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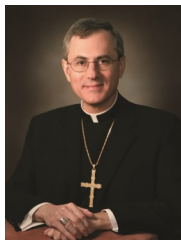
"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

PARISH BULLETIN

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



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A Heart of Gratitude and Openness

"As I read today's texts, I see a set of stories in which the Chosen People had lost their way. These three different references to a vineyard, each in their own way, seem to bring home the consequences of a drift in faith. In the first reading, I see a caring God (the vineyard owner) and an uncooperative people (the wild grapes) that have displaced the intended yield. The Psalm continues with another vineyard metaphor with the Lord bringing his chosen people out of slavery (the transplanted vine) only to have them lose what should be their focus (the vineyard is unprotected). The Gospel has the vineyard owner encountering tenants who reject his messengers and go so far as to kill his son (in a less than subtle allusion the prophets and Jesus).

What happens when recipients are not grateful for what they receive? The readings cite consequences. My sense is that if the early Church had remained a sect of Judaism, it might never have flourished. Recently I have been thinking about Paul's role in the growth of Christianity. My impression is that in contrast to the religious leaders of his time, Paul brought messages of gratitude and inclusiveness. I see his success relying less on judgment based on the place and background from which people came and more meeting people where they were. I imagine Paul encouraging Christian behavior that is modeled rather than a set of prescribed expectations. The early Church is called to be a supportive community. Service to the community is a critical aspect of evangelization.

I find it hard to condemn the "Chosen People". I think of how often I have not been welcoming to those who are different in terms of what they bring to the table. As I reflect on my own life, I consider the many occasions where I have been judgmental, where rigidity in what I have been willing to accept has been detrimental to my community. I wonder, if I had lived 2000 years ago, how I would have accepted Jesus. My prayer today is for the ability to keep a proper focus and for openness in welcoming into the community that which may be unfamiliar to me."

Excerpt from Daily Reflections of Creighton University Online Ministries, Mike Cherney
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/100823.html>



Thanksgiving Day at LNCCFP

Let us come together in gratitude! Everyone is invited to join our Thanksgiving Mass on Monday, **October 9th, at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside Street). Bring your family and friends, if they're around. As one Family of Parishes let's celebrate the blessings of the season in prayer. We hope to see you!

As we pause to give thanks, our parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in celebration of Thanksgiving Day. We resume regular hours on Tuesday, October 10th. We extend warmest wishes for a joyful and restful holiday with your loved ones.

Hallowed Highlight

October 11 Memorial of St. John XXIII
October 12 Memorial of Blessed Carlo Acutis

All you holy men of God, please intercede for us...



2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive—*Final Weekend!*

Our Family's Thanksgiving Food Drive began last weekend and we thank those who gave generous donations. We continue to accept donations until this weekend, **Oct 7/8**, if you wish and are able to participate. All proceeds go to support St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank and Fellowship Centre.

Food items most needed:

*Tuna, Mayonnaise, Hot or Cold Cereal, Mac and Cheese (KD)
Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Canned Meat, Peanut Butter
Tea Bags and Coffee, Onions, and Potatoes*

Cash and grocery store gift cards are gratefully accepted. Food Donations can be dropped off in the narthex at both parishes. Gift card and financial donations can be placed in the collection baskets marked 'Food Drive.'

Thank you for your support for our brothers and sisters in need in our community.



Bible Study—*On going*

The *Bible Study of Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* this Tuesday, **Oct 10th has been relocated** to the JP II room at St. Michael's Parish. Please be guided accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact Gerarda Smith-Hillier. gjmsh3@gmail.com



St. Peter's CWL Updates

Membership Drive—*Final Call!* Have you found your ministry? St. Peter's CWL members will be at the front of the Cathedral or in the narthex (weather depending) on **Oct 7/8** as we hold the final weekend of our 2024 membership drive. At all Masses this weekend, come and speak with us to understand the role and valuable work the CWL Parish Council performs. There are roles for all women within the League both active and more contemplative. The League's mission calls "members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry."

Apple Pie Bake Sale. We are pleased to announce St. Peter's CWL Apple Pie Bake Sale. Pies are 8-3/4" and the cost is \$10.00.

Place your order by contacting Marian Strom by phone: 519-872-5502; by email: mstrom55@gmail.com

Please specify if you wish to receive your pie fully baked or frozen for bake-at-home.

Order deadline is Sunday **October 22nd.** Pick up on Saturday, November 4th between 9:00 am and 10:00 am at St. Michael's Kitchen (511 Cheapside Street N5Y 3X5).

The **Holy Rosary** is a **powerful weapon.** Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.

-St. Josemaria Escriva



St. Michael's Rosary Guild

Be part of the joy in crafting Rosaries for Our Lady. New members are warmly welcomed. Please reach out to Monica at 519.666.0509 for more information and to get started.



London Public Square Rosary Rally (PSRR)

Happening next Saturday! Come, pray the Rosary with us in honour of our Holy Mother's apparitions and requests at Fatima. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Rally in London.

Venue: Victoria Park Bandshell London
Time: Saturday, October 14 at 11:55 AM

If you have to sit, please bring a chair!

For more information: ourladyofrock@gmail.com care of LNCCFP Legion of Mary.



