



# 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

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 24: 37-44)



On the First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to make our preparation for the coming of the Lord on Christmas, and for His coming into our lives daily. Jesus invites us to be spiritually awake, otherwise we can overlook His coming and repeat the mistake of the people in the time of Noah. Carrying on normal life, they were unaware of the flood that was coming upon them.

Christ comes to us in many ways, in His Word, in the Sacrament at each Mass. He comes in the person confined to home or the hospital. He comes in each person who needs us. He comes in the least likely and most unexpected guest.

Fr. Jamroz

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

7:00 pm + Herald Pais – Cleaton Pais  
+ Vera Alfred – Dan Alfred & Family  
+ Special Intentions of Kathy Shaw  
- D. Cruikshank

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

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Manuel Pretelt  
and Paula Jimenez  
+ Rudy Ianni – Maria Ianni

**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Manuel Pretelt  
and Paula Jimenez  
+ Special Intentions of Stefan & Maria Liko  
– Anthony & Magnell Robinson  
+ Maria Freitas – The Family

**Friday, December 5, 2025**

8:00 am + Special Intentions of The Nasa-Okolie  
Family in Thanksgiving

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

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

5:00 pm + Special Intentions of Dian Jordan  
+ Special Intentions of Marlene Bauer  
- Tara Bauer and Family  
+ Hermina Hollo – The Family

**WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

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.

**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 at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent (from Latin *adventus*, “coming”), is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord’s birth on Christmas. Our Advent scripture readings help us to recognize that Christ comes into our lives in many ways at the present time.

Today, on the First Sunday of Advent we begin a new Liturgical Year. We move into the “Year A” cycle of readings. The Gospel – on most Sundays – will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Is Advent a “penitential season”?

The liturgical season of Advent is not strictly a penitential season as is Lent. The Code of Canon Law affirms this, stating, “*The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent*” (Ca.1250). However, Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense that we are called to constant conversion. Conversion is an ongoing aspect of the Christian life. The conversion we are called to in Advent has a distinctive character: one of *joyful hope*, of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.



### ADVENT AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: WORKSHOP ON THE EUCHARIST

**On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm we will have an Advent Reflection in the parish hall by our Pastor, Fr. Jamroz. Coffee and pizza will be provided. All are welcome!**

### Christmas Sharing Project Social Justice Committee

Many thanks for your generosity to the St. Michael Christmas Sharing Project for the residents of HUGO, UA and ShelterCare. Please return items to the bins this weekend or to the Church office Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>.



### CWL Advent Rosary Online Mondays at 7:30pm

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in praying the Rosary on Monday evenings during Advent; December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. **The Rosary will be prayed online over Zoom at 7:30pm.** If you would like to join, please contact Shani Pregelj at [cwl@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:cwl@stmichaelw.ca) or 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome, CWL members, parishioners & friends!*

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Card Project

This Christmas season St. Vincent de Paul at St. Michael will be providing gift cards to Ukrainian individuals and families in need, as well as to parishioners of St. Michael who request our help. Please call our SVDP private number at 519-747-1090 for help. Our Christmas collection will be on the weekend of **December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity.



### St. Michael’s Africa Project

**HARAMBEE CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:** Thank you to all of our sponsors who have generously renewed or embarked on a sponsorship for the next year. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated. Any inquiries can be directed to [harambeelatters@gmail.com](mailto:harambeelatters@gmail.com)

**KENYA BUILD 2025:** Thank you to everyone who so warmly welcomed sister Oyin-osa when she visited two weeks ago. She very much enjoyed her time Waterloo. The Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Elementary School structure is complete and awaits its first class of Grade 1 students in January 2026. But a school is more than a structure and The School Sisters of Notre Dame are still fundraising to outfit the classroom. Any further support to help purchase desks, chairs, playground equipment and class supplies would be most welcome and appreciated.

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