



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

15 minutes 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.

Sunday 6:15-6:45 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

Monthly collections support the following projects: North of 60 food assistance to Nunavut, Christmas Gift Cards in Waterloo, Hygiene Kits for Ukrainians, and Marillac Place after-care programs. Thank you for your continued support. For food assistance in Waterloo Region call 519-743-5576 ext 340.

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 (Mt 3:1-12)



Each Advent (and Lent) we hear about repentance. In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls for repentance as a way of preparation for the coming of the Lord. The word *repent* is a translation of the Greek word *metanoia*, which means a change of the heart and mind, a new view of one's life.

As presented in the Gospels, repentance is not primarily a personal decision to better oneself; it is rather the response of a person to the prior experience of God's love and mercy. Ultimately, it is not the power of our will that changes us; it is an experience of being loved and forgiven that motivates us to change our life in a meaningful way.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

www.stmichaelw.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

7:00 pm + Lawrence Lobsinger – Shari & Peter Guinta
+ Natalie Crosby – Shari & Peter Guinta

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

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Steve, Lloyd and
Parents – Linda Guacci
+ Edward DSouza – Donnabel DSouza

Thursday, December 11, 2025

12:15 pm + Sara Barros – Maria Ianni

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:00 am + Walter Bauer – Tara, Tucker & Edwin
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 13, 2025

5:00 pm + Special Intentions of Dian Jordan
+ Special Intentions of Somadina Muojeke
+ Ernie Hollo – The Family

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>

Rosary during Advent

CWL members are praying the Rosary on-line over Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm during Advent. To join, please email Shani Pregelj: email cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome!*



ADVENT AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: WORKSHOP ON THE EUCHARIST

On Sunday, **December 14th** at 12:15pm we will have an Advent Reflection in the parish hall by our Pastor, Fr. Jamroz.

The title: **ADVENT AND THE EUCHARIST**. There will be small group discussion and presentation. The goal of this workshop is to give us a **DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASS**. Coffee and pizza will be provided. All are welcome!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th

The Dogma of Immaculate Conception proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854 states that Mary was conceived free from the original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because she was to bear and bring up Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This feast speaks also about each of us. St. Paul says: ***“God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish”*** (Eph 1:4). This is our truest destiny and God’s desire for each of us.

The Path to Holiness

Josemaria Escriva: *THE PATH THAT LEADS TO HOLINESS IS THE PATH OF PRAYER; and prayer ought to take root and grow in the soul little by little, like the tiny seed which later develops into a tree with many branches.*

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, December 12th, Mass at 8am

What is the story behind Our Lady of Guadalupe? On December 9, 1531, our Lady appeared to Juan Diego asking for a church to be built in her honor. Our Lady asked Juan to collect roses from Tepeyac Hill and arranged them in Juan Diego’s tilma. Upon opening his tilma before the bishop, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was revealed as the roses fell to the ground. Today there is a Shrine Church north of México City in Tlupetlac marking the place of this apparition and healing of Juan Bernardino. (*Excerpt: ewtn.com*)

Christmas Floral Tribute

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

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS Wednesday December 17th

Once again, this year, we will have all day confessions on **December 17th** from 8am – 8pm. Please watch for further information.

Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but especially as we approach Christmas. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. **Date: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025. Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). Location: Parish Centre.** For more information please phone or email our Parish office: 519-884-9311; parish@stmichaelw.ca

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th
5 pm, 7 pm and Midnight (12am)

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th
9 am, 11 am

Christmas Season Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 27th **5 pm**

Sunday, December 28th **9 am, 11 am, 7 pm**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st **5pm**

Thursday, January 1st – **9 am and 11 am**

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