St. Michael's Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS..."



In the Latin Mass, the first word of the opening hymn is *Gaudete*, which means Rejoice, and is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4,5). Like the season of Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears <u>purple vestments</u>. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and <u>fasting</u> before <u>Christmas</u>. For this same reason, the third candle of the <u>Advent wreath</u>, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-coloured.

An event this Sunday in Wheatley "I'm prepared to give my life in the cause of averting the disaster we are stumbling towards as a civilization," John Gallagher wrote in an essay before he left for Iraq where he was killed on November 4th by an ISIS suicide bomber. He was escorted home on the "highway of heroes" last week to be received by family members in Blenheim. Having roots in Wheatley, the Business Improvement Association of Wheatley will erect four Christmas trees at the four corners in the village and celebrate his memory. Everyone is invited on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

This week the *Holy Doors* in our diocese were opened as we have begun the Year of Mercy, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica and at the Shrine of Our Lady in Merlin. These are two pilgrimage destinations in our diocese for us to plan to reach during the upcoming year.

This weekend is also close to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe when we ask for a "toonie" collection after Holy Communion in support of our ministry among the migrant workers. Please be generous.

<u>Weekend Liturgical</u> Schedule

St. Michael's Phone: 519-326-2643 Fax: 519-326-2644

(No Masses)

St. Joseph's 310 Sherk St. Leamington, ON

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian/English
10:30 a.m. - Family
12:00 NOON Portuguese/English
3:00 p.m. - Spanish
7:00 p.m. - Youth

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2:30 p.m. Followed by Divine Mercy -3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Or call for an Appointment

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

22 Middleton Line Wheatley, ON

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

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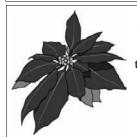
Baptisms - Call office
First Reconciliation Preparation begins in January
First Holy Communion Preparation begins in March
Confirmation - Preparation
begins in September
Marriage - Meeting with Clergy
minimum six months in advance.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy Sacrament of the Sick -Upon request RCIA and RCIC - Call office Also, please find a brochure produced by our Building Committee – "An Investment in Our Future" - with a full report of the building project and calling for participation financially from those who haven't shown their support yet and from those who have, who are able to extend their original pledges, so that we may reach our goal of \$1,670,760.00. Keep your prayers going for the workers who are diligently progressing now with the steel beams of the new St. Michael's.

Please remember the sick and bereaved in your kind prayers this week. Jother Patrick

ST MICHAEL'S REFUGEE FAMILY

As we prepare to support our refugee family of six: a Father, Mother and four children, (two girls ages 7 and 10, two boys ages 3 and 6) we are accepting household furniture for a living room, bedrooms, and kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. Please call Maureen at (519) 326-4581 or Ramona at (519) 398-9619 or Zena at (519) 326-9704



<u>Please Note</u>: It's that time of year again. We are collecting donations in memory of loved ones to offset the cost of decorating the Churches for Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be published in the December 20th bulletin.

We are accepting donations until Dec. 17th



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Signs available for \$15.00 at St. Michael's Parish Office and Setterington's Gifts. All proceeds go to St. Michael's Building Fund.

CWL



Spend Some Quiet Time With The Lord Salt & Light TV is airing a documentary "Woman on a Mission" which talks about the Catholic Women's League Convention this past summer in Vancouver. Dates and times at www.cwl.ca and the CWL bulletin board. 2016 religious calendars are available @ the church office.

Congratulations to the Refugee Raffle winners @ the Pot-luck supper:

Food Basket - Mary DiMilo, Nativity Set—Gabrielle Autterson, Pitcher & Bowl Set - Charyn Tilden

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary to conceive the Savior of the world, inspired Elizabeth to extol Mary and the "fruit of her womb," and prompted the unborn John to leap for joy. This same Holy Spirit overshadows, inspires and prompts those who believe to "set out in haste" to touch others with divine Presence.

