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Feast of the Holy Family

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23)



Pope Benedict XVI points out that the first witnesses of Christ's birth, the shepherds, found themselves not only before the Infant Jesus but also a small family: mother, father, and newborn son. God had chosen to reveal himself by being born into a human family and the human family thus became an icon of God!

We hear twice in today's Gospel that "**Joseph took the child and his mother.**" He was a caring man. And this is the meaning of today's feast – whenever people care for each other, they become the very icon of God.

Fr. Jamroz

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

7:00 pm + Jacques Feudjio – The Jemitio Family
+ Mary Beth – Mabel Finch

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with
Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:00 pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00 am

11:00 am

Friday, January 2, 2026

8:00 am + Jonathon Irish – Evelyn Hussey
+ Special Intentions of Amarachi Nasa-Okolie

8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 3, 2026

5:00 pm + Keith Barker, Sr. – The Family
+ Rosa Rivera – Eleanor Horrigan
+ Lawrence Lobsinger – Doug & Gai Brown
and Family

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

For details on our parish life, please see our website:

www.stmichaelw.ca

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday Homilies Online

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

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

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

Masses: December 31st 5pm

January 1st - 9 am and 11am

Cardinal Cantalamessa: *"Mary is the Mother of God not only because she carried him in her womb physically but also because she first conceived him in her heart, with faith. ... we can imitate her in the sense of her faith. Jesus was the first to apply this title of 'Mother of Christ' to the Church when he said: 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice' (Lk 8:21)."*

St. Francis of Assisi: *WE ARE MOTHERS OF CHRIST WHEN WE CARRY HIM IN OUR HEART and in our body by divine love and with a pure and sincere conscience; we give birth to him through holy works, which should shine forth as an example for others.*

Holy Days of Obligation in Canada

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has decreed that the Holy Days of obligation to be observed in Canada are all Sundays of the year, **Christmas Day**, and the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** (January 1st).

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026

Any parishioners who have not picked up their 2026 offertory envelopes, please find them available in the narthex. After January 4th, the envelopes will be moved to the parish office. If you would prefer to support the parish through Pre-Authorized Giving, forms are available online on the parish website: <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/donate>.

New Year Office hours

The parish office will be closed Thursday, January 1st.



Year End Giving

An important reminder that donations **must be received at the parish office by Wednesday, December 31st** in order to be included in your 2025 income tax receipt.

If you wish to donate online for 2025, the Diocese has provided all parishes with a secure, online giving option through www.canadahelps.org. This allows you to donate to St. Michael Parish and receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps immediately.

Simply search *St. Michael Parish, Waterloo* on the Canada Helps website or use the following link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities119110450RR0014-st-michaels-parish/>



DIocese of HAMILTON

Christmas Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults to attend an evening of prayer and fellowship in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 and includes a Holy Hour, social with food, praise night with vocations testimony and Compline on Saturday, **January 3rd** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton.) Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MARRIAGE TIP #154

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, one of the strong factors is: "I MARRIED MY BEST FRIEND." It is good to ask yourself, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, sharing parts of your day? Do you call once in a while to say hello when you are not together? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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