



St. Michael's Messenger

MARCH 2025

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Weekday Mass Times: Mon, Tue and Fri 8:30 am, Wed 9:30 am. No Mass on Thursday mornings

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 10 am

Spanish Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1pm

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 or call the parish office to make an appointment.

COFFEE SUNDAY is MARCH 2nd
 Join us after 10am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room. ALL ARE WELCOME!



CWL Annual St. Patrick's Day BAKESALE

Following each Mass in the Hospitality Room

Sat. March 15th & Sun. March 16th

DONATIONS are greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donations to the Hospitality Room on Sat. March 15 between Noon and 4 p.m.

THANK YOU - proceeds to support community outreach and social justice initiatives

Our mission: To raise joyful disciples of Jesus Christ to become apostles.

The time to celebrate and embrace Lent is upon us once again allowing us the opportunity to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance and self-examination. Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and to grow in relationship with our Lord so that when Good Friday and Easter come, we are well prepared to receive the overflowing graces God has to offer.

St Michael's is offering The Lenten Companion Journal: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem as a resource to help guide your Lenten journey. Pick up your copy at the church before Ash Wednesday.

This prayer journal invites us to enter the heart of Mary as she accompanies Jesus to Jerusalem. Draw closer to Jesus Christ and experience his journey to Jerusalem from the perspective of the person who knows him best: Mary, the Blessed Mother. The journal provides you with a word, a reflection or a prompt to help you journal every day. Write down your thoughts and the stirrings in your heart as Our Lord and his Blessed Mother speak to you this Lent.



"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

Alpha starts **March 12, 2025** and we invite YOU to "come and see"!

Here are a few testimonies from our Fall Alpha guests, including some from the Young Adults' Table.....

Zach

I was invited to try Alpha by my friend's mother Penny. She was genuinely excited to tell me how influential Alpha had been in her spiritual journey. When I first came to Alpha, I had no idea what to expect but I soon realized this is where I needed to be. I grew closer to God in a way that I couldn't have on my own. Weekly I sat at a table with people of similar age, sharing a meal and after a video, discussing the role God was playing in our lives.

Alpha is a place to engage in productive conversations about God regardless of your beliefs, values, or opinions. I took so much from this experience and I challenge you, as I was challenged to give Alpha a shot.

Robin C

My faith has always been a huge part of my life since childhood. In school, I appreciated my faith-based community that was made up of teachers, classmates, families, and our church. After graduating high school, it was difficult to find that kind of community. During my time in the Alpha course, I was able to regain that sense of community through meeting new friends and sharing the love for my faith with others. By having conversations and learning with the people around me, I have a better sense of what really makes the Alpha community and the faith so welcoming.

Craig

Attending Alpha was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on my faith and reevaluate the way I approach it in everyday life. The captivating videos paired with thought provoking questions facilitated incredible conversations within the group. These conversations exposed me to a variety of different perspectives on how to grow spiritually in the midst of daily routines. I am incredibly grateful for my time at Alpha, as it helped me to grow in my faith and encouraged me to live it out genuinely.

Alpha is a safe place to ask the bigger questions about life and is open to everyone. Why not give it a try? Come and see.



Alpha begins
12 MAR 2025
Who will you pray for?
Who will you invite?

Mathew 4: 1-4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

For prayer requests or any ideas for our next newsletter please contact Hospitality Ministry at vassallorobray@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com						1 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm Saint Katharine Drexel
2 Mass 10:00am Coffee Sunday 😊	3 Mass 8:30am	4 Mass 8:30am Saint Casimir Shrove Tuesday Pancake Diner Parish Hall 5-6:30 pm	5 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am Mass 7:00pm	6 NO MORING MASS	7 Mass 8:30am Holy hour Saints Perpetua and Felicity Stations of the Cross 7pm /Mass 7:30pm	8 Saint John of God Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
9 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1pm	10 Mass 8:30am CWL 2:00pm Hospitality Rm	11 Mass 8:30am K of C 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	12 Mass 9:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	13 NO MORING MASS Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	14 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm/Mass 7:30pm	15 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm CWL bake sale Hospitality Rm
16 Mass 10:00am CWL bake sale Hospitality Rm 	17 Mass 8:30am Saint Patrick 	18 Mass 8:30am Saint Cyril of Jerusalem	19 Mass 9:30am Saint Joseph Patron Saint of Canada Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	20 NO MORING MASS SVDP 10:00 am Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	21 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm/Mass 7:30pm	22 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
23 Mass 10:00 am Spanish Mass 1pm	24 Mass 8:30am Newsletter submissions due	25 Mass 8:30am The Annunciation of the Lord	26 Mass 9:30am Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	27 NO MORING MASS Chosen 7 pm Hospitality Rm	28 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm/Mass 7:30pm	29 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
30 Mass 10:00 am	31 Mass 8:30am					

Prayer Requests: Bernadette, Peggy, James Pautler, Frank, Alaura, Pat Fleming, Joey Brancato, Marylou Deschamps, James McCarthy, Brian Murphy, Judie Ann Lalgie, Rachel Jessop, Daniel Duggan, Patty Boychuk, Geoff, Steve Lo – Stracco, Ann Marie Flake, Don, Karl, Janet Pierce, Betty Ann Schnicks, Bernice Schnicks, Josh Deschamps, Angela, Vilma, Stan Waszynski, Jerry Grey, Walt, Derek, Tina, Pat Schneider and Noreen Smith



Ministries and Parish Groups



Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality, Liturgical Environment, Children's Liturgy, Circle of Life Ministry, Prayer Warriors, St Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Praise and Worship Musicians with Choir, Alpha, Connect Group, Catholic Christian Outreach. For information about how to become involved contact the parish office 905-871-0692 or visit our website stmichaelfe.com

"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor."

- Pope Francis



Reminder! Donations to the Personal Products Bank are always welcome!
Most needed items are TOILET PAPER, LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP, HAND SOAP, WASH CLOTHS and ANTIPERSPIRANT.
Thank you for your continued support of our neighbours most in need!