



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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Lk 3:10-18)



People, seeking God and willing to repent, ask John the Baptist, 'What should we do?' John's answer is simple and surprisingly does not include any activities explicitly religious in nature. Share what you have with those in need, do what is right and just, and do not oppress others.

We find God and show we are contrite in heart, striving for justice and being charitable towards those around 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>

Rosary during Advent

CWL members will be praying the Rosary on-line over Zoom on Monday evenings at 7 pm during Advent – Dec 2nd, 9th, and 16th. 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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:00 pm + Ana Rosa Valencia – Norma Varela
+ Jose Felipe Varela – Norma Varela
+ Kevin Alfred – Danpal Alfred & Family

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

12:15 pm + Sara Barros – Maria Ianni
+ Deceased Priests & Religious of the
Archdiocese of Toronto - Steve

Thursday, December 19, 2024

12:15 pm + Rudy Ianni – Maria Ianni
+ Carol Glyn-Williams – Magnell &
Anthony Robinson & Family

Friday, December 20, 2024

8:00 am + Marie Hegarty – Tony Bogan
+ Special Intentions of Artur Anikin
– Candy Smith
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 pm + Deceased Priests & Religious of the
Hamilton Diocese - Steve
+ Ernie Hollo – The Family
+ Dennis Meyer – The Folk Choir

Gaudete Sunday

Today we celebrate “*Gaudete Sunday*” from the Latin word for *rejoice*. It is called this, from the first word in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent. We rejoice as the Lord’s coming at Christmas is at hand. On this day, we light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath, the vestments for the Mass can be rose instead of purple.

What is Christian joy?

Pope Benedict: *Christian joy springs from this certainty: God is close, he is with me, he is with us, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as a friend and faithful spouse. And this joy endures, even in trials, in suffering itself. It does not remain only on the surface; it dwells in the depths of the person who entrusts himself to God and trusts in him. (Angelus, 2007)*

All Day Confessions

On Wednesday, **December 18, 2024**, from 8 am to 8 pm. There will be no confessions during the 12:15 Mass. Please see the insert in the bulletin (or parish website) for the detailed list of priests.

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.

St. Michael Africa Committee

Thank you to all who made donations to the Harambee Child Sponsorship Program and the construction of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre while Sister Masicha was here. She was so grateful to everyone for their kindness and generosity and wishes she could have stayed in Canada a little longer and experienced a snowfall. Christmas ornaments supporting the education centre are still available at the parish office.

St. Michael Refugee Support Team

Our Rohingya family is preparing for their first winter here in Waterloo Region. The older members of the family are feeling the cold. The younger members are marvelling at the changes they see outside. One of the

young men is so excited about trying snowshoeing for the first time. If you have a pair of snowshoes you would like to donate, please contact all Diane at 519-616-2227.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

5 pm with Children’s Pageant

7 pm and **Midnight** (12am)

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th

9 am, 11 am

Christmas Season Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28th **5 pm**

Sunday, December 29th **9 am, 11 am, 7 pm**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st – **5 pm**

Wednesday, January 1st – **9 am and 11 am**

Year End Giving

An important reminder that donations **must be received at the parish office by Tuesday, December 31st** in order to be included in your 2024 income tax receipt. For online donations through our Parish website please allow a minimum of 3 business days. This year that means that the **online donation must be made no later than December 26th** in order for it to be credited to the parish account by December 31, 2024. Thank you for your generosity toward the financial needs of our parish.

Act II (Separated & Divorced Support Group)

There is no meeting on December 19th. Our next meeting is January 21st.



DIocese of HAMILTON

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH December can be a stressful month with all the preparation ... before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out especially towards our spouses. ... plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood ... or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give.



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