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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 NOVEMBER 1ST



Join us after 10 am mass for coffee and a treat in our Hospitality Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
1 Thessalonians 4:14

St. Michael's Messenger

NOVEMBER 2026

Produced by Hospitality Ministry

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

November 2nd is All Souls' Day (the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) and the day after All Saints Day.

There will be a Mass on All Souls' Day at 7pm to offer specific prayer intentions for deceased family members and friends. All Soul's Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for all the faithful who have died and are believed to be in Purgatory.

> All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (*CCC* 1030)

All the souls in purgatory need our prayers because they cannot help themselves or gain new graces, so they rely on the prayers, sacrifices, and indulgences offered by the living to ease their purification and speed their entry into heaven

Purgatory: The Catholic Church teaches that most people die with minor or lingering traces of sin. Purgatory is a state of spiritual purification needed to prepare the soul for the holiness of heaven.

Prayers for the Dead: Living Catholics offer prayers, sacrifices, almsgiving, and Mass intentions to help cleanse these souls and speed their journey to heaven.

Communion of Saints: The day highlights the spiritual link between the living on Earth, the saints in heaven, and the souls undergoing purification.

Attending Mass: Catholics go to church to offer specific prayer intentions for deceased family members and friends.

Visiting Cemeteries: People visit the graves of loved ones to clean headstones, leave flowers, and pray.

Lighting Candles: Candles are lit in homes and church altars as a symbol of eternal light and faith.

Gaining Indulgences: Catholics can perform specific acts—such as visiting a cemetery or a church and praying for the dead—to gain spiritual indulgences (the reduction of punishment for sin) for the departed.

Bringing Holy Communion to the homebound is a sacred act of service that connects isolated parishioners directly to the life, love, and community of our church.

The Core Meaning of the Ministry

Presence of Christ: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist carry the Real Presence of Jesus in a dedicated vessel called a pyx.

A Two-Way Blessing: While ministers intend to comfort the sick or elderly, many discover that they receive far more grace, faith, and gratitude than they give.

Extension of the Parish Family: Visits remind homebound individuals that they are still valued, remembered, and prayed for by their parish family.

What a Visit Looks Like

Brief Prayer Service: A typical visit lasts about 15 to 30 minutes, featuring a warm greeting, Scripture reading, the Lord's Prayer, and the distribution of the Eucharist.

Genuine Connection: Ministers listen attentively, share conversation, and offer a human touch or prayer that honors where the person is in life.

Reverence and Care: The Sacrament is transported directly and respectfully, adhering to parish guidelines and safe-environment training.

If you would like to arrange a visit for a homebound loved one, please call the parish office 905-871-0692.

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

Alpha continues.... Please pray for our Alpha guests and team as they continue their journey in faith together on Thursday evenings and on Saturday, NOV 7 the **Alpha Day Away!**

Welcome to Warm-vember!

During November and December **St. Michael's CWL** is collecting hats, scarves and mittens /gloves and gently used clean winter coats to be distributed by **SFEN** (Strong Fort Erie Neighbourhoods), **to those in need.** Watch for the baskets between the front doors.

YOUTH GATHERING

NET MINISTRIES: YOUTH LEADING YOUTH
GRADES 6 - 12



Saturday, November 7,10:00 am – 6:00 pm
St. Michael's Church Hall
Register @
stmichaelfe.com or Call 905-871-0692

NOVEMBER

For daily mass intentions please consult our website stmichaelfe.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **ALL SAINTS DAY** **Mass 10:00am** Coffee Sunday	2 **ALL SOULS DAY** Mass 8:30am **Mass 7:00pm**	3 Mass 8:30am St Martin de Porres	4 **Mass 9:30am** **St Charles Borromeo**	5 Mass 8:30am **Alpha** 6:30 pm Parish Hall	6 Mass 8:30am **Holy Hour**	7 **Alpha Day Away** **NET MINISTRIES YOUTH RETREAT** Confession 4-4:30 **Mass 5:00pm**
8 **Mass 10:00am** Spanish Mass 1 pm	9 Mass 8:30am **DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA** **CWL 2:00 pm** **Hospitality RM**	10 Mass 8:30am **St Leo the Great** **Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm** **K of C 6:30pm** **Hospitality RM**	11 **Mass 9:30am** **St Martin of Tours** **Remembrance Day**	12 Mass 8:30am **St Josaphat** **Alpha** 6:30 pm Parish Hall	13 Mass 8:30am	14 Confession 4-4:30 **Mass 5:00pm**
15 **Mass 10:00 am**	16 Mass 8:30am St Gertrude and St Margaret	17 Mass 8:30am **St Elizabeth of Hungary** **SVDP 2:00pm** **Hospitality RM**	18 **Mass 9:30am** Dedication of the basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul **Lectors Refresher Training 7pm**	19 Mass 8:30am **SVDP 10am** **Hospitality RM** **Alpha** 6:30 pm Parish Hall	20 Mass 8:30am	21 **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Confession 4-4:30 **Mass 5:00pm**
22 **Mass 10:00am** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** Spanish Mass 1 pm	23 Mass 8:30am St Clement I and St Columban **Newsletter submissions due**	24* Mass 8:30am **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions** **Connect Group 11:00am-1:00pm** **Hospitality RM**	25 **Mass 9:30am** **ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**	26 Mass 8:30am **ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL** **Alpha** 6:30 pm Parish Hall	27 Mass 8:30am	28 Confession 4-4:30 **Mass 5:00pm**
29 **Mass 10:00am** **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Intercessory Prayer 7pm ZOOM	30 Mass 8:30am **ST ANDREW, APOSTLE**					

***OCIA (Camino)** - people interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith or who want to be baptized are invited to join us **November 24th at 6:30pm in the hospitality room**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Prayer Requests: Peggy, James 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, Silvanna Pontello, Ray Rosettani, Fern, Anna Benforte, David D., Rosalie, Kimberly Murphy, Dawn S, Sharon Dickson, Maria G, Keith W, Harry Ayers, John Korcia, Patricia & Christy Jackson, Joann DiRivire Patty & Ron Willson, Jim Flake, Georgia & Glen Ford

St Michael's Intercessory Prayer Group meets via ZOOM the last Sunday of each month at 7pm
Special Prayer Intentions: For our NET MINISTRIES YOUTH RETREAT and the ALPHA DAY AWAY on NOV 7 that seeds will be planted at these events that grow into rich fruit for all participants
Sign up at the entrance to the church or contact the parish office for more information.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Help

Christmas Registrations will take place on Fridays in November
November 6 to November 27 at the SVdP store on Jarvis St.
Please bring Identification to register
Christmas food vouchers will be given out at St Michael's Church Hall on Central Ave
Saturday December 12 (from10:30-12:30pm)
We will make every effort to honour each request

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER
6:30- 8:30 ST MICHAEL'S PARISH HALL
CATHOLIC END-OF-LIFE DECISION MAKING IN A CULTURE OF MAiD

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.