



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 1:21-28)



In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit. In this healing, as in any other miracle, Jesus returns the man back to life, the life that he is meant to live. This story is to demonstrate the power and authority of Jesus, which consists of mercy and compassion. God is not a legalistic God, but a truly merciful and loving God.

The Gospel illustrates that the power of God that transforms human hearts and lives is not the power of punishment but the power of kindness, love, and mercy.

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 30, 2024

7:00 pm + Gerarda Bogaerd – Christopher Jo
+ Stew Hartman – Florence & Family
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

12:15 pm + Gerarda Bogaerd – Christopher Jo

Thursday, February 1, 2024

12:15 pm + Emma Weber - Gabriele

Friday, February 2, 2024 –Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am + Joseph Hussey – Evelyn Hussey
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm + For the parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Saturday, February 3, 2024

5:00 pm + Keith Barker, Sr. – The Family
+ Helen Bernadette O'Donohue – Paul and Marie Lehman
+ Dolores Murray – Don & Joan Berberich



**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD. Friday, February 2nd
Mass at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm**

This feast day celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. *'Together with Simeon and Anna, we contemplate the Divine child, the Word made flesh, who is brought to the Temple: the Temple of our hearts.'* The feast is also called **Candlemas** for the custom of blessing and using lighted candles. February 2nd is also the **World Day for Consecrated Life**. It is a special day to pray for the religious women and men and all God's people who *"follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels."*

Please bring candles from home that you wish to have blessed. **Candles for the Presentation of the Lord will be also available for purchase in the narthex.**



**Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and
the Blessing of Throats**

Blaise is best known for the tradition of blessing throats linked to him. ... Blaise has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat, and the blessing of throats may take place on his feast day (February 3) or any time during the year (*see, Exert from Living with Christ*). **Next weekend at the end of all Masses we will have the Blessing of Throats.**

**What is the difference between sacraments
and sacramentals-blessings?**

A **sacrament** is a visible sign of an invisible grace. Jesus instituted seven of them, and they are gifts from Him to His Church. They convey grace. Blessings are called "**sacramentals**" because they prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and help us to grow to be more like Christ (*see, Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1131 and 1670).

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024 for current envelope users are available at the parish office. **In order to make sure your donation is credited to your account, please do not use previous year's 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.

Mass Intentions

It is part of the Catholic tradition to request a Mass for loved ones, living or deceased. You may request a Mass intention through the parish office or online on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/mass-times>



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Correction - Young Adults Night

- Saturday, February 3rd – Waterloo

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 3rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). ... For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **February 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** for the screening of **La Lucha Sigue (The Struggle Continues)** with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. ... The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>



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