



# 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](mailto: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](http://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

For food assistance in the Waterloo Region call 519-743-5576 Ext 340 to be directed to the program nearest you. SSVP is currently supporting the North of 60 project providing food assistance to Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut as well as creating Essential Hygiene Kits for newly arriving Ukrainian refugees.

## 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 6:27-38)



Jesus commands us to love our enemies. To love our enemies is perhaps the most challenging command. Why should we love enemies? C.S. Lewis explains that to love an enemy means *wishing him good, not feeling fond of him nor saying he is nice when he is not.*

Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity, **“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”** God always loves us and forgives us even at times when we may not be that lovable. He invites us to do the same for all His children.

Fr. Jamroz

**WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please see our website: [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca)

**Parish Office Hours**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

**7:00 pm +** Special Intentions of Charlin Thomas  
– Gabriele Klymenko  
**+ Special Intentions of Brad & Kelly Flood**  
– Kevin Bingeman & Kathy Shaw

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

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**12:15 pm +** Donald Porterfield – Candy Smith  
**+ Sara Barros – Maria Ianni**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**12:15 pm +** Deceased Priests & Religious of the  
Diocese of Hamilton – Steve

**Friday, February 28, 2025**

**8:00 am +** Special Intentions of Eliza Hartman  
– Derek & Lauren Hartman  
**+ Jonny Bogan – Tony Bogan**  
**8:30am - 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**5:00 pm +** George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family  
**+ Joseph Saverimuthu - The Family**

**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](http://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 on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



### **A Heartfelt Film in the Parish Hall Thursday, February 27 at 6:45pm**

The Diocese of Hamilton will be showing the film **Resilient Genius** on Zoom, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Our parish will also be showing the film in our parish hall. Online discussion follows the film. The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. If you are unable to come in person, the event will be hosted online via Zoom. To register for the online showing, register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> Please see the bulletin insert for details. Everyone is welcome.

### **Justice and Peace**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) promotes justice and peace through its **Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace**. The mandate of this Commission is to convey the teachings of Scripture and of Catholic social doctrine in the Canadian context, to shed greater light on social issues and to provide instruction on HOW CATHOLICS MAY RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES. For details visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/about/commissions-committees/national-commissions/episcopal-commission-justice-peace/>

### **Pope Francis on Social Justice**

*“As Christians WE ARE CALLED ... TO BE A SIGN AND WITNESS that it is possible to pass beyond the walls of selfishness and personal and national interest ... Dear brothers and sisters, the good that you do for every person on earth brings joy to the heart of God in heaven”* (Pope Francis, Oct. 23, 2021)

### **Knights of Columbus**

All new St. Michael the Archangel Jubilee Council Members and any others interested in becoming Members are invited to attend an Exemplification Ceremony into the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees on Sunday March 2, to be held immediately following the 11 am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

We will be resuming our first weekend of the month collections starting March 1st/2nd to support our ongoing projects; North of 60, Hygiene Kits Programme, and Special Needs requests for families in our parish. Collection boxes will be out at all Masses. Thank you for your recent support for our Christmas Project, and your continued generosity.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #166** Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

**JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025** The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. SIX CHURCHES HAVE BEEN MARKED AS PILGRIMAGE SITES ACROSS THE DIOCESE, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Among the six churches marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese are: **St. Mary, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Church** in Kitchener and the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate** in Guelph.



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