



# 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 Gospel Reflection* (Jn 10:11-18)



Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The ancient Greeks imagined *Atlas*, one of the Titans, carrying the world on his shoulders to prevent it from the fall into nonexistence. We, Christians, have a God who takes us upon His shoulders and carries us, often wounded people.

Christ is the Good Shepherd who searches for us, who accompanies us even in the deserts of our lives. And when He finds us, He takes us upon His shoulders to bring us home.

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.

**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>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**7:00 pm** + Vaughn Qwest – Chriss Johannes  
+ The Souls in Purgatory – Maritza Alba

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

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**12:15 pm** + Margaret Bogan – Tony Bogan  
+ Elizabeth Tivadar – The Vrabic Family

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

**12:15 pm** + Deceased Members of the Hoegler & Wingert Families – Marianne Hoegler  
+ Arthur Albert Jr – Günter & Simone Schultz

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

**8:00 am** + Sara Barros – Maria Ianni  
**8:30am - 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**5:00 pm** + Steve Hollo – The Family  
+ Pat Waters– Doug & Gai Brown



**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God’s people. (ORDO 23/24, CCCB)

**What is a Vocation?**

Vocation in a religious context is how God calls us to serve Him and people in the concrete circumstances of our lives. Through Baptism, we all have one calling in our lives: holiness. This means following Jesus to the best of our abilities. But holiness will look different depending on one’s specific vocation. There are four main distinct types of vocations in the Church: **Religious Life, Priesthood, Married Life, Single Life.**

Pope Francis:

*A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service ... No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. ... The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist ... the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God ...*

**The Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist**

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 12:15 pm**

The author of the the earliest and shortest gospel, Mark was a member of the the first Christian community in Jerusalem. Christians used his mother’s house there as a place of prayer during Peter’s imprisonment under Herod Agrippa I (see Acts 12.12). When Paul and Barnabas returned from Jerusalem, they took Mark back with them to Antioch in Syria. Later, they brought him along as their assistant on a missionary journey. ... In Christian art Mark is depicted with a winged lion. (livingwithchrist.ca)

**St Michael’s Africa Project Update**

Many parishioners will remember Sister Gloria Adoga, a School Sister of Notre Dame, who visited in November 2015 to share news of the Notre Dame Children Outreach project in Kenya. Sister Gloria, at the age of 41, died last week following some surgery. Please remember her in your prayers.

The matches between sponsors and NDCO children are not yet finalized. If you are waiting to hear about “your” child, news will be coming your way as soon as possible.

The construction of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre will be a multi-year project. All donations are welcome at any time and are tax deductible. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church.

The Africa committee needs new members! If you are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge, please contact the parish office or Diane (519-616-2227).

	<p>Purse &amp; Costume Jewellery Sale FUNdraiser – May 12<sup>th</sup> <b>Donations wanted – by the end of April</b></p>
<p>The CWL will be holding a Purse &amp; Jewellery sale on May 12<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. <b><u>Donations are welcome.</u></b> Collection bins will be at the back of the church the weekend of April 27&amp;28. Items can also be dropped off in the parish office during April. <b><u>We ask that all items be donated by the end of April.</u></b> Thank you in advance for your support.</p>	



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**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** Parents are the most influential people in their children’s lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. ... Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.



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