



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 (Jn 2.1-12)



At the time of Jesus, many considered God as a strict legislator who rewards for obeying the commandments and punishes for not doing so. By changing the water for Jewish purification into “choice wine”, Jesus proclaims a replacement from a religion of duty, where everything is paid according to the merits, into a religion where everything is based on grace and unconditional forgiveness.

It is not a coincidence that the changing of the water into wine happens in the context of a wedding. This fact reveals God’s desire for a relationship with each of us based on unmerited love, the same love that unites the bridegroom and the bride.

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, January 21, 2025

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Theodore Hartman
– Derek & Lauren Hartman
+ Ross William Cruikshank – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Tanya Smith
– Candy Smith
+ Special Intentions of the Bogan Family
– Tony Bogan
+ Mary Dietrich & Glennis Koenig
– Jesna Thomas

Thursday, January 23, 2025

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Bob & Jean Balahura
– Dianne Gross
+ Donald Porterfield – Candy Smith

Friday, January 24, 2025

8:00 am + Hanna Murray - Steve
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 25, 2025

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Sr. – The Family

Saint Anthony

Friday, January 17, Mass at 8 am

Saint Anthony had a profound influence on the history of monasticism. .. Anthony gave away his inheritance and became a hermit. After years of solitude, he emerged to gather the ascetics who had followed him into a community. This was the beginning of Christian monasticism...In 311, Anthony went to Alexandria to encourage the Christians there who were being persecuted... Anthony died on January 17, 356, well known for his holiness, wisdom and asceticism.

(livingwithchrist.ca)

St. Michael's Africa Project

Harambee Pub Night – Thursday February 6th at the Jazz Room in the Huether Hotel (Uptown Waterloo – 59 King St. N.). The doors open at 6 pm. Live music with Micheal Kelly Cavan from 7 till 9:30 pm. Lots of fun games. Door Prizes! Tickets go

on sale next weekend (\$20) and will also be available at the parish office or by calling Isabelle at 519-746-7202. This is a fundraiser for the construction of the **Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre** in Nyalieng'a Kenya.

On Sunday, **January 26th**, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses, **Bosco the Clown** will be performing in the Parish Centre in support of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre project. Freewill donations will be gratefully accepted.



Coffee Sunday

Join us next weekend January 25/26 after the 5 pm, 9 am and 11 am Masses in the parish hall for coffee and fellowship. Bosco the Clown will be performing after the 9 am and 11 am Masses in support of the Africa project.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Our next meeting is January 21st in the hall. Visit our website www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

2024 Income Tax Receipts

2024 income tax receipts are available for pick up at the parish office this week and will be in the parish hall on January 25/26 at Coffee Sunday. Those not picked up by January 31st will be mailed out on February 3rd. Just a reminder if you made donations for One Heart, One Soul, you will receive a separate tax receipt for those donations from the Diocese of Hamilton.

St. Michael the Archangel Jubilee Council Knights of Columbus

January 20, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Thanks of all who participated in our Membership Recruitment Drive January 11 to 12. All members and any others interested in becoming members are invited to attend an Organizational meeting Monday, January 20 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope



The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. (www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)



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