to Veronica if you are coming so that we can let the Sun Parlor Home know.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

How can we best support young people who are struggling with depression, anxiety, stress and bullying? The Diocese of London Youth Ministry Office has invited Roy Petitfils, an experienced youth counselor, who is happy to share his great wisdom. This event will take place on **Monday, December 8 at Visitation Parish in Comber from 7:00-8:30pm** and is **FREE** and open to parents and other caring adults. Registration is appreciated for this event. More information can be found at <https://dol.ca/tune-in>



LIFE TEEN MASS AND EDGE YOUTH PROGRAM

- Every Sunday evening beginning with the 6:00pm Life Teen Mass. After Mass join us for the Edge Youth Program for those youth in Grades 6 through 8 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

The Leamington Ministerial Association Prays for:
MOUNT ZION FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Please note that the chapel area of the church is a scent-free zone to accommodate those who are sensitive to fragrances.

Collection for November 24, 2019

303 Regular Sunday	\$5152.50
Loose	1365.05
Total	\$6517.55



Building Fund \$630.00

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!
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