



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36)



On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus speaks about symbolic signs that will accompany His last coming. When “**the powers of the heavens will be shaken,**” the Lord wants us to “**stand up and raise up our heads because our redemption is near.**” This also applies to the coming of the Lord into our lives at the present time.

Using a figurative way of speech, Christ is saying that the same way as the unmovable heavens can be shaken, the same seemingly unchangeable evil will be changed into goodness and meaning. When God enters our life, even the deepest darkness in our lives will be transformed into light and hope for us.

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>

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 for current envelope users are available in the narthex. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- 7:00 pm** + Anny Arputhanathan – Parish Friends
+ Deceased Priests & Religious of the Diocese of Hamilton - Steve
+ Special Intentions of Leila Khan-Cruikshank – Dean Cruikshank

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- 12:15 pm** + Maria Freitas – The Family
+ Theresa Manion – Julie Calford
+ Francelina Marceau – The Calford Family

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 12:15 pm** + Angelina & Vincenzo De Rosa – Maria Ianni
+ Anny Rita Arputhanathan – Magnell & Anthony Robinson
+ Vera Alfred – Danpal Alfred & Family

Friday, December 6, 2024

- 8:00 am** + Deceased Priests & Religious of the Archdiocese of Toronto - Steve
+ Mary Dietrich – Kate & Tom Boettger
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 7, 2024

- 5:00 pm** + Mary Dietrich – Doug & Gai Brown & Family
+ Steve Hollo – The Family
+ Souls in Purgatory – Gwen Nubila



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent (from Latin *adventus*, “coming”), is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. Our Advent scripture readings help us to recognize that Christ comes into our lives in many ways at the present time. The season encompasses four Sundays (and weekdays). Like Lent, the liturgical colour for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days.

Today, on the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Liturgical Year. We move into the “Year C” cycle of readings. The Gospel - on most Sundays - will be taken from the Gospel of Luke.



Emmanuel:

Hope for the Hope Challenged
ADVENT SUNDAY RETREAT
led by our Pastor - Fr. Pawel Jamroz
December 15th, 12:30 pm in the parish hall

Lighting the Advent Candles

If your family would like to light the Advent Candles, please sign up in the narthex. Father will call you up at the start of Mass.

Save the Date – All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 8 am to 8 pm. There will be no confessions during the 12:15 Mass. Watch for more details.

Advent Resources

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. Rediscover the meaning of Advent with Rooted offered through our parish subscription to FORMED. Rediscover the Jesse Tree. Dive into scripture, reflect on Christ’s ancestor and prepare your heart for

Christmas. Our parishioners have free access to FORMED. Please see our website for information on how to sign in. We have Time for a Savior - Advent Daily Devotions for Kids booklets in the narthex.



Advent Rosary On-Line Mondays at 7pm

CWL members and parishioners are invited to join together in praying the Rosary on Monday evenings during Advent – Dec 2nd, 9th, and 16th. **The Rosary will be prayed on-line over Zoom at 7pm.**

If you would like to join, please email Shani Pregelj: email cwl@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-883-8933 to request the Zoom link. *All are welcome to participate – CWL members, parishioners and friends.*

Christmas Floral Tribute

Envelopes and forms for Christmas floral tributes are available at the Welcome Desk. You can also donate online. If donating online, in the comments section, please type floral tribute and the name of the deceased person you wish to remember. Names will be placed by the altar and remembered at all Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

Christmas Pageant

Children aged 4 to 12 are invited to participate in Christmas Pageant for the 5:00 pm Mass on December 24th, 2024. Practices for the pageant will be on Sundays after the 11am Mass (12 to 1pm) on Dec 8th, Dec 15th and Dec 22nd. **Please register by December 4th in the narthex OR email catechist@stmichaelw.ca.**

Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one is difficult at any time but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year, often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 2024; Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm); Location: Parish Centre. For more information, please contact the parish office (519-884-9311/parish@stmichaelw.ca).



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