



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.

MARCH 8, 2020 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and fill the hearts of your people with an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples (Year of Prayer)

On Pentecost Sunday 2019, we began a Year of Prayer for our entire diocese which will conclude at our celebration of Pentecost on 31 May 2020. I asked that together we take this year to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we might have "an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples".

Over the past few months, it has been gratifying for me, as your bishop, to see many signs of new life and hope, as our parishes take to heart this call for renewal. I met a woman who completed Alpha in her parish. She spoke to me of the excitement she now has about her faith. A man, who is going to be a sponsor of one of the candidates for confirmation, told me about the program his parish just introduced. He is eager to participate in the program because it has renewed him in the faith he has practised since childhood. Bishop Dabrowski and I had a meal with the facilitators of the "Moments of Encounter" which were offered in many of our Families of Parishes. They spoke to us of the positive response to these retreat days. People wanted to gather to pray and reflect on their faith. They witnessed a real hunger among our people to grow in their faith.

I am very encouraged by these testimonies. They are, I believe, fruits of our Year of Prayer.

As we move through this Year of Prayer, I want to draw your attention to the seasons of Lent and Easter and the special opportunities they offer us.

During the Season of Lent, our parishes have missions and special devotions, such as Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration. Our ethnic communities have brought us rich traditions for the 40 days of Lent. These practices help us hear Jesus' call to a conversion of heart: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Make a special effort to link these practices to our Year of Prayer and the prayer of our diocese that we may have "an ardent desire to follow Jesus".

During the Easter Season, we celebrate with great joy Jesus' resurrection and the new life he bestows on us in Baptism. The Scripture readings for the Sunday and weekday Masses highlight the presence of the Holy Spirit working powerfully in the early disciples and are an inspiration for us as we seek to be disciples of Jesus in our everyday lives.

The Easter Season ends in May, the month we have traditionally called Mary's month. Our parishes, schools and families make use of many Marian devotions. The Rosary, for example, helps us reflect with Mary on the great mysteries of our faith. Mary is the first disciple, our model of the true disciple of Jesus. In her Magnificat, Mary rejoices and proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

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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

Through Mary's intercession, may we be missionary disciples who boldly proclaim the Gospel by our words and deeds, by speaking to others about our faith in Jesus, by inviting them to encounter Jesus in their lives, and by reaching out to the poor and marginalized in our communities.

Mary was perplexed by the words spoken to her by the angel, but she believed and gave her "yes" to God. As a diocese, we have embarked on a journey to answer Jesus' call to us to be his missionary disciples. We do not know exactly what this call will mean and what it will demand of us. In this Year of Prayer, I believe we are being called to place our trust in God. May we be inspired by Mary's example, and may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and guide us on our journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

The Parish office will be closed on **Tuesday March 10.**



Tax Receipts have now been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please call the Parish office and we will make sure that you receive your copy.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST

This year's Diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on April 1st from 8:30am - 8:00pm at St. Michael's Church. What a wonderful way to be renewed in heart and soul and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SEASON:

~**PALM SUNDAY** (April 4/5) - Regular Sunday Schedule
~**HOLY THURSDAY:** April 9th - Multilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper (with incense) at 7:00pm St. Michael's with Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.

(Confessions will be available)

~**GOOD FRIDAY:** April 10 Children's Service at 10:30am St. Michael's/Solemn Good Friday Service at 3:00pm St. Michael's

~**HOLY SATURDAY:** April 11th Easter Vigil 8:00pm at St. Michael's (with incense)

~**EASTER SUNDAY ST. MICHAEL'S** - April 12 8:00am/10:00am/3:00pm (Spanish)/6:00pm (Life Teen)

~**EASTER SUNDAY AT OLBS:** 10:30am



MARCH 15, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

Gospel (John 4:5-42)



