



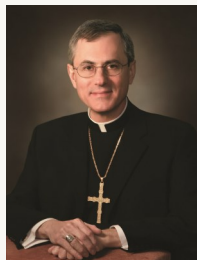
# PARISH BULLETIN

"Being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus."



Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



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## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday through Friday: 12:00pm  
Saturday: 5:00pm (livestreamed) | Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

### St. Michael's Parish

Monday: 7:00pm, during Lent  
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm | Wednesday & Friday: 9:30am  
Saturday: 5:00pm | Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community (at St. Michael's):

4th Sunday of the month: 2:30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturday: 9:00am to 10:00am

## WELCOME!

### St. Michael's Parish

🏠 511 Cheapside Street  
☎ (519) 433-6689  
✉ [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca)

### St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community

Located at St. Michael's Parish

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

🏠 196 Dufferin Avenue  
☎ (519) 432-3475  
✉ [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca)

To register with our parishes, visit us online at [www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family) or ask our parish volunteers for a registration form.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you!

## PARISH OFFICE

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Or by appointment.

### Parish Office Mailing Address

511 Cheapside Street  
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Please direct all mail for our 3 parishes to this mailing address.

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## PARKING

### St. Michael's Parish ♿

Weekend and weekday parking is available on the street and behind the parish. Weekday parking behind the parish is restricted to along the fence, as parking against the school is teacher and parent parking only.

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica ♿

Weekend parking is available on the street and in the parking lots next to the Cathedral. Parking north of the former school is restricted to Sunday mornings. Weekday parking is available on the street and in the small, ungated lot next to the Cathedral.

# 2025 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Join the LNCCFOP the weekends of **March 29th - 30th** and **April 5th - 6th** for the 2025 Lenten Food Drive in support of St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank and Fellowship Centre! The most needed items are:

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|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Tuna        | Pasta           | Hot or Cold Cereal | Peanut Butter | Onions & Potatoes |
| Canned Meat | Spaghetti Sauce | Tea Bags & Coffee  | Mayonnaise    | Mac & Cheese (KD) |

Please be sure to check food expiration dates prior to your donation. Put donations in a reuseable bag. Item donations may be dropped off in the Narthex of St. Michael's Parish and St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica at Mass.

Cash and grocery store gift cards to buy supplies are especially welcome! Place cash and gift card donations in sealed envelope marked, "Food Drive," and place it in the offertory collection baskets at Mass at both parishes or drop off at the parish office.

*Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in need!*



## Our Lenten Journey

### Journey Through Lent 2025 Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its annual Lenten video series, Journey through Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be available on the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Geared to individuals, families, and communities, this series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season.

This year's presenter is Most Reverend Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul, Alberta. On this Third Sunday of Lent, Bishop Franken provides a reflection on suffering and turning to God. [Click here](#) to view.

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### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is prayed each Friday during Lent at both parishes. Various parish groups and Pastoral Team will be leading our prayer each week:

St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:45pm | St. Michael's Parish: 7:00pm

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### Lenten Day of Confessions - Wednesday April 9th

#### "Penance and Prayer in Every Parish"

On our annual Day of Confessions, every church across the Diocese of London will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a unique opportunity to encounter the Lord through his ministers and to experience his unconditional acceptance and limitless mercy - to know directly the healing power of his love.

The schedule for the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes is as follows:

#### St. Michael's:

10:00am - 1:00pm  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### St. Peter's:

9:30am - 11:30am  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am at St. Michael's and 12:00pm at St. Peter's.

Several priests from across the city will be present to celebrate this great sacrament of healing and love. Resources are available at the entrances of the church to help you prepare to celebrate the sacrament.

*God is always waiting for us, watching for our return.*

## Easter Flowers

Remember loved ones and give thanks for blessings through Easter flower donations. The tradition for parishioners to make a donation to decorate the Altars for this Holy season will continue. Donations can be made in the name of family or friends, living or deceased. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer this Easter Season. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or E-transfer.

Cash or cheque donations can be placed in the Sunday collection, mailed or dropped at the office. For cash and cheque donations please indicate on the envelope the name of the donor, the name of the person being remembered in prayer, and if they are living or deceased.

For donations by E-transfer, please direct them to [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca) or [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca). Please indicate in the E-transfer memo, "Easter Flowers," the name of person being remembered, and if they are living or deceased. The cutoff for donations is **April 1st**. Thank you for your generosity!

## A Signature to Turn Debt into Hope

The global *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt continues this weekend. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call: "In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice." (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. Petitions are available at the entrances of the church or sign online now at [devp.org/debt](http://devp.org/debt). Thank you for your solidarity!



## Truth and Reconciliation

Parishioners and Parish groups are invited to participate in *A Path to Solidarity* with Indigenous people. Each month, for 10 months, a topic will be explored as, "A Step on A Path to Solidarity," to raise awareness, educate and stimulate discussion. March's step on, "A Path to Solidarity," is Water.

To learn more, click [here](#). Each topic has 4 parts: *See, Discern, Act* and *Further Resources*. To learn more about each step we take on our Path to Solidarity, click [here](#).



## Catholic Women's League Updates St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League is delighted to be holding their Lenten Lunches at St. Paul's again this year. The big change is that the lunches will be held **each Tuesday** after Mass, offering the usual soup and sandwich fare. Cost is by free-will offering.

