



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

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday Gospel Reflection (Jn 15:1-8)



Jesus says, “**I am the vine, you are the branches.**” It is noteworthy that the Lord does not say I am the trunk, and you are the branches, but I am the vine. Each branch is a part of the vine. When the branch is ailing, the whole vine suffers, when the branch bears fruit, the whole vine benefits.

The image of Jesus being the whole vine and us the branches, implies our strong union with Christ. God does not merely give us commandments and expect us to obey them. God weeps with us in our failures and rejoices with us in our successes.

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, April 30, 2024

7:00 pm + Kaitlyn Roth – Jack Hergott
+ Special Intentions of Grazyka Knopinska
- Halina
+ Special Intentions of Maritza Alba
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

12:15 pm + A Special Intention
+ Elizabeth Tivadar – The Bedic Family

Thursday, May 2, 2024

12:15 pm + Rudy Ianni – Maria Ianni
+ Special Intentions of Kathy Shaw
- Candy Smith

Friday, May 3, 2024

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Artur Anikin
- Candy Smith
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 4, 2024

5:00 pm + Hermina Hollo – The Family
+ Lawrence & Norma Chin-Cheong
- The Chin-Cheon Families

Saint Catherine of Siena Memorial - Monday, April 29th

One of the four women honored with the title of Doctor of the Church, Catherine was born in Siena, Italy in 1347. She joined the Dominican Third Order, corresponded with people from all walks of life, even counseling princes and popes. This great Christian Mystic was canonized in 1461 (livingwithchrist.ca). Her book, *The Dialogue* has become a classic of spiritual literature. It describes the entire spiritual life through a series of conversations between God and the soul.

Saints Philip and James, Apostles Feast - Friday, May 3rd - Mass at 8 am

Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. The choice of **Philip** as a disciple is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip ... **James**, the son of Alphaeus is mentioned in Mark and in Acts, and is the author of the canonical epistle. According to historians, he was a Christian of high repute and died a martyr's death by stoning about the year 62. (livingwithchrist.ca)

What is the difference between an apostle and a disciple?

The **'disciple'** (from the Latin *discere*, meaning 'to learn') is one who follows the teaching of the teacher and makes it part of his or her life.

The **'apostle'** (from the Greek *apostello*, meaning 'one who is sent out') is the one who has been sent forth. In the Pauline letters 'apostle' means one who has been a witness of the Risen Lord and has been sent by Him to proclaim His Resurrection.

An Update from the St. Michael Refugee Support Team (RST)

Finally, finally, we think for sure, our Rohingya refugee family have their exit permits from India, their visas to Canada and their flights are booked. Please keep Abu, Rabiya, and their three children in your prayers as they travel to Canada, arriving in Toronto on May 2nd. They are coming to a new country and will have so much to learn! We will keep you posted!

The parish is also sponsoring a young Syrian man currently in Iraq. He is waiting for his security clearance and flight to be arranged. Please pray that he will soon be reunited with his family in Kitchener.

The St. Michael RST has been given the go-ahead by the Office for Refugees at the Diocese to begin the process of sponsorship for another family. This is a

family of 5 (parents and 3 teenage children) who left Syria years ago. Many of the mother's siblings live in Kitchener and they are anxious to be reunited. Sponsorship takes time – average processing times by IRCC from Egypt are around 4 years. Please pray that the family in Egypt remains healthy and hopeful as the application progresses through the system.

Save the Date

St. Michael Parish Pilgrimage to the Carmel of St. Joseph. **Saturday, June 22.** Watch for details.

The Ones

If you are an adult who normally eats alone, come join other parishioners on the **first Friday** of each month at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus for Fish and Chips. For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Eleanor Horrigan at 519-885-3674 or horriganeleanor@gmail.com



DIocese of Hamilton

The registration deadline for the Diocesan pilgrimage to Quebec to mark the 350th year of the Catholic Church in Canada is April 30th. The pilgrimage from the Diocese of Hamilton will take place from **July 13 to July 17, 2024**. For more information please see the Diocesan [website](#) or contact Matthew Trafford at 905-528-7988, x 2339, or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese. For more information visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com



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