

StMikesWaterloo

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SCHEDULE OF LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday: 12:15 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before daily Masses and Tuesday 6:15-6:45 p.m., 7:45 -8:15 p.m. Friday 8:30-9:00 a.m. Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m. Father is also available before and after Sunday Masses if needed.

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Our Worship Space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street entrance

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network prays for those who are in need. To add an intention or become a member of the prayer network, please email us at parish@stmichaelw.ca

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Sir Edgar Bauer Elementary School	519-884-8480
St Nicholas Elementary School	519-884-9198
Resurrection Secondary School	519-741-1990
St David Secondary School	519-885-1340
St Jerome University	519-884-8111

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to begin the process of preparing your child and family for this Sacrament.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

St Michael Parish welcomes post-secondary students to participate in the life of the parish. The St John Paul II Student Centre (adjacent to the Church) offers programing and pastoral care for all university and college students (jp2waterloo.ca).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is normally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Preparation is provided. Please contact Father before setting a date of marriage.

PASTORAL CARE TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Communion to the Sick bring communion to those who are sick or confined at home, in nursing homes or hospital. Anointing of the Sick takes place annually in the parish, and is celebrated personally upon request. To ensure a visit by our Pastoral Team when hospitalized please indicate you are a member of St Michael Parish.

HEALING MINISTRIES

"Heartache to Healing" is our Grief Support Group and "ACT II" is our Separated/Divorced Group. To find out more about the programs, please contact our parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Due to COVID-19, emergency food deliveries from our parish are currently on hold. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-742-8327 and press 2 for the House of Friendship food assistance program. Monthly collections have also been "paused" for 2022 due to inactivity for the foreseeable future.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

The Blessing of Expectant Parents takes place after each Mass on the First Sunday of the month.

PARISH BEQUESTS

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Michael Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Jn 20:19-31)



Thomas demanded to see and touch Jesus' wounds before he would believe. Jesus replied, '**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe**.' We may not be able to see or touch the wounds of the risen Lord as Thomas did, but we can, and we are invited to '*see and to touch*' the wounds of the needy members of His body. Each time the unnamed needy is seen with our sensitive eyes and touched with our caring hands we are among those who believe.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. *For details on our parish life, check out our website:* <u>www.stmichaelw.ca</u>



Tuesday, April 26, 2022

7:00 pm + Madeline Hergott – CWL
+ Krystina Zarin – The Family
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:15 pm + Helen Benninger – The Family

Thursday, April 28, 202212:15 pm + Arthur Benninger – The Family

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Ed & Judy Proud - Susan Bourque

Saturday, April 30, 2022

5:00 pm – Raymond Hartman – Colin Frayne

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button 'LISTEN TO HOMILY'.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open for in person, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are in need of a priest, you can contact Fr. Jamroz at 519-884-9311 ext. 27 or by email at <u>pastor@stmichaelw.ca</u>. Fr. Jamroz will be away from April 19 to May 6. If you are in urgent need of a priest during this time, you may contact Fr. Toman at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar that are remembered privately at Mass during the prayers of the faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. If you wish to have a prayer intention added, please go to our website <u>www.stmichaelw.ca</u> and click on the link on the bottom of the page or contact the parish office by phone or email.



Divine Mercy Sunday

What are the graces and benefits that our Lord wants to spread out before us on Mercy Sunday? Jesus said to St. Faustina (*Diary*, 699):

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy

Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow." (the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska)

Why did Jesus ask the Church, through St. Faustina, to institute the Feast of Mercy? As recorded in *Diary* entry 965, Jesus said to Faustina:

"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them ... the Feast of My mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near." (the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska)

Who is invited to this great Feast, and what kind of spiritual "banquet" our Lord wants to spread for us on that day, we need to consult *Diary* entry 699, in which Jesus spells out in detail the meaning of this feast day, and the comforting promises He attached to it. Jesus said to St. Faustina:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska) Excerpt from: the divinemercy.org



Tuesday April 2^{6th} Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Mass

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patroness of the Catholic Women's League. The Rosary will be led at 6:30 pm in the church before mass.

After mass, CWL members and parishioners are invited gather for some fellowship at a local coffee shop. If interested, please wait in the vestibule of the church after mass for location details.



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip 139: Parents can become exasperated by the behaviour of their children, yet may unknowingly be contributing to it by not practicing more control in some areas of their children's lives. You can help your child to be the best version of themselves by ensuring a balanced diet, by making sure they get enough rest (something severely lacking in many children), by ensuring they have lots of active movement each day and by praying as a family daily. Besides these proven benefits to children, there are other actions also proven to help: controlling screen time (all screens) to the recommended time for their age, spending quality time with parents every day, sharing meals as a family, ensuring they have downtime and are not too activity heavy and by knowing the right expectations to have for the age of your child. Many poor behaviours can be turned around when parents take on a strong leadership role in their families. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <u>https://hamiltondiocese.com/</u> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

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