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## St. Michael's CWL Lenten Prayer Cards

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the CWL Lenten Prayer card initiative by taking a prayer request card and/or leaving one in the baskets provided at both entrances to the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to support one another in prayer and to build a sense of community as we journey through this season of Lent!



## Lenten Spiritual Workshop

*My Sheep Hear My Voice, And They Follow Me*  
Finding it difficult to discern God's Voice?



This Lenten workshop will teach you how to discern between the 3 voices we hear: the voice of God, the voice of the evil one, or our own inner voice. Am I being led astray or is this where God is leading me? Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, Debbie Craven BA, M. Div. will lead the workshop that helps you determine if you are being lead astray or to where God is leading you.

All are welcome! The workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 5th**, 9:30am to 1:30pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Free-will offering for lunch.

To register, email [CWLstmichlon@gmail.com](mailto:CWLstmichlon@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 519-433-6689. Registration closes on March 31st.

## In Him we Live! Choral Reflections for Lent

Featuring the St. Peter's Cathedral Singers & Children's Choir

Join us for prayer with song and Scripture as we reflect on the love of Christ and his sacrifice for us. **Sunday, March 30th** at 2:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.



## St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Society

We visited 50 families during February, assisting 67 people including children. We delivered \$4,080.00 in grocery store gift cards and 18 vouchers for clothing and furniture. These families are very grateful for your generosity.

Please consider financially supporting our efforts with your generous donations. Donations by cheque must be made payable to the parish with St. Vincent de Paul written on the memo line of the cheque. Cheques made payable directly to St. Vincent de Paul will not be eligible for a tax receipt from the parish.

If you would like to donate online, [click here](#) and select "St Vincent de Paul" from the drop-down menu to direct your donation to our cause. *Thank you!*

## SSVP Affordable Housing Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council are thrilled to host an official groundbreaking ceremony kicking off the construction of their 73-unit Affordable Housing Building! Join the celebration on **Thursday, April 3rd**, 11:00am at 1500 Huron Street. Refreshments will be served in the church after the ceremony. Please RSVP by March 28th to [ssvpaffordablehousing@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpaffordablehousing@gmail.com). All are welcome!



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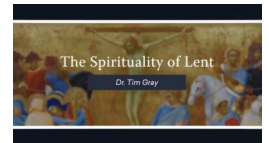
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*This Week on Formed*

## The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.



[Click here](#) to watch the 28-minute video.

## Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned. But God won't leave us there - he searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



[Click here](#) to watch the 31-minute video.

## Let's Learn About Lent | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!



[Click here](#) to watch the 10-minute video.

## You Are Not Alone YANA

A peer, faith-based support group for people supporting a loved one with a mental illness.

Families are most often the primary caregivers for family member living with a mental illness. YANA provides a place of support that helps maintain balance, courage and spiritual strength with others who understand.

We meet the 3rd Monday of the month in the JP11 Room at St. Michael's. For more information call Cathie Gauthier at 519-850-0600

The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at

[lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).

## The Kids' Bulletin



## What Kind of Fig Tree Are You?

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God - he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, March 24

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Dorina Pepe  
Fred Bombardier

### Tuesday, March 25

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Lilian Chan  
Silvério Paradinha  
Lolita

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Lolita Caalim  
Intentions of Rachael  
Fr. Stephen Bodnar

### Wednesday, March 26

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Living & Deceased Friends & Family of the Solis-Reyes Family  
Maria Valerio  
Trudy Van Hoof

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Sabah Khouri  
Intentions of Deacon Rudy & Donna Pflanzner  
Adam Strom

### Thursday, March 27

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Mike & Salvina Said  
Theresa Knab  
Jessica Wright

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Yvonne & Jacob Simpson  
Intentions of Eric Otene  
Intentions of Finbar Anosike

### Friday, March 28

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Joan & Joe O'Leary  
Wayne Theilade

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Clem & Theresa Regier  
The Bodnar Family  
Intentions of Ana Matijevic & Michael Butler

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Fred Asma; Katherine Boutte; Pauline Butler, mother of Fr. David Butler; Yvonne Keith; and comfort those who mourn.

### **We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:**

Brothers and Sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order;  
Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;  
Catholic Health Care Workers in the Diocese of London;  
Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, O.F.M. Cap.;  
Most Rev. Donald Theriault; Dcn. Andrew Alway.

**Offer a Mass** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit [www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests).

## READINGS FOR MARCH 23, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Joshua 5.9a, 10-12  
Responsorial - Ps. 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.8a)  
*R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*  
Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5.17-21  
Gospel - Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

## PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Monday, March 24

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)  
7:00 PM - St. Michael's CWL Ukulele Meeting (JP11)

### Tuesday, March 25

9:30 AM - Women of Grace Study Program (JP11)  
7:30 PM - St. Peter's Knight's Executive Meeting (JP11)

### Wednesday, March 26

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

### Thursday, March 27

1:00 PM - Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)

### Friday, March 28

12:45 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Peter's Cathedral Nave)  
7:00 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Michael's Parish Nave)

### Saturday, March 29

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### Sunday, March 30

2:30 PM - *In Him We Live* - Choral Reflections (St. Peter's Nave)

# PARISH Support

## SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 16, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$3,567.00	\$3,046.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,297.25	\$2,066.90
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,885.53	\$2,412.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,749.78</b>	<b>\$7,524.90</b>

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