



# 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**

***Weekly Gospel Reflection*** (Mk 13:24-32)



A fig tree gives forth signs that summer is coming. When a person sees that the branch becomes tender and leaves sprout, they know that summer is near. In a similar way, Jesus says, there are signs by which we can recognize God's presence, His coming into our lives.

There are many places of grace when we can see God's presence: in acts of unexpected kindness, in the embrace of a loved one, in the experience of forgiveness when we do not deserve it, even in difficult times. God's presence is subtle but not absent; it is hidden but not invisible.

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**7:00 pm +** Souls in Purgatory – Marilou & Alexander Reiko

+ Bill Zettler – Florence Hartman

+ Jasia Hartman – Magnell & Anthony Robinson

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

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Frank & Anna Gruber – The Miller Family

+ Special Intentions of Dominic Posella in Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Sara Barros – Maria Ianni

+ Cecilia Vrabec – The Family

**Friday, November 22, 2024**

**8:00 am +** Barbro Andersson – Daphne Cruz

**8:30am - 9am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**

**5:00 pm +** Deceased Priests & Religious of the Diocese of Hamilton – Steve

+ Anny Arputhanathan – Gai Brown & Family

**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>



**Book of Life** During the month of November, our parish "Book of Life" is placed near the altar. You are welcome to add the names of your loved ones who have died. They will be remembered at our parish Masses during November.



**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Mass at 12:15 pm**

An apocryphal source recounts that Mary's parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Inspired by a priest's vision, they left her there to serve God. ... The feast entered the Western calendar in 1585. Today, the feast celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives. (*livingwithchrist.ca*)

**Our Catechism teaches:** *The human body shares in the dignity of "the image of God": it is a human body precisely because it is animated by a spiritual soul, and it is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of the Spirit: Man, though made of body and soul, is a unity.* (CCC 364)

**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 November 19<sup>th</sup> in the hall. Visit our website [www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced) or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca) for more information.

**Christmas Pageant**



Children aged 4 to 12 are invited to participate in Christmas Pageant for the 5:00 pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We have a variety of roles available for the characters in the Nativity scene. Practices for the pageant will be on Sundays after the 11am Mass (12 to 1pm) on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. **To register, please sign in with your name, phone number, and email, along with your child's name(s), on the form in the narthex OR send an email to [catechist@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:catechist@stmichaelw.ca).**

**Christmas Sharing Project 2024**

St. Michael Social Justice Committee invites everyone to participate in our annual **Christmas Sharing Project** for the 27 residents living at **HUGO**, the 80 residents at **UA** (University Avenue) and the 100 men who live at the House of Friendship on Weber St. Please select a tag from the display of an item or for a \$25 gift card to purchase and return it to the bins or to the church office **by Sunday, Dec. 1**. Thank you for your generosity.



**St. Michael's Africa Project**

Africa Project Update: Thank you to everyone who were generous with their donations and interest last weekend. For more information, please visit the parish website, email [harambeeletters@gmail.com](mailto:harambeeletters@gmail.com) or call Diane 519-616-2227.



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**MOUNT MARY OPEN HOUSE** All are welcome to the annual Come Home for Christmas Festival at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 1:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting, and ornament making. We will also have refreshments and local vendors selling small items. There is no entry fee; however, we are accepting donations of unused socks, gloves, hats, scarves and soap for the DeMazenod Door Outreach Centre. For more information please visit [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca). We look forward to seeing you there!

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH Tip #143 ...**

When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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