



# 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 10: 2-16)



In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses a question about divorce and affirms the sacred and sacramental nature of marriage. As with all Jesus' teachings, this teaching is interwoven with compassion and mercy.

Christ values commitment in marriage, and each long-term commitment, but also reaches out to people who stumble along the way. We follow Him in this, letting go of judgments and prejudices.

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, October 8, 2024**

**6:30 pm** Rosary led by the CWL

**7:00 pm +** Special Intentions of Maria Carmona  
– Magnell Robinson  
+ Nijah Brown – Evelyn Hussey

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

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Theresa Gleason – The Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**12:15 pm +** Sr. Maria Apolonia Gdovinova – Stefan & Maria Liko

+ Special Intentions of Mark Loquon  
– Magnell & Anthony Robinson & Family

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

**8:00 am +** Theresa Bonnie Gleason – Denise Dolf

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

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**5:00 pm +** Special Intentions of Maria & Stefan Liko  
– The Family

+ Mary Chrysler – The Family

+ Theresa Bonnie Gleason– Doug & 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>

**Rosary at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in October**

The CWL will lead the Rosary in the parish on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 prior to the 7pm Mass. All are welcome to join together in this wonderful prayer.

## October - the month of the Rosary

The word “Rosary” is taken from the Latin word “rosarium” which means rose garden, or bouquet of roses. Pope Saint John Paul II declared the rosary his favorite prayer, a “prayer for peace and for the family.” Pope Benedict XVI: “this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and His Mother, Mary... this prayer helps to put Christ at the center.” Pope Francis: “a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the Saints...it is a prayer from my heart.”

### The CCCB Webinar Series

The webinar series continues in the parish library Thursdays at 1 pm. Please join when you can. All are welcome.

Oct 10: Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila

Oct 17: The Prayer of Jesus/John 17

Oct 24: Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea

### Ignatian Prayer

We invite you to experience the gift of Ignatian prayer, in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola. Praying with the Gospel events of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, and sharing your prayer in a small faith community can strengthen your own faith and trust in the Trinity. We will meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the library for seven sessions on the following dates: October 21, 28, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, and 9. For more information, please contact Diane Jones, 519-616-2227, or Lois Zachariah, 519-885-1275.

### St. Michael Africa Project - Harambee Child Sponsorship program

All current sponsors will be receiving their annual updates by the end of October. **November 9 -10** is “Sponsorship Weekend” at St. Michael’s - if you have questions, members of the committee will be on hand to assist you. Sponsorship Funds are due by November 15th. Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre: Phase II has begun. Donations are still being gratefully accepted for the construction of the next three classrooms, septic system and water tower. Total cost approx. \$200,000 CAD. Asante - thank you.

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the Church**

All parents/guardians of children in grade seven are invited to attend. Registration for the sacraments is

open on the parish website for First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 7).

### Heartache to Healing-Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. A monthly informal drop-in support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the library. **The next session is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office ([parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)). A program of formation (RCIA) begins on this **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** and there is a place for you. Registration is available online on our website.

### Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

invites you to join the *Create Hope: Reaping our Rights* campaign. See how peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations. Let’s ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation!** Sign the card at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/reaping-our-rights/act/>! To learn more about peasants’ rights and due diligence, read our **action sheet** or visit [devp.org/campaign](https://devp.org/campaign).



DIocese of Hamilton

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH** October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!



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