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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 September 6th



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



Fall Alpha begins

Thursday, September 17th

Reminder that Alpha is our parish's
evangelization tool. This is the main
way we can bring people closer to
Jesus...just invite them AND
accompany them on the journey.

St. Michael's Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

PRAYER.....THE ENGINE ROOM OF THE CHURCH

Just as an engine gives power to pretty much everything in the universe, prayer brings God's strength rather than relying on our own human skill. It keeps a church humble, dependent on God, and aligned with His will.

The phrase "prayer is the engine room of the church" means that collective and individual prayer is the hidden, essential power source that drives all the visible work, ministry, and spiritual life of a congregation.

When people asked Pastor Charles Spurgeon the secret to his large and effective ministry, he did not point to his preaching talent. Instead, he took them to the basement of his church to show them groups of people on their knees praying. Spurgeon called this gathering the "engine room". He explained that if the engine stops working, the rest of the machinery grinds to a halt. A healthy church prayer life supports active ministry, programs, evangelization, outreach and guiding daily decisions.

St. Michael's has opportunities to pray for all of our parish ministries and programs; Alpha, Homebound and Infirm, Outreach, Connect, CCO, Ministry Leads, monthly Intercessory Prayer.

As we approach our Fall Alpha slated to kick off September 17th, it is time to put together our team of prayer warriors to get the engine tuned and running smoothly. We are going to try a coordinated approach this year to ensure our guests, hosts and helpers are covered in prayer each week.

I am grateful and humbled to coordinate and serve alongside our Prayer Warriors as we anchor this Alpha in persistent powerful prayer dedicated to lifting up every guest and host and helper. Please call, text or email for more specific information. I will also be sending an email to our existing Prayer Warriors as to their continued interest. **Thank you all; I look forward to hearing from you.**

Robin Vassallo, 905-991-4429, vassallorobray@gmail.com

For anyone who thinks Alpha is not for them, please read how Jetta felt after she decided to give Alpha a try. Come and See how Alpha may change your life.....

I was born and raised in the Catholic faith and am actively practicing it. I decided to attend the Alpha Course to explore the purpose of life. I found Alpha to be an excellent tool for my spiritual renewal helping me to strengthen my existing catholic faith. Attending Alpha was enjoyable. Starting with a meal and meeting new friends in the community. It provided a safe environment with no pressure that was open to questions without any judgement and created the foundation for a renewing of faith and connection with God.

The Alpha Day Away focused on the Holy Spirit and was key in helping me to understand and experience the graces I had received at my baptism and confirmation. The Holy Spirit made me aware of those sacramental graces in my heart in a real way. Recognizing Jesus as our merciful Savior, making sacrifices and who loves us unconditionally makes me feel connected personally and gives me a fresh relationship with God.

Understanding the core message of Jesus makes the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist become more powerful and deeply alive.

Jetta



SEPTEMBER'S DEVOTION, The Seven Sorrows of Mary. Feast Day September 15

This devotion focuses on how Mary shares in the suffering of her son Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. It invites the faithful to reflect on Mary's participation in Christ's Passion and her steadfast faith amid suffering. **Mary remains at the foot of the Cross, embodying true compassion and teaching believers to unite their suffering with Christ.**

- **The Prophecy of Simeon:** Simeon tells Mary a sword will pierce her soul.
- **The Flight into Egypt:** Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt to escape King Herod.
- **The Loss of Jesus in the Temple:** Mary and Joseph search for the young Jesus for three agonizing days.
- **Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary:** Mary sees Jesus carrying his heavy cross.
- **The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus:** Mary stands beneath the cross and watches her son die.
- **Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross:** Mary holds the lifeless body of Jesus.
- **The Burial of Jesus:** Jesus is placed into the tomb

SEPTEMBER						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com		1 Mass 8:30am	2 Mass 9:30am Blessed André Grasset	3 Mass 8:30am St Gregory the Great	4 Mass 8:30am Holy Hour Blessed Dina Belanger	5 St Theresa of Calcutta Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
6 Mass 10:00am Coffee Sunday ☺	7 Mass 8:30am LABOUR DAY	8 Mass 8:30am THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9 Mass 9:30am St Peter Claver	10 Mass 8:30am	11 Mass 8:30am	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
13 Mass 10:00 am Spanish Mass 1 pm	14 Mass 8:30am THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS CWL 6:30pm Hospitality RM	15 Mass 8:30am OUR LADY OF SORROWS Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm K of C 6:30pm Hospitality RM	16 Mass 9:30am Saints Cornelius and Cyprian	17 Mass 8:30am St Hildegard of Bingen and St Robert Bellarmine SVDP 10am Hospitality RM Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	18 Mass 8:30am	19 Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
20 Mass 10:00am	21 Mass 8:30am ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	22 Mass 8:30am	23 Mass 9:30am St Pius of Pietrelcina	24 Mass 8:30am Blessed Emilie Tavernier Gamelin Alpha 6:30 pm Parish Hall	25 Mass 8:30am Saints Cosmas and Damian	26 SAINTS JEAN DE BREBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMP Confession 4-4:30 Mass 5:00pm
27 Mass 10:00am Spanish Mass 1 pm Intercessory Prayer 7pm ZOOM	28 Mass 8:30am St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions and St Wenceslaus	29 Mass 8:30am SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL AND ARCHANGELS Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm Hospitality RM	30 Mass 9:30am St Jerome			

Prayer Requests: Peggy, James and Joanne Pautler, Frank, Alaura, Joey Brancato, Marylou Deschamps, James Mc Carthy, Brian Murphy, Judie Ann Lalgie, Rachel Jessop, 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, Deanna, Mike Reidy, Bill Lashbrook, Silvana Pontello, Ray Rosettani, Fern, Anna Benforte, David D., Rosalie, Kimberly Murphy, Dawn S, Sharon Dickson. Maria G

St Michael's Intercessory Prayer Group meets via ZOOM the last Sunday of each month at 7pm

Special Intention: Prayers for the courage to invite people to Alpha and that hearts will be open and receptive to our invitations. Sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office for more information.

Leave a Legacy of Faith: When updating your estate plan, please remember St. Michael's Parish. Prayerfully consider leaving a legacy that supports our parish's future.

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!

Newsletter submissions are due September 21

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