



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 MARCH 1st
Join us after 10 am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room ALL ARE WELCOME!



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14



Recently our parish welcomed a NET Ministry Retreat for students in Grade 8 - Grade 12. NET Canada Challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Daniel would like to share with you his time at the retreat and what the experience meant to him.



"I was initially invited to the retreat to learn and observe how NET Ministries evangelizes and connects with teenagers. However, I left filled with peace and joy after witnessing the goodness of the Holy Spirit at work not only in the teens, but also in me. From the very beginning of the day, I felt a deep sense of hope as I saw how many teens chose to give their time to grow closer to God. The missionaries set the tone early: this would be a fun and meaningful day; everyone would be treated with respect; no one was better than anyone else; and each person would receive from the retreat what they were willing to give. As the day unfolded, I saw how intentional they were about making sure everyone felt included in the games, group activities, and discussions. The teens were engaged, joyful, and fully present. I was especially moved by how many teens accepted to be prayed for and chose to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As I listened to the talks, testimonies, games, and short skits, I found myself in a quiet conversation with Jesus about the themes being shared. Questions kept arising in my mind, and one by one they were answered. In that moment, I felt deeply loved and at peace. The clearest message I received was this: we do not need to be perfect before turning to Him. His love is unconditional, and if He had to go through it all for just one of us, He would have."

Daniel

Counting our blessings!

This past September St. Michael's restarted their program for the Initiation of adults into the Catholic faith. Lead by Father Bill and several dedicated parish members we currently have 4 faithful candidates attending regularly and engaged in the process of discernment.

Previously known as RCIA or The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults the name has been changed to **The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or OCIA.**

"The new name and structure of the program is meant to invite candidates into a continuous process of spiritual formation as opposed to checkpoints on the path to baptism, first Communion and Confirmation. Becoming a Catholic involves a period of intense discernment, and prayer, not simply going through the "rites" at fixed points of the liturgical year and should not be rushed. While **rites** are still part of the order, by making the entire process an **order**, candidates are encouraged to understand that the rites received in church are just one part of the ongoing journey of discipleship that begins with Baptism and Confirmation but will continue throughout their lives.

While most converts enter the Church at the Easter Vigil this new structure also acknowledges that converts could be baptized or welcomed into the Church at any point in the year." Source: <https://aleteia.org>

St Michael's OCIA team is prayerfully looking forward to the initiation of 4 new Catholics this year at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these faithful candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith and consider joining us at the Easter Vigil on April 4th at 8pm to welcome them into the Church.

Joan Klacko on behalf of St Michael's OCIA

Team : Father Bill, Carolina Sosa, Bernie and Bob Morton, Grace Stewart, Pauline and Bob Taylor and Marilyn Orr





A contemplative experience of meditative prayer, scripture and adoration. Sunday, March 1, at 7pm.



Alpha begins...
Thursday, March 12
6:30 pm
St Michael's Parish Hall
Who will you pray for?
Who will you invite?

MARCH						
For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mass 10:00am Coffee Sunday Taize Lenten Prayer Service 7pm	2 Mass 8:30am	3 Mass 8:30am Connect Group 11:00 am-1:00pm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	4 Mass 9:30am Saint Casimir	5 Mass 8:30am Alpha team Training 6:30 pm Hospitality Room	6 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm, Mass 7:30pm The Chosen Movie Night 7pm, Hospitality Rm	7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity Youth Gathering Parish Hall 3:30 -7:30 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
8 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm	9 Mass 8:30am CWL 2 pm Hospitality Rm Saint Frances of Rome	10 Mass 8:30am OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm K of C 6:30pm	11 Mass 9:30am School Mass (OLV) 10:15	12 Mass 8:30am Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>Is there more to life than this?</i>	13 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm, Mass 7:30pm The Chosen Movie Night 7pm, Hospitality Rm	14 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm CWL bake sale Hospitality Rm
15 Mass 10:00 am CWL bake sale Hospitality Rm	16 Mass 8:30am	17 Mass 8:30am Saint Patrick Connect Group 11:00 am-1:00pm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	18 Mass 9:30am Saint Cyril of Jerusalem	19 Mass 8:30am SAINT JOSEPH SVDP 10:00 am Hospitality Rm Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>Who is Jesus?</i>	20 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm, Mass 7:30pm The Chosen 7pm, Hospitality Rm	21 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
22 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm	23 Mass 8:30am Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo Newsletter submissions due	24 Mass 8:30am OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Mass 9:30am	26 Mass 8:30am Alpha 6:30pm Parish hall <i>Why did Jesus die?</i>	27 Mass 8:30am Stations of the Cross 7pm, Mass 7:30pm The Chosen 7pm, Hospitality Rm	28 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Mass 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 7pm ZOOM	30 Mass 8:30am 	31 Mass 8:30am Connect Group 11:00 am-1:00pm OCIA 6:30pm Hospitality Rm	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>St Michael's Intercessory Prayer Group meets via ZOOM the last Sunday of each month at 7pm</p> <p> to pray the rosary with special intentions for our Parish Community. Sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office for more information.</p> </div>			

Donations to the Strong Fort Erie Neighbours 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!

ST. MICHAEL'S CWL BAKESALE

WITH ITEMS FOR SALE FROM FAITH OVER FEAR DESIGNS
Come shop for yummy baked goods and religious items made by Allie Cordova

Sat. March 14th & Sun. March 15th After Mass in the Hospitality Room

DONATIONS of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Hospitality Room on Sat. March 14 between 12 - 4pm

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

For prayer requests or any ideas for our next newsletter please contact Hospitality Ministry at nellavan51@gmail.com