



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



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 programming 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

Provides emergency grocery assistance to needy persons and families in our parish area. If there is an urgent need, please call 519-747-1090. A monthly collection to assist the Society in its work takes place on the First Sunday.

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

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 3:1-6)



In the Gospel, John the Baptist invites us to “**prepare the way of the Lord.**” In the first reading (Bar 5:1-9) it is God Himself who prepares the way for His people – for us. God does not merely wait that we meet certain moral conditions and come to Him. God does everything to help us because He understands our struggles along the way. Not by coincidence Jesus dines with sinners before they clean up their lives. In fact, He dines with them and many of them do clean up their lives.

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. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, registration, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca*



Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7:00 pm + Payton James Colussi – Rina & Silvano Colussi

7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of the Szeto Family

- The Family

+ Mary Herceg – Linda Guacci

Thursday, December 9, 2021

12:15 pm + Arthur Benninger – The Family

Friday, December 10, 2021

8:00 am + Katherine Krochak – Pauline Prachar

Saturday, December 11, 2021

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family

+ Alex, Rheta & Tom McTavish

- Pat & Bill Ament

+ Deceased Family Members of Vivi Budiman

- Vivi Budiman

Public Masses have resumed

We may welcome the number of people we can accommodate with two metres of social distance between individuals/households. All who participate in the liturgy are to wear masks.

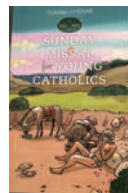
Sunday Homilies Online

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

Sunday Missals



are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 each and are available at the main doors of the church. In order to limit contact, please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm.



Children's Sunday Missals are also available at a cost of \$10 each.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2022 for current envelope users are available at the main doors of the church. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Please join us for Mass on Wednesday, **December 8** at 12:15 pm as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This celebration does not refer to the “virgin birth” of Jesus by the Virgin Mary. The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic feast celebrating the fact that Mary herself was conceived without the stain of original sin. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that, “*from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin.*”



Christmas Season Masses No registration required

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th
5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25th
9:00 am and 11:00 am

(Note: no 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25)

Christmas Season Mass Times –

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26 – 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Friday, December 31 – 5 pm

Saturday, January 1 – 9 am and 11 am

(Note: no 5 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1)

Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2 – 9 am, 11 am and 7 pm

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - DECEMBER 12

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes. The blessing takes place on *Gaudete Sunday*, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as **Bambinelli Sunday**.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to the church on **Sunday, Dec. 12th**. The figurines will be blessed at the **9 am and 11 am** Masses. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day and as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Christmas Floral Tribute

Envelopes and forms for Christmas floral tributes are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also donate online. If donating online, in the comments section, please put floral tribute and the name of the deceased person you wish to remember. Names will be placed by the altar and remembered at all Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

Beautiful Iconic Cards

Notecards are available for purchase in support of the St. Michael Refugee Fund. The cards are the “Icon of the Virgin Mary”. Cards are available in sets of 5 cards for \$10 or 10 cards for \$20. These may be purchased at the parish office.

St. Michael’s Christmas Sharing

This year’s Christmas Sharing recipient is HUGO (Housing Under Group Organization). HUGO is a supportive housing building in Kitchener and is home to 24 men and women who are coping with mental health and substance abuse issues. Please see the display board at the main entrance of the church. Donations should be returned by December 12 to the church or parish office.

Save the Dates

Friday, December 17 at 7 pm, The Birth of Jesus

Presented by Fr. Jamroz in the parish hall. The goal of this presentation is to help us to focus on spiritual preparation for Christmas through reflection on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus as presented in the Gospels. Registration is not required.

Tuesday, December 21 - All day confessions



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