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Catholic Family of Parishes

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PARISH BULLETIN

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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



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Christmas at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve/Christmas Day)

St. Michael's: Sunday, December 24 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m.

Monday, December 25 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's: Sunday, December 24 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.*

Monday, December 25 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass—Thursday, December 28 & Friday, December 29

St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. **St. Peter's:** 12:00 p.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 30 / Sunday, December 31

St. Michael's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.*; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 / Monday, January 1

St. Michael's: Sunday: 5:00 p.m.; Monday: 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's: Sunday: 5:00 p.m.*; Monday: 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass—Wednesday January 3-Friday, January 5

St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. **St. Peter's:** 12:00 p.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 / Sunday, January 7

St. Michael's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.*; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 8 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral

*Mass is livestreamed.

Advent Word Study
Shalom: "Peace"

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Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and type in *London North Central*....



Flowers for Christmas

We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Christmas celebrations. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Season of Christmas.

To make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your *name, address and phone number* as well as the *name of the person you are honouring* and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail in to the office.

Donations can also be made by e-transfer to either parish at stmichlon@dol.ca or basilica@dol.ca, memo line—**Flowers for Christmas**. Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office. Thank you for your generosity.



2024 Offertory Envelopes

St. Michael's and St. Peter's Cathedral offertory envelopes are now available for pickup in the narthex. We ask parishioners who use assigned boxed offertory envelopes to pick up their set to help offset the cost of mailing them. If you are unable to locate a box assigned to you and would like offertory envelopes, please call the parish office or contact Jolanda, jsquire@dol.ca for St. Michael's or RoseMary, rclearly@dol.ca for St. Peter's.

There is no envelope number assigned to parishioners who utilize Preauthorized Giving (PAG) or other donation methods We appreciate your support!



St. Michael's KofC Parish Breakfast

Join us this Sunday, **December 10th** for our Parish Breakfast after each Mass at St. Michael's Hall. Suggested minimum donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Donations collected support the Knights of Columbus community and parish projects such as: *parish sound system, Coats for the SVPD Christmas Program, London Mission Services, Free Throw Basketball Competition, 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Poster Contest, Respect for Life Activities, Seminarians, etc.*

Thank you in advance for your support, we hope to see you!



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

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

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS



**Wednesday
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

St. Michael's Parish

8:30 am - 10:30 am;
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Peter's Cathedral

9:30 am - 11:30 am;
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Several priests will join Fr. Daniel and Fr. Felix at both churches.



St. Josephine Bakhita Christmas Mass

December 17—Next Sunday!

St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community will be celebrating Mass of the Birth of Our Lord next Sunday, **December 17, 2023** at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish. Please come and celebrate with us!

Bring along your family and friends!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

Due to December 21st being so close to Christmas, those at the November meeting felt it appropriate that we wait until January, 18, 2024 to meet again. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in January. May God richly bless you! Janice V. 519-690-0802

Prayer Line this Advent Season

Experience Advent blessings! Prayer Warriors provide essential spiritual support through intercessory prayer. Submit prayer requests through the [link](#); our coordinator shares them with volunteers weekly. Fulfill Jesus' call to "Ask the Father in my name" (Jn 16:23). Email praylncc@gmail.com.

Young at Heart—Bridge Players Wanted!

St. Michael's Parish - every Thursday 1-3 pm
No partner needed! Casual & fun!

Just drop in! Bring 1 loonie

Tea & coffee provided

For more info: call Jean 519-660-0193 or Mary 519-433-3763



What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?

The **Kids' Bulletin and other resources** can be found in the narthex or at lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin. Grab your copy today!

Contact the parish office for inquiries—basilica@dol.ca.

Hallowed Highlights

December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	Memorial of Saint Lucy
December 14	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

Prepare the Way

"In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus."

*Excerpt from Sunday Connection, Background on the Sunday Gospel, Loyola Press.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-advent-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>*



National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

On December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the

Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

"Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us.

We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters.

In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you

the disharmony of our experiences,

the terrible effects of colonization,

the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children.

Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds.

We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part;

but we also know that we cannot do this alone.

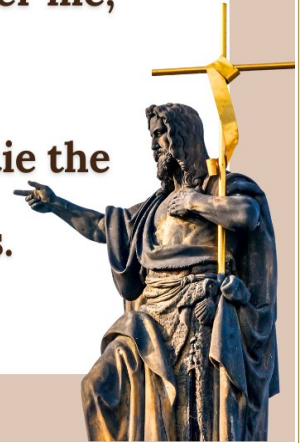
We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother.

Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."

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The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

MARK 1:7



Journey Through Advent 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents the video series, Journey through Advent with the Most Rev.



Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

The series reflects on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023.

This Second Sunday, Bishop Hansen provides a reflection on waiting and waking up to the presence of God. Click [here](#) to view (<https://www.cccb.ca/>).



Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Non-Permissibility of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide within Canadian Health Organizations with a Catholic Identity

The CCCB has made their statement on the non-permissibility of MAiD in health organizations with a Catholic identity. The statement can be found posted on our bulletin boards as well [here](#).

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 3, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 8,522.00	\$ 5,006.02
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,828.05
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,173.00	\$ 2,473.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,395.00	\$ 9,307.07

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REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 12

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Beatrice Kinahan
Frank Chiavelti
Ilene Moir

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Vittorio Valastro
Philomena Chand
Valerie Cox and Deceased Family Members

Wednesday, December 13

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ernesto Castrilli
Ilene Moir
Romeo, Lucillo, Robert & Denis Haspeck

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Martha Moons
Maria Burreci
Manuel Alfonso Varela

Thursday, December 14

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Elviva & Felix Caranci
Deceased Members of the Castrilli Family
Deceased Members of the Rossi and Kay Families

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Adela Magsisi
Brother Meinrad Getz, O.S.B
Carlos Jose Ardila-Barrera

Friday, December 15

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ilene Moir
Stephanie Wheaton
Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Soilis-Reyes Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Larry Mellen
Mary O'Reilly
Intentions of Massimo Ciotti

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Deacon Fred Eade; Rev. Steve Wlusek; Parish Lay Readers; Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister; Avery Fuerth, Life Teen Coordinator; Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M. Cap.; Deacon Brian MacDonald

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 DECEMBER 17, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Isaiah 61.1-2, 10-11
Responsorial - Luke 1.47-48, 49-50, 53-54 (R. Isa 61.10)
R. *My soul shall exult in my God.*
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel - John 1.6-8, 19-28

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.



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- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

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