



# 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's Gospel Reflection*** (Lk 3:1-6)



John the Baptist calls us to “**prepare the way of the Lord.**” In the first reading from the prophet Baruch (Bar 5:1-9), it is God Himself who prepares the way for His people – for us.

Understanding our struggles and weaknesses along the way, God does not merely wait that we meet certain moral conditions and come to Him, rather He does everything to help. Not by coincidence Jesus was seen more often in the houses of sinners than in the Temple. He simply dined with people and many of them did clean up their lives.

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>

**Rosary during Advent**

CWL members will be praying the Rosary on-line over Zoom on Monday evenings at 7 pm during Advent – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. To join, please email Shani Pregelj: email [cwl@stmichaelw.ca](mailto: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 10, 2024**

**7:00 pm +** Ross William Cruikshank – The Folk Choir  
+ Mary Dietrich - CWL

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

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Philomena & Eugenio Villapiana– Maria Ianni  
+ Mary Dietrich – Lucille Bordman

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Deceased Priests & Religious of the Diocese of Hamilton - Steve  
+ June Smith – Candy Smith

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

**8:00 am +** Special Intentions of Steve  
+ Lynn Dixon – Carol-Ann Lorentz  
**8:30am - 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**5:00 pm +** Joyce Sauro – Michael Sauro  
+ Hermina Hollo – The Family  
+ Bernard Adlyns – Sonia & Family

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday, December 9** (*transferred from Dec 8 in 2024*). In the 13<sup>th</sup> century ... St. Bernard and St. Thomas Aquinas debated whether Mary could have been born with original sin if, as St. Paul says, all persons are born in sin (Rom 5:12). ...the theological debate was resolved in 1854 by Pius IX who defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. (*livingwithchrist.ca*)

The **Immaculate Conception** is **not** to be confused with the virgin birth of Jesus. The dogma states: *'The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception ... by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ ... preserved immune from all stain of original sin.'*

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 12, Mass at 12:15 pm**

Today's memorial commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. Our Lady appeared four times, twice to aboriginal convert Juan Diego, with whom she left orders to build a church and an imprint of her image on a cloak. This cloak an object of great veneration, is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (*livingwithchrist.ca*)

## ADVENT SUNDAY RETREAT



**Emmanuel:**

**Hope for the Hope Challenged**

*led by our Pastor - Fr. Jamroz*

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm in the parish hall**

Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

## 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.

## 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 MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve** – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
**5 pm, 7 pm and Midnight** (12am)

**Christmas Day** – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
**9 am, 11 am**

## Christmas Season Mass Times

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> **5 pm**

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> **9 am, 11 am, 7 pm**

### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – **5 pm**

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – **9 am and 11 am**

## Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed both the people and their Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity set in St. Peter's Square. The blessing takes place on Gaudette Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Our parish will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on **December 14/15** at all Masses. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figure from your home to Mass that day to be blessed. After the blessing we suggest you take your *bambinelli* home and place it in a gift box and open it on Christmas day and place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.



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## CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: December 12, 2024

**(7:00-8:00pm)** The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a live virtual viewing party of "The Shepherd", a special Christmas episode of "The Chosen," reflecting on the birth of Christ through the eyes of a young shepherd. This one hour gathering will include prayer, free streaming of the 20-minute episode, and well wishes for the Advent Season. Registration is free and can be made here: <https://bit.ly/ChristmaswiththeChosen2024>



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