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Catholic Family of Parishes

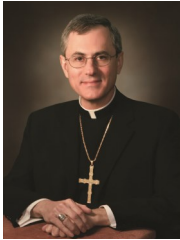
PARISH BULLETIN

Serving the communities of
St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean
Catholic Community, St. Michael's Parish, and
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024



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Jesus' Mission ~ Our Mission

"We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is – the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons and daughters of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.



This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? In my daily dealings with others would I be picked out as a Christian? Do I, by my words and deeds, prove to those with whom I live and work that I am convinced there is a future life after death, that reaching that life is the most important thing in this world for me, and that it is through living my short earthly life as a true Christian that I can earn that eternal life?

If I can say yes to these questions I am, thank God, on the right road. But if my answer is "no" then it is time I had another good look to see where I went off the road, and to find out that I can return to that right road once more. God is merciful; Christ is patient with followers who straggle and wander, but it could be fatal to postpone for too long our call to the God of mercy. Stop straggling and wandering off the highway today and the patient Christ will welcome you and help you back."

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-02-04>

Our Journey in Lent

Our Lenten journey begins soon. We once again take on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join us on Ash Wednesday to begin the annual journey.

Ash Wednesday Masses, Wednesday February 14, 2024

St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross-Fridays during Lent

St. Michael's: 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's: 12:45 p.m.

Daily Mass during the Season of Lent

St. Michael's: Monday & Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.

St. Peter's: Tuesday -Friday: 12:00 p.m.

Lenten Reflection Books are available at all entrances of the church. This year we offer two books:
'Lifted Up in Love' by Henri Nouwen and *'The Season for Healing Hearts'* by Fr. Joe Sica.
Please take one to aid you in your Lenten reflection.



Knights of Columbus

St. Peter's KofC Membership Drive *Begins This Weekend!*

Catholic men! Feeling the call to live out your Catholic Faith in service to the Church and your community? Come find out about the Knights of Columbus! As a Knight you would be part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values---and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. Being a Knight lets you get support from Catholic men in your own neighbourhood.

Additionally, as a Knight you will have the opportunity to engage in Charitable activities, faith formation activities and social activities within the parish community.

An information table will be in the Narthex following each Mass on the weekends of **February 3-4** and **10-11**. Stop by for a chat!

St. Michael's & St. Peter's Cathedral Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13th from 5-7pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall

As this is a joint KofC event, parishioners from both churches are encouraged to come out and mingle like the one Family of Parishes we are.

Thank you for your continuing support and God Bless!



St. Michael's Parish St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13th from 5 pm - 7 pm
St. Michael's Parish Hall
(511 Cheapside Street)

This is a joint event, all parishioners at the LNCC Family of Parishes are invited!



St. Michael's CWL General Meeting

All women of the parish are invited to the first CWL meeting of the New Year, on Monday, **February 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. Come and join other CWL members to hear about plans for the coming months and discuss the proposed 2024 budget. All women of the parish are welcome to attend this evening of faith and friendship in our common goals.



St. Michael's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul collection for the needy within our parish boundary is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.

Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVP on the memo line, or select SSVP from the drop-down list on Pllenty. www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels

NET Canada Mission Discernment Night. NET Canada has an upcoming Mission Discernment Night at Holy Family Parish, London on **Feb 10** for anyone in Gr 11-12 or between 18-30. This will be a night of fellowship, prayer, and will allow young adults to get a glimpse into what a year on mission would look like on NET. More info: netcanada.ca/apply



Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita

The memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita is celebrated on **February 8**. We remember in prayer the members of our own St. Josephine Bakhita African Caribbean Catholic Community of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes. May St. Josephine's spirit of perseverance, prayer, and love of the Lord be an example for all of us. *St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us.*

Know more about [St. Josephine Bakhita](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-josephine-bakhita/):

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Called By Name. The Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese began last year, Pentecost 2023. One of the initiatives is the Called by Name process that stresses the role of the Christian community in calling forth men to consider this vocation. Parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to consider who in their midst might serve well as a priest.

After prayerful consideration and conversation with a potential candidate please submit their name and contact information to Cathryn Hall at chall@dol.ca. The Pastoral Team will review all names submitted and will submit these names to Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations. Submission deadline is **Feb. 4**.

Bereavement Support Retreat

Fri, Feb 9 from 7-9pm; and **Sat, Feb 10** from 8:30am - 3pm
Registration Fee: \$20.00

Grieving the death of a loved one is never easy, yet support from others and sharing your loss can help to soothe your sorrow. Join our Bereavement Support Weekend with adults who are either recently bereaved or further along in their grief journey. We offer a safe and peaceful place to share, learn and grow while coping with loss; viewed within the context of the Catholic faith.

St. George Parish Hall at 1164 Commissioners Rd. W., London
To register 519-471-4220 ext 242 / Sharon Hunt shunt@dol.ca

2024 Development and Peace Share Lent Launch Workshop

D&P's 2024 *Share Lent* campaign will take place from February 14-March 31. London Deanery workshop for the campaign is being held **Feb 17** at St. George's Church. To register, follow the link or scan the QR code below.

If you would like to be involved in Development & Peace at the parish, contact parish representative Michael Loebach at michaelfloebach@gmail.com 519-671-6670 or Deanery representative Gord Smith gosmit@execulink.com 519-672-2497.