First Reading (Micah 5:2-5a) Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10) Gospel (Luke 1:39-45)

Mass for the Intentions Week

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St. Jose	ph's December 14 - December 19	
Mon. 8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the K of C Sante Testani and Deceased Family Members Mr. and Mrs. Tony Simon, Paul Semaan, Mark Belisle Wilhelmina de Jong	
Tues 8:00am	Angelina and Manuel Costa Ercolina Vernaroli Souls in Purgatory	
Wed 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
7:00pm	Tony and Salem Keirouz Frank and Ida Moauro Pasquale and Elvira Serafini	
Thurs 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
Fri 8:00am	Dr. Elmer and Kathleen Wahby & Dec. Fam. Mem. Peter and Maria Holzberger & Dec. Family Mem. Laura Tannous & Sam Jabbour & Dec. Fam. Mem.	
Sat. 8:00am	Joao, Serafina and Johnny Arruda Antonio Barros & Maria Morais & Augusto Pinto Adonis Caberto	
Cardinal	Carter December 16	
Wed.	Eduardo Gomes Araujo & Deceased Family Mem.	

Carumai	Carter December 10
9:30am	Eduardo Gomes Araujo & Deceased Family Mem. Albertina Santos
	Jenny Guardado

Leamingt	on Court	December 17
10:00am	Rozinha Farias Maria do Carmo Costa Julia Santos	

	Julia Santos	
Erie Glen	Manor	December 17

Thurs. 2:00pm Guido and Ennia Vernaroli Lucilia Coimbra	
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This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for

United Pentecostal



Please pray for those in our parish and families who passed away this past week:

John Segave;

Ted Wahby, brother of Adele and Lorena of our parish who died in Michigan;

Daniel Cabral, who died in Bermuda, brother-inlaw of Olivia Cabral and uncle of Agnes Pereira and Frances Marcovecchio of our parish;

Giovanni Esposito of our parish.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Are you **9-20 years old** and have received your First Holy Communion? Then you are eligible to be an altar server. We are looking for young people to be altar servers for our Sunday liturgies. All of us are called to

be part of the Masses. What a wonderful way to learn more about our liturgies, God, and at the same time help us. There will be training sessions for those who are interested in becoming altar servers. In the summer we honour our altar servers with a day trip to play laser tag. If you are interested and need more information, please contact Simone Seres at 519-326-2643 ext. 29



O Come all ye Faithful...

And celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Birth at Christmas and the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, at New Year's in St. Joseph's Church and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thurs. Dec. 24: 4:00pm (with Children's Pageant) St. Joseph's

7:00pm at St. Joseph's Midnight at St. Joseph's

Midnight at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,

Wheatley.

Friday Dec. 25: 9:00am (English-Italian) at St. Joseph's

10:30am at St. Joseph's

Noon (English-Portuguese) at St. Joseph's

Thurs. Dec. 31: 5:00pm at St. Joseph's **Friday Jan. 01**: 10:30am at St. Joseph's

10:30am at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Noon (English-Portuguese) at St. Joseph's



ADVENT CONFESSIONS -SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday before and after 7:00 pm. Mass at St. Joseph's

Thursday, December 17th: 7:00pm-8:00pm Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament (English and Portuguese)

Friday, December 18th: 1:00pm-4:30pm

at St. Joseph's

Saturday, December 19th: 1:00pm –5:00pm at St. Joseph's

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Veronica's Corner



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Families and teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 13 starting with 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph's followed by pizza and ending with Mass at 7 pm. We will be delivering baskets to our shut-ins



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in our Catholic schools shortly. If you are in public school and wish to receive this sacrament, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext 28.



<u>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</u> ~ Everyone is invited to join us for a movie night on <u>Tuesday, December 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Ecole St. Michel</u>. The featured film is called Christmas Oranges. A great movie for the whole family and a great movie as we enter the Year of Mercy. Snacks to be served.

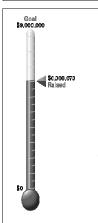
<u>CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</u> ~ St. Michael's annual Christmas pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. We are currently looking for young people to participate. Rehearsals will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday's, Dec. 10 & 17 & Tues. Dec. 22 beginning at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Veronica.

DIVINE MERCY

The last Divine Mercy before Christmas will be on Friday, December 18th and will resume after Christmas on Friday, January 8th, 2016



PLEASE NOTE: As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's and have it count for the 2015 TAX year, to please make that donation as soon as possible. The cut off date is DEC. 27TH. You can drop it off at the office or drop it off in with the Sunday collection.



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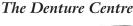
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