



# 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

### **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.

## **THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 9, 2018**

From Fr. Tom...

We just finished our Parish Mission – thank you to Fr. Ben for all the humour, insight and encouragement in faith! For those who missed an evening, you can listen to some of his talks at:

<https://www.godblessya.com/freeaudio>.

Last week Veronica shared in the bulletin some thoughts about the Advent wreath. Today we can contemplate the tradition of the Christmas Nativity Scene. Pope Benedict said in 2015:

*Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their Crib immediately after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the Crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children.*

*The Crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. St. Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living Nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today.*

*Indeed, the Crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who "though he was rich he made himself poor" for us (II Cor. 8:9).*

*His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: "Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.*

Inside the bulletin are some suggestions for December meditations on the Nativity Scene. Also included are some great videos for Advent (go to [smp.formed.org](http://smp.formed.org) to register for free).

### **Reminder:**

Wednesday, December 12:

### **All Day Confessions:**

St Michael's (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)  
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
(2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

## Pastoral Team

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Parochial Vicar

[www.FrSteve.ca](http://www.FrSteve.ca)

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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!*

*MAY WE BE GIFTED IN UNITY TO SERVE GOD AND  
ALL PEOPLES IN AUTHENTIC LOVE*



**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, contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643**.

**2018 INCOME TAX YEAR**

As we approach the end of 2018, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's for this tax year to please make that donation as soon as possible. It must be received no later than **January 7, 2019** and dated by the end of this year if you are making a donation by cheque.

**2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The envelopes are now at the back of both Churches. If you do not see yours, please call the office at 519-326-2643 and we will make sure that you receive them. Automatic withdrawals are also available so that you don't have to worry about preparing an envelope each week. Please call the office for more information.

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading** (Zephaniah 3:14-18a)

**Second Reading** (Philippians 4:4-7)

**Gospel** (Luke 3:10-18)

**\*\*\*CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE\*\*\***

**Christmas Eve:**

~4 p.m. (St. Michael's)  
~6 p.m. (St. Michael's)  
~7 p.m. (OLBS)  
~8 p.m. (St Michael's)  
~Midnight (St Michael's)

**Christmas Day:**

~8 a.m. (St Michael's)  
~10 a.m. (St Michael's)  
~3 p.m. Spanish Mass  
(St. Michael's)

**Solemnity of Mary (Dec 31/Jan 1)**

*Regular Sunday Schedule*

~5 p.m. (St Michael's)  
~8 a.m. (St Michael's)  
~10 a.m. (St Michael's)  
~10:30 a.m. (OLBS)

**CONFESSIONS:**

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

**8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. (St. Michael's)**

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (OLBS)**

**1/2 Hour Before All Masses and  
Saturday Morning 8:30am-9:30am**

**\*\*Please note the office will be closed the week of  
December 24 and will re-open January 2 at 8 a.m.\*\***



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 10 - December 15**

<b>Monday 8:00am</b>	Lina Freitas Abraham and Elizabeth Tuma, Deceased Family Luis and Emma Tavares, Deceased Family
<b>Tuesday 7:00pm</b>	Tom and Mary Nohra, Mary Ann Whittle Tulliano and Nancy Visca Beato Mastronardi and Deceased Family
<b>Wed. 8:00am</b>	Jose and Maria Coimbra, John Gomes Lina Freitas Intentions of Former St. Michael's Priests
<b>Thurs. 8:00am</b>	Antonio Bernardes, John Gomes, Dec. Family Florimond Creve Antonio and Maria Mariano, Deceased Family
<b>Friday 8:00am</b>	Elizabeth and Ben Brown, Deceased Family Manuel and Margarida Pavao Tony Medeiros, Jose Inacio, Tony Junior
<b>Sat. 8:00am</b>	Frank Moauro Sr. and Ida Moauro Angelina, Maria and Conceicao Costa Ercolina Vernaroli

**FRANKLIN NURSING HOME**

**December 13**

<b>Thurs. 2:15 pm</b>	Mildred Fuerth Feltz, Cosgrove and Bechard Families Jose Medeiros, Simao & Francelina Correia
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:



**DOMENICO IARUSSO**

**NANCY ENNS** who passed away in Texas, Sister of Charles Reh and Nola Lamotte, Sister-in-law of Henry Enns of our Parish.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS  
MEMORIAL**