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

March 9 to March 14

Mon. 8:00am	Carmela Ingratta Enrico and Vincenzina Mastronardi Maria Tavares
Tues. 7:00pm	Teresa Cappelli Lucilia Carmo and Antonio Murracas Antonio & Filomena Marques, Antonio Resendes
Wed. 8:00am	Phyllis & Roy Cole and Deceased Family Antonia Kral Michael Livesey
Thurs. 8:00am	Arduino Abbruzzese Lois Armstrong and Deceased Family Weber and Filomena Dorego
Friday 8:00am	Maria Cacilhas Antonio and Natalina Grossi Dominic Magri
Sat. 8:00am	John Fast Christine Liebrock, Donald Kulik, Real Levesque Sam Capogna

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March 12

Thurs. 2:15pm	Wildred Bondy Antonio Pacheco Joe Martinho
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:

ANTON GOSSMANN,
FATIMA CASEMIRO CARREIRO; sister of
Joe Casemiro who passed away in
Massachusetts.

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

Mar. 08 Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith

Mar. 09 Deacon Andre Dedecker

Mar. 10 Mrs. Betty Hompoth

Mar. 11 Deacon Victor Salazar

Mar. 12 Rev. Gerard Bedard

Mar. 13 Rev. Joseph Kannath

Mar. 14 Mrs. Alice Chinnick



ST. MICHAEL'S
VOCATIONS LEARNING

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace."

If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, please contact the

**Vocation Office at 1-888-548-9649 or
email vocations@dol.ca**



Keeping
a Holy Lent

Please join us in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent for our Fish Fry Fridays. Dinner will be available from 4:00-7:00pm. Adults - \$14.00 / under 12 - \$5.00 / Family - \$30.00. This will be followed by Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm in St. Michael's Church.

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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. Come see for yourself what all the excitement is about!

SOUTH COUNTY COR XXXIV WEEKEND

When: 7:30pm Fri. March 27 to 6:00pm Sun. March 29

Where: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Essex

Who: High School students in Grades 10, 11 or 12

Cost: \$35 per person (chq. payable to Holy Name of Essex)

If money is a concern, please speak to your Priest or Youth Minister. ****Registration forms can be found at the back of each church and in the lobby of the parish office****

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 866-603-4317

or email tribunal @dol.ca.



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

To request a prayer shawl, to knit or crochet with us, to request wool and/or patterns or for more information about the Prayer Shawl

Ministry Circle at St. Michael's Parish, please call Sandy at the parish office at 519-326-2643 or smp@dol.ca. If you have any wool that you wish to donate for our shawls, please bring it in to the church office or leave it at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

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



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a

non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to the inquiry sessions. For more information contact

Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643.



~Members are encouraged to attend the **World Day of Prayer at Knox Presbyterian Church at 2:00pm this Friday, March 6.**

This is always a very satisfying, worthwhile experience.

~Desserts and help are needed for Monday, March 16 and every Friday for the LENTEN Fish Fry. Please consider helping out as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Call Mary Di Milo at 519-326-8253.

~Wednesday, March 11- General Meeting in the upstairs Conference room at 6:30pm.

~March 27 - Stations of the Cross: led by CWL members. We will be wearing our sashes.

~March 2 - March 30: 40 Days for Life Campaign to end abortion. Vigil participants can carpool from St. Michael's parking lot at 9:00am every Monday morning until March 30th.

Franciscan Capuchin Come & See Event: March 14, 2020

Young men from the age of 18 to 40 are invited to a "Come and See Event" with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. We will meet at St. Francis Friary, 9169 West Ridge Line, Blenheim, at 9 am and will end at 4 pm on March 14, 2020.

Come and pray and learn about our life as brothers and priests who follow St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, Blessed Solanus Casey and many other saints. If you plan to attend please contact Fr. Louis Mousseau by phone at 519-676-7623 or email at friarlouisca@yahoo.ca.



SSVP Needs for March

Mac and Cheese/Stove Top Stuffing Mix/toilet paper/pizza sauce/canned Irish stew

Please check for best before dates

February's donations were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and for helping our friends and neighbours in need.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church offers Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays 9:00am-6:30pm. On mornings with funeral Masses, Eucharistic Adoration will follow. **"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"**

Collection for March 1, 2020

345 Regular Sunday: \$6261.00

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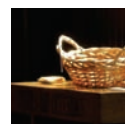
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