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prepare the way...

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM ALL OF
THE STAFF AT
ST. MICHAEL'S
PARISH**



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 OLBS - Wheatley
3:00pm at St. Michael's (Spanish)
6:00pm at St. Michael's



****The Parish office will be closed from December 24th through January 1st (except for the collection count days). We will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd at 9:00am.**



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**.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

****Please note there will not be Eucharistic Adoration on December 24th and December 31st****



O God, you were pleased to announce the coming of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with choirs of angels who proclaimed with their song,

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth."

Grant that we may so pass our time here to your glory that at your Son's second coming we may rejoice before him. Amen.



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
December 23 to December 28**

Mon. 8:00am	Ben, Elizabeth and Bernard Brown Madeline Bailey Teresa Carducci
Tues. 7:00pm	SEE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Wed. 8:00am	SEE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Thurs. 7:00pm	Carlos and Maria Medeiros Suzette Dorego Joseph Raffoul
Friday 8:00am	Maria Martinho Albina Ferreira Angela Avelar
Sat. 8:00am	Luisa Pavao Verina Del Ciano Maria Ines Furtado

Divine Mercy is cancelled for this week until after Christmas. We will begin again in the New Year on **Friday, January 3rd**.

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

Dec. 22 Deacon Joseph Manzara
Dec. 23 Rev. Michael Ryan
Dec. 24 Rev. Steven Huber
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!
Dec. 26 Rev. Seejo John
Dec. 27 Mrs. Julie de Gouw
Dec. 28 Rev. Martin Johnston



The Leamington Ministerial Association Prays for:
Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda



2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The envelopes are now at the back of both churches. If you do not see yours, please call the office and we will make sure we prepare some for you. Please consider automatic withdrawals - call the office for more information or fill out the Pre-Authorized Payment form.



DECEMBER 29, 2019 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

Second Reading (Colossians 3:12-21)

Gospel (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)



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Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (annulment) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help - feel free to call us at **519-439-1553 or toll free at 1-866-603-4317**



2019 INCOME TAX YEAR

As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind everyone that donations to St. Michael's for this tax year need to be brought in as soon as possible. Donations must be received

no later than **January 5, 2020** and dated by the end of this year if you are making a donation by cheque.

A January Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Sacred Heart in LaSalle, 219 Sacred Heart Drive on Friday, January 10 at 7:30pm. If you have made a Cursillo weekend, please come and share in a faith-filled evening.
All Cursillistas are welcome!

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. In Windsor/Essex, the next weekend will be the weekend of **February 14-16, 2020, at Holy Family Retreat House**. To register for the Windsor-area weekend, please call **1-800-705-6356 or email 1015@retrouvaille.org**.



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**



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. There will not be a youth program on December 22, December 29 and January 5th. Please join us again in the New Year on January 12th. (The Life Teen Mass at 6:00pm will still be held on these dates.)



CWL Memberships are available at the church office for \$25.

~ **Volunteers** are requested to help with **baking, preparing meals, clean up for the Alpha Program** on 6 alternate Monday evenings beginning on January 6. If you could give of your time even once or twice, it would

be greatly appreciated. If you can help in any way, please call Mary Di Milo @ 519-326-8253.

~Thank you to everyone who helped with baking/serving refreshments and goodies for the St. Louis School Community Mass this past Tuesday evening.

~**CWL Members Meeting - Wednesday, January 8** in the upstairs Conference room. Hope to see many of you there!

May **JOY** be your gift at Christmas and may **FAITH, HOPE** and **LOVE** be your treasures in the NEW YEAR.

"Each of us is an INKEEPER who decides if there is room for JESUS." Neal A Maxwell



KNIGHTS NEWS:

The Knights of Columbus Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from January to March to accommodate ALPHA.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

The Knights of Columbus Executive meeting for December 23rd has been cancelled.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CIRCLE "God's Work, Our Hands"

Running out of wool? Please come to the church office lobby where there is a table set up for you to help yourself with any wool you may need to complete or start your prayer shawl. Anyone wishing to donate wool can also drop off their wool at this table or in the round bin in the lobby of the church. Thank you!

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

LEAMINGTON BLOOD DONOR CENTRE

Wednesday, January 8th from 1:00—7:00pm

**Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex
New Donors & Walk Ins Welcome!**



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



Collection for December 15, 2019

Due to Christmas publication deadlines, the collection amounts for December 15th will be posted in the next bulletin.

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