



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Pawel Jamroz, Pastor email: pastor@stmichaelw.ca

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

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

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mk 1:14-20)



“Follow me,” these words Jesus addresses to each of us. Responding to that invitation – like each decision to live a generous and self-giving life – is not without its cost. We are reminded of this truth as the four disciples leave behind their nets and securities and follow the Lord.

Christ invites each of us to leave behind our ‘nets,’ that is, all that keeps us away from life true to ourselves. If we do so, He promises to make us the people whom we are meant to be.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Leila Khan
Cruikshank – Dean Cruikshank

+ Rena Gilbert – The Caro Family

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

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Dina Guajardo
- Dianne Gross & Susan Bourque

Thursday, January 25, 2024

12:15 pm + Gerarda Bogaerd – Christopher Jo

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00 am + Gerarda Bogaerd – Christopher Jo

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

Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:00 pm + Mary Chrysler – The Family

+ In Thanksgiving for Clement Kenneth
Hartardi, Achillus Kristof Hartardi &
Vivi Budiman on their birthdays



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our diocese's website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

Why is the Bible important for Christians?

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted St. Jerome. Our Catechism states: "... the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body." (CCC 103)

The Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle - Thursday, January 25, Mass at 12:15pm

St. Paul, originally known as Saul, was known for being a persecutor of the followers of Christ. He was struck down while travelling to Damascus. A voice asked **"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"** (Acts 9:4). Following the instructions he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming the risen Jesus. He became a passionate follower and teacher and writer of letters to the early Church. (*Exert from Living with Christ*)

Pope Benedict XVI: *"We are only Christians if we encounter Christ. Of course, he does not show himself to us in this overwhelming, luminous way, as he did to Paul ... But we too can encounter Christ in reading Sacred Scripture, in prayer, in the liturgical life of the Church."* (General Audience of 3 September 2008)

Sunday Missals

and Children's Sunday Missals are still available. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children's Sunday Missal and are at the main doors of the Church. Please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024 for current envelope users are available at the main doors of the Church. **They will be moved to the parish office on January 22nd. In order to make sure your donation is credited to your account, please do not use previous years envelopes as your envelope number may have changed.** 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.

2023 Income Tax Receipts

2023 income tax receipts will be available for pick up in the parish office from January 22-30. Tax receipts not picked up will be mailed on February 1.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM** at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from **Feb. 1 to Apr. 4**. Dinner is provided at 6pm and program runs from 7 to 8:30pm. This program is open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers as well as those separated and divorced. ... To register or for more information contact Len/Marie Solomon 519 744 5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519 578 4643.

Thomas Toast – January 26th, 2024 – St. Jerome's University

The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on **January 26th at 7:00pm** at St. Jerome's University, 290 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, in the Notre Dame Chapel in SJ1 ... We will pray Vespers, socialize, and toast St. Thomas Aquinas. ... For more information visit communiohamiltondiocese.org



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