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 flowers for Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on **December 23rd**. Please bring in your donation to the church office or put it in the collection with the names you wish to have in this memorial along with your name and phone number. **The last day to submit these names is December 19th.**

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

**Dec. 09** Mrs. Colleen Keane  
**Dec. 10** Mrs. Christine Coyle  
**Dec. 11** Rev. Steve Wlusek  
**Dec. 12** Ms. Suzanne Walton  
**Dec. 13** Mrs. Jean Bénéteau  
**Dec. 14** Mrs. Marguerite Hewer  
**Dec. 15** Rev. Jan Pochwala





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**This Week on FORMED: 1531-A Story that is Not Finished Yet.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World. 1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet. Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org).

**KID'S KORNER:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
The King is Born  
The Story of Christmas



**"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"**

~35 women attended our recent potluck/white elephant and election event. Over \$800 was raised for St. Vincent de Paul's needy families at Christmas by bidders in the fun auction. Thank you for your generous donations and gifts and for the delicious food provided.

~Thank you to the women who said 'yes' to be on the executive for 2019 and 2020:

**President**-Mary DiMilo. **Treasurer**-Emily Harrison.  
**Committee Chairpersons**-Ada Eagle, Ashley Azzopardi, Barb Gaspard, Margaret Goncalves, Laurie Groeneweg, Ann Horan, Romana Sobotka, Claudia Zioutis  
**Past Presidents**-Mary Lapos, Sr. Elaine Cole  
*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?"* Mother Teresa

**The Leamington Area Ecumenical Refugee Committee** is desperately in need of a home to rent for a family of 10. Please call Sister Elaine at (519) 322-0945 for more information or if you can be of assistance.

*The Leamington Ministerial Association  
Prays for:*  
**LEAMINGTON CHRISTIAN CENTRE**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

St. Michael's Church has Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 6:30pm.

**"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"**



**ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BRICK CAMPAIGN**

Celebrate a memory in a permanent way at

St. Michael's with a keepsake brick in our beautiful Celebration Pathway. Each keepsake brick is available with a contribution of \$500. Your name and/or message will be etched on the brick. All funds for this initiative will go directly to the building loan and will support any future capital projects for the parish. Please pick up a brochure at the back of the church or at the office.

A December Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at **St. John Vianney, 385 Dieppe Street, Windsor.**

**On Friday, December 14th at 7:30pm.**

If you have made a Cursillo Weekend, please come and share in a faith-filled evening.

**All Cursillistas are WELCOME!**

**VERONICA'S CORNER**



**\*\*Please note\*\***

Veronica will be on a medical leave for approximately six weeks. Prayers would be appreciated during this time.



**CONFIRMATION MEETINGS**

Please note that the Family Faith Conversation Meetings have been cancelled. There will be **NO** meeting on December 11 or January 10.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLLING CANCELLED**

The Christmas carolling at the Sun Parlor Home that was scheduled for Monday, December 10th has been cancelled. We will arrange to visit the nursing home in the spring.



**THE GIVING TREE** - Once again we have placed our Christmas tree in the church with tags.

We encourage everyone to take a tag and purchase the item and return it to the church by **December 10th**. All items will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to local families. If you purchase a gift card, please drop it off at the office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our last day for Sunday School will be **December 16th**.

The program will resume on **Sunday, January 6** at the 10:00am Mass. We are also looking for a few more adults to help with this program with the crafts, etc. If you are interested, contact Veronica at [vcosta@dol.ca](mailto:vcosta@dol.ca).



**DIVINE MERCY**

The last Friday for Divine Mercy before the Christmas Holiday is Friday December 21st. It will resume again in the New Year beginning Friday, January 4th.



**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- May 5-14, 2019**

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at [www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera).

From the time you arrive, you are greeted with the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) Then you are on your way to Fatima, home to the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - 100 years ago! Continue through the life of St. Teresa of Avila, and end in Lourdes. Whether you come for prayer at the Grotto or in the Basilica, or if you come to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths - Lourdes is the place for true miracles.

**Collection for Sunday – December 2, 2018**

334 Regular Sunday:	<b>\$5985.45</b>
Loose:	<b>\$1168.00</b>
Total :	<b>\$7153.45</b>
Average per Envelope:	<b>\$17.92</b>
Initial Envelopes:	<b>20.00</b>
Pledges this week:	<b>\$1185.00</b>



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