Answer the Call: Be a Prayer Warrior

Prayer Warriors provide spiritual support to those in need of intercessory prayer. Prayer requests are submitted on the link, and the coordinator receives and shares these needs once a week with the ministry volunteers. Each individual or family chooses the prayer and time that best suits them. It is suggested that Prayer Warriors remember the intention by name for about two weeks, yet there is flexibility and each one decides on their own.

We are fulfilling the call of Jesus to "Ask the Father in my name and He will give you whatever you need." (Jn 16:23) Each week we will also send a prayer that may be used.

Do you have a desire to pray for others? Contact the coordinator at praylncc@gmail.com. Blessings all around.

St. Michael's Refugee Sponsorship Committee

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Building Bridges, Making Connections
Information Night

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7 PM

St. Michael's Parish Hall

St. Michael's Refugee Committee will discuss *The Current Global Refugee Crisis, The Sponsorship Process, and How People Here Can Help.*

As well, Prof. Jim Freedman, author of *A Conviction in Question*, and Mr. Christophe Lenden will share their expertise on the Refugee Experience in the Congo.

Please join as we learn and work as a community to aid and support our Global Brothers and Sisters.

For inquiries please contact us via email refugeeteam.stmichaels@gmail.com.



Panel Discussion on Spirituality, Compassion and Community

Are you interested in exploring the role that compassion and spirituality can play in building up communities? On **Oct 25** from 12:15 to 1:15 pm at Parkwood in London, spend an hour with panel of specialists on "*Exploring the Intersection of Spirituality, Compassion and Community.*" Co-hosted by St. Joseph's Health Care London and the St. Joseph's Health Care Society and in support of Spiritual Care Awareness Week. This is a free event with free parking. A poster with additional details is at this [link](#).



Synod of Bishops

"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"

This week Pope Francis opened the Synod of Bishops that will run until the end of October, 2023 and continue in October, 2024. We pray for all those participating from around the globe. In a particular way, we recognise Linda Staudt, former Director of Education for the London District Catholic School Board and parishioner of St. Peter's Cathedral, and Co-Chair of the Diocese of London's Synod Committee, who was one of seven lay-people from North America (and one of only four people from Canada) selected by Pope Francis to attend.

Prayer For a Synodal Church

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), Adsumus Sancte Spiritus



Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

Every year, each parish within our Diocese takes part in the annual Thanksgiving Appeal. The funds raised during this campaign stay within the parish, helping us fulfill our financial obligations and support numerous activities in ministry, liturgy, outreach, and special projects. Your generous contributions will enable us to continue maintaining our buildings, sustaining our ministry efforts amidst rising costs, meeting the growing needs of our community outreach, and realizing our pastoral goals for the future. We sincerely appreciate all donations, and you can contribute until the end of October.

To make a donation, envelopes marked 'Thanksgiving Appeal' may be used and placed in the collection basket at Mass. You may also do so electronically by setting up stmichlon@dol.ca or basilica@dol.ca as the recipient and indicating "Thanksgiving" in the memo box.

For any inquiries about this appeal, please contact the office at 519-433-6689 or 519-432-3475.

Thank you for your support!



Come and See Weekends

From Friday, November 10, 2023 to Sunday, November 12, 2023 or Friday, March 9, 2024 to Sunday March 11, 2024, St. Peter's Seminary

invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary.

For more information about either event, please contact Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca. To register, visit www.dolpriest.ca/registration.



Sacramental Preparations 2023-2024

Our Family of Parishes is now accepting registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If your child is in **Grade 2 or up** and has been baptized (Roman Catholic), please sign up online by clicking [here](#) or visiting lccc.dol.ca/firstreconciliationandeucharist.

The last day of registrations is **November 30, 2023**.

If you have further inquiries about registrations, please reach out to our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, 519-433-6689 or lduckworth@dol.ca.

We send our prayers to the parents and those preparing to receive the sacrament.



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: October 1, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 4,607.00	\$ 4,327.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 2,232.00	\$ 1,637.39
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,197.00	\$ 2,474.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,036.00	\$ 8,438.39

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, October 10

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ernie Castrilli

Peter Kedge

Intentions of Gerry & Doreen Cole

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Nick Castrilli

Edmund Petrauskas

Leo Buragin

Wednesday, October 11

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Mildred Wilbur

Donna Dagnone

For Peace in the World

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Adam Strom

Larry Mellen

Deceased & Living Members of St. Peter's Catholic Women's League

Thursday, October 12

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Mauricio Gabriel Reyes

Fr. Ferelis Juriga

Dorothy McGuire

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Ville Marvin Magbuhos

Med Hachey

Intentions of Jacqueline and Stefan Nichol

Friday, October 13

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Dave Watt

Joseph Tiso

Margaret Jacyno

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Patrick and Ruth Cowan

Valerie Cox and Deceased Family Members

Intentions of Pat Plume

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Patricia Garrett, sister of Irene Kennedy. We also pray for those who have died including Kevin Munn & Frank Blackwell, brother & brother-in-law of Janet Peckham; Helen Deckert, mother of Beverly Paul; and Louise Murphy, wife of Al Murphy; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Leigh Duckworth, Family & Youth Minister; Deacon John Vezina; Rev. Donald Lococo, C.S.B.; Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stillwell; Rev. Gregory Bonin; Rev. Francis (Jack) Hurley; Rev. Mukucha Kathemo

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 OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Isaiah 25.6-10

Responsorial - Ps 23.1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (R.6cd)

R. I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Second Reading - Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22.1-14

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–Friday 8 am

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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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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