Saturday, February 17, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Share Lent 2024 Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

Where: St. George Parish (1164 Commissioners Rd. W., N6K 1C7)

**The workshop will be followed by lunch, and then we will join the National Launch.




SCAN TO REGISTER

SHARE LENT - LONDON

Register at <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/8UEcvi4iKv>



Signs of Hope
National Catholic Health Care Week:
February 4-10, 2024

This year, National Catholic Health Care Week reflects on our calling as a Catholic health community to be vibrant signs of hope in our world. Through stories, reflections and prayer, the Week encourages us all to explore how we fostering hope and healing in ourselves, our communities and our society: to make life-giving connections, welcome each other in community, foster healing and wellness—body, mind and soul—and find purpose and meaning in our calling and our circumstances.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we are thankful for the privilege of serving millions of Canadians each day, carrying on our mission to serve all with compassion and humanity. This year's theme is "Signs of Hope."

In 2024, National Catholic Health Care Week falls on the week leading into The World Day of the Sick celebrated on February 11. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 reminds us of the healing ministry of the Church and our call to serve those who are sick and suffering. It also recognizes the great efforts of all those in health care who work to restore health and provide support to those afflicted with illness.

Jeremiah Day | Saturday, February 10 from 10 am - 3 pm

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us. This is a day for young men (grades 8 to 12) to grow closer to God and to visit our seminary. The activities include a tour of St. Peter's Seminary, Mass, lunch, time for prayer and an indoor sports activity in the afternoon. See the poster at this [link](#) for more details. To register visit www.dolpriest.ca/jeremiah-day.

St. Mary Catholic School Choir and Orchestra Program

St. Mary School in London has begun the application process for entrance to Gr 5 for 2024/2025. Brochures with application forms are available on the school website- mal.ldcsb.ca. Please contact the school 519-675-4423 for more info. Applications are due by **Feb 16**. Application to the program is open to all Gr 4 students of the London District Catholic School Board or who are baptized Catholic. All applicants must meet the admission requirements.



Pope Francis Fund—Application Process is Open

The Pope Francis Fund application process is now open for grants that will be distributed in 2024. Last year, ten organizations received a total of \$48,000 in funding. The process, criteria and past recipients are at www.dol.ca/pff. Parishioners are asked to share this with any groups who could benefit from this funding and use it to help the poor in our communities. The application process closes on **February 28**.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

High School students & Young Adults are invited to come out to the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto Ontario on Saturday, **March 2nd**. This day will be filled with dynamic speakers, amazing music, and more! Trip includes the ticket to the event and the bus trip. Once registered, Christine Coyle, Diocesan Family & Youth Specialist will email you all the details. Cost/person: \$40 (youth). To register: <https://dol.ca/ljh>



Celebrating Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. The theme for Black History Month 2024 is *Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build*. Each year the themes provide an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history.

For information on local events taking place in London, see the Tourism London website: www.londontourism.ca/events/black-history-month-celebration



Truth and Reconciliation Video Series

Everyone is encouraged to watch the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's series of educational presentations and use reflection questions prepared by the committee to learn more. The presenters delve into the a wide array of issues faced by Indigenous people in the past and present. Information on speaker biographies, topics and reflection questions can be found at this [link](#). Videos are available as a useful educational opportunity. View them here: dol.ca/trc-videos. Whether you watch these alone or with some family and friends, these will help you know more information about Indigenous peoples and their history with the Catholic Church. See [poster](#) for details (also available on our church bulletin boards).



The Kids' Bulletin and other resources can be found in the narthex or at lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin. Grab your copy today! Contact us for inquiries.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 28, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 4,704.00	\$ 4,764.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 3,433.15	\$ 1,621.10
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 3,011.25
TOTAL	\$ 12,021.15	\$ 9,396.35

Thank you for your support and generosity!
 To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit www.lccc.dol.ca/donate.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, February 6

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Anna Kovacic
Mike & Salvina Said
Alberto Quant

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Norma Heximer
Carlos Manuel Garcia

Respect for all Human Life from Conception to Natural Death

Wednesday, February 7

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Nathan Walter Lee
Kevin Munn
Susanne Dykes

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Joe Murphy
Walter Ostifijczuk
Anne Ennett

Thursday, February 8

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Mary Haley
Intentions of Marg & Tom Prosser
Intentions of Michel Davey

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Mike Lyons
Claudette Aldea O'Brien
Intentions of Rolando and Abigail Balana

Friday, February 9

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Oliverio Fonseca
Don Patterson
Babina Gomez

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Ong Su Que and Visitacion Mallari
Karen Dumancic
Kay Engel

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Rev. Joseph P. Langlois; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Gilbert Simard; Rachele Leslie, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Henry Tomaszewski; Deacon Ronald Vermette; Rita Butler, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Gerald Craig, O.F.M. Cap

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46
Responsorial - Ps 32.1-2, 11 (R. 11)

R. You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

Gospel - Mark 1.40-45

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–Friday 8 am

Beginning February 20, 2024 Tuesday Mass will be at 7 pm.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica: Tuesday–Friday 12 pm

Weekends

St. Michael's: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm

St. Peter's Cathedral: Saturday 5 pm*; Sunday 9 am, 11 am

**Live-streamed Mass*

St. Josephine Bakhita Community:

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 pm (at St. Michael's)



Sacrament of Reconciliation at both Parishes

Saturdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Or contact one of our priests for an appointment.



Are you new in the community? Register at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Plan
- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

Your donations support the activities which enrich and nourish the spiritual life of the parish. The donations you give go to the collections of the specific parish that you select. Charitable tax receipts are issued in the new year following.

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St. Josephine Bakhita

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St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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