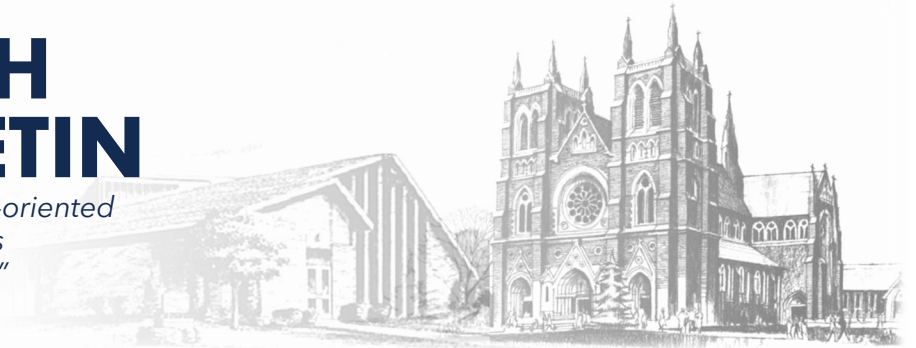




PARISH BULLETIN

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025



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JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK - 2025

MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, April 14

St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00pm*

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

St. Michael's Parish: 9:30am | St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:00pm

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 17: Thursday of the Lord's Supper

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00pm | St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00pm*

Friday, April 18: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Michael's Parish:

Service of the Word and Adoration of the Holy Cross: 10:00am
Proclamation of the Passion and Adoration of the Holy Cross: 3:00pm

St. Peter's Cathedral:

Stations of the Cross: 12:00pm
Proclamation of the Passion and Adoration of the Holy Cross: 3:00pm*

Saturday, April 19: The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Vigil

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00pm | St. Peter's Cathedral: 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20: The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:00am, 11:00am*, 1:00pm

*Livestreamed at www.lncc.dol.ca

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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 a 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Franken provides a reflection on the parable of the Prodigal Son. [Click here](#) to view.

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

Lenten Resources for All Ages

Are you still looking for resources to guide your Lenten Journey? The Diocese of London offers a number of resources to read, listen to, watch, and do this Lent for individuals, children, youth, and families. [Click here](#) to view.

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:	St. Peter's:
10:00am - 1:00pm	9:30am - 11:30am
6:00pm - 8:00pm	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.

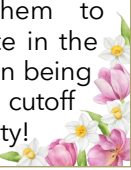
Easter Flowers



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 or 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 Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Faith Sharing

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a faith sharing series exploring the 6 sub-themes of the Jubilee Year.

Our Family of Parishes will host this beginning **Thursday, May 1st through Thursday, June 5th** from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall.

For more information and to register please contact Teresa Ford at tford4000@gmail.com or 519-282-9442.

THIS SUNDAY: 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.



A Save the Date - A Public Rosary Rally

We are Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope on the move and are deeply aware of the need for peace. We gather to ask our Lady to intercede with her Son for us and bring peace to our very troubled world.

All parish groups, parishioners and friends are invited to gather to pray the Rosary with the company of Bishop Fabbro on **Saturday, May 3rd** at 1:00pm at the Grotto of Our Lady at St. Peter Seminary front lawn. Parking is free at the Seminary, King's parking at Waterloo and Epworth and on Waterloo Street (P2). Be sure to bring rosary beads, a folding chair, water, and an umbrella.



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.

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.

April Membership Meeting & Social: Monday, April 7th

Please join us on **Monday, April 7th** at 7:00pm in the JP11 room for our General Membership Meeting and Social. We will also be voting for the diocesan executive, and we continue to collect toiletries for donation to My Sister's Place. All women of our parishes, ages 16 and up, are invited to attend this evening of faith and friendship.



Lenten Spiritual Workshop

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



Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, this Lenten Workshop with Debbie Craven BA, M. Div. will help you determine if you are being lead astray or to where God is leading you. 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. All are welcome!

To register, email CWLstmichlon@gmail.com or call the parish office at 519-433-6689. Registration closes this Monday, March 31st!

Turn Debt into Hope

Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia. Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at www.devp.org/lent/resources.

Next weekend is Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's Turn Debt into Hope campaign, Solidarity Sunday. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all." -The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at www.devp.org/give. Donation envelopes are found in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity and solidarity.

Bishop Fabbro has recorded a video on the Turn Debt into Hope Campaign encouraging support of this year's campaign. To view [click here](#).



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This Week on Formed

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. Now more than ever, as many of us are confined to our homes, journey along this spiritual pilgrimage and be drawn more deeply into the life and love of God.



[Click here](#) to watch the 29-minute video.

Confession | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Jim Prothro, associate professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most pressing questions about the Sacrament of Confession. Can a priest share the sins I confess? What is confession?



[Click here](#) to watch the 11-minute video.

Forgiven: The Blessings of Confession | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis in this presentation of what Confession is all about and how we participate as Catholics.



[Click here](#) to watch the 26-minute video.

Annual Women's Seminar - Saturday, April 26th

Family Foundations Institute invites all women to the Annual Women's Seminar on **Saturday, April 26th** from 9:00am - 3:30pm at Saint André Bessette Secondary School in London.

This year's theme, "Magnificently Created", features Ann Burns, founder of The Feminine Project. Ann's inspiring talks will help women embrace the beauty of authentic femininity and build strong, faith-filled communities.

Experience a day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and encouragement in your unique role as a woman of faith. All women are welcome! For details and registration, visit www.famfi.ca/aws.



REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, March 31

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Fai John
Anastasia Nkinin
Banye Eugene

Tuesday, April 1

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

John Kirwin
Mary Moir
Rose Hehir

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Joseph Kovacs
Paul Edward Mills
Timothy James Kovacs

Wednesday, April 2

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

John Egan
Ana Mida Egan
Edward Blackmore

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Francois Khouri
Sister Mary Jude
Intentions of the Fisher Family

Thursday, April 3

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Wayne Theilade
Johnny Hodgson
Margaret Jacyno & Cathy Walzak

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Anna Sisca
Intentions of Matthew & Morgan Turnbull
Intentions of Rodrigo Farias

Friday, April 4

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Ed Blackmore

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar
Gildo & Giovanna DiCola
Doug McCarthy

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Paula Koolen; Tony Romeo; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Leo Walsh, C.S.B.; Rev. Mariyathas Leonis, C.R.;
Rev. Hoang Nguyen, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Danny Santos;
Rev. Eugene Roy; Ministers to the Poor and Homeless;
Ms. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister.

Offer a Mass for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests.

READINGS FOR APRIL 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Isaiah 43.16-21
Responsorial - Ps. 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R.3)
R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Second Reading - Philippians 3.8-14
Gospel - John 8.1-11

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 31

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)

4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)

Tuesday, April 1

9:30 AM - Women of Grace Study Program (JP11)

7:30 PM - St. Michael's Knight's General Meeting (JP11)

Wednesday, April 2

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)

6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

Thursday, April 3

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

2:30 PM - St. Peter's CWL Executive Meeting (St. Anthony)

Friday, April 4

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, April 5

8:00 AM - Lenten Food Drive (St. Michael's & St. Peter's)

11:00 AM - St. Peter's CWL General Meeting (JP11)

Sunday, April 6

8:00 AM - Lenten Food Drive (St. Michael's & St. Peter's)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 23, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$4,118.25	\$3,488.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$1,752.10	\$1,731.40
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,885.53	\$2,412.00
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