



St. Michael's Messenger

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

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Weekday Mass Times: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri 8:30 am, Wed 9:30 am

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are available to bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact the church office to be included in this service.



COFFEE SUNDAY is APRIL 5th



Join us after 10 am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3

The Sacred Triduum.



Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday marks the most significant days of the liturgical year, commemorating the final events of Jesus's life.

Join us this Holy Week to experience the beauty and depth of these sacred liturgies. All are welcome to participate in the journey from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday as we celebrate faith, hope, and renewal together.

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper April 2nd at 7pm Enter into the profound beauty of Holy Thursday, a liturgy of joy, humility, and devotion. After weeks of silence during Lent, the Gloria is sung for the first time. It is a moment of joy in the middle of solemnity. After the homily, Father washes the feet of twelve members of the congregation following the example of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and demonstrating that true leadership is found in humility and service. We Celebrate the Eucharist instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper as the sacramental memorial of his sacrificial death on the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament is carried to a place of repose symbolizing Christ in Gethsemane. An altar of adoration is lovingly prepared in St. Michael's Church Hall for this purpose. The church is then stripped of adornment and darkened, signifying Jesus's abandonment.

The Night Watch: After Mass until 7am Friday morning, we are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament keeping watch through the night in solidarity with Jesus in Gethsemane. Accompany Jesus in his hour of need, embracing faith and compassion in this sacred night.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion April 3rd at 3 pm All are invited to join us on Good Friday as we recall Christ's journey of suffering, sacrifice, and unfathomable love. The Passion of our Lord is a story of the pain of betrayal, condemnation, humiliation and the ultimate sacrifice of crucifixion on the cross. Through the solemn veneration of the cross, we honor the instrument of our redemption and reflect on the hope that springs from His sacrifice. Take this special opportunity, especially between noon and 3 pm to enter into prayer and experience the profound grace and renewal Good Friday offers.

The Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4th at 8pm the Easter Vigil begins in complete darkness, symbolizing the world before Christ. All attendees are given a small candle and invited to gather outside for the blessing of the fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle representing Christ the light of the world. The procession enters the darkened church and the Light of Christ is shared and passed forward, filling the space with glowing candlelight. The Easter Proclamation expressing the joy of Christ's victory and the blessings of the paschal mystery is sung by Father. The ancient hymns and readings celebrate God's faithful love through history, and the long-awaited Alleluia bursts forth. New Catholics are initiated with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, reminding us all of new beginnings in Christ. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the high point of the Vigil, uniting us with Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Candles, incense, flowers and jubilant songs of triumph create an atmosphere of light, peace and joy. Please join in this beautiful celebration of our faith and welcome our new Catholics into the Church.

Easter Sunday April 5th, at 10am is a glorious celebration of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life. It is the last day of the Easter Triduum and is the joyous culmination of our 40-day Lenten journey. After a season of fasting, prayer, and reflection, Easter invites us to embrace hope, renewal, and the fullness of God's love. On Easter Sunday we are invited to renew our Baptismal Promises, recommitting ourselves to live as children of God and members of Christ's Church. All are warmly invited to join in this celebration of new life!

Alpha continues...
 Please pray for our
 Guests and the Alpha
 team as they continue
 their journey in faith
 together on Thursday
 evenings.

**Holy Thursday Youth Gathering
 THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026**

Begins 5:30pm
 St Michael's Hospitality Room
 (Dinner Provided)
 Mass Of The Lord's Supper
 7pm In The Church



Adoration In The Church Hall With Praise & Worship
 Music Until 9pm. Open All Night Until 7am With Adult Supervision.



APRIL	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com			1 Mass 9:30am	2 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper Youth Gathering 5:30 Hospitality Room Mass 7pm Adoration 8pm -7am Parish Hall	3 Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	4 EASTER VIGIL Mass 8:00pm
5 EASTER SUNDAY Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm Coffee Sunday ☺	6 Easter Monday Mass 8:30am CWL 2 pm Hospitality Rm	7 Mass 8:30am OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	8 Mass 9:30am Women of the Bible 7pm Hospitality Rm	9 Mass 8:30am Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>How can I have faith?</i>	10 Mass 8:30am	11 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm	
12 Divine Mercy Mass 10:00 am Spanish Mass 1 pm	13 Mass 8:30am Saint Martin I CWL 6:30 pm Hospitality Rm	14 Mass 8:30am Connect Group 11:00 am-1:00pm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm K of C 6:30pm	15 Mass 9:30am Women of the Bible 7pm Hospitality Rm	16 Mass 8:30am SVDP 10:00 am Hospitality Rm Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>Why and how do I pray?</i>	17 Mass 8:30am Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	18 Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm	
19 Mass 10:00am	20 Mass 8:30am Newsletter submissions due	21 Mass 8:30am St. Anselm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	22 Mass 9:30am Women of the Bible 7pm Hospitality Rm	23 Mass 8:30am Saints Adalbert Saint George Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>Why and how should I read the Bible?</i>	24 Mass 8:30am St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen	25 ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm	
26 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm Intercessory Prayer 7pm ZOOM	27 Mass 8:30am	28 Mass 8:30am St. Peter Chanel St Louis Grignon of Montfort Connect Group 11:00 am-1:00pm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	29 Mass 9:30am St. Catherine of Siena Women of the Bible 7pm Hospitality Rm	30 Mass 8:30am St Marie of the Incarnation Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>How does God guide us?</i>	St Michael's CWL would like to thank all who donated bake goods and supported our bake sale. Special thanks to Allie Cordova who sold from her Faith over Fear collection . You helped us continue our works of Charity to others.		

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, Janet Pierce, Betty Ann Schnicks, Bernice Schnicks, Josh Deschamps, Angela, Vilma, Stan Waszynski, Jerry Grey, Bob, Derek, Kevin, Pam, Deanna, Mike Reidy, Bill Lashbrook, Silvana Pontello, Ray Roseffani



St Michael's Intercessory Prayer Group
 meets via ZOOM the last Sunday of each month at 7pm
Special Intention: Prayers for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan
 Sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office for more information



Donations to the Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods Personal Products Bank are always welcome!
 These are collected in the front entrance to the church. Items most needed: Toilet paper, liquid dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste and antiperspirant.
Thank you for your continued support of our neighbours who are most in need!

