



London North Central
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 of Lent

March 17, 2024



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Lenten Day of Confessions

"Penance and Prayer in Every Parish"

Wednesday March 20, 2024

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.

Perhaps it has been some time since you shared in this sacrament. Nevertheless the door is always open, the Lord is always waiting to receive and to forgive. And as Jesus said so often: "Do not be afraid." For all of us, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the opportunity to be set free from all that encumbers us in mind, heart and spirit. Share in the upcoming Day of Confessions and answer the Lord's invitation to come out of the darkness of sin and to live the gift of new which life he offers.

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

St. Michael's

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's and 12:00 p.m. 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.



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Share Lent—Annual Collection

This weekend, **March 16/17**, is Solidarity Sunday. Development and Peace—Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace – Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" – Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

Donation envelopes can be found at the Share Lent displays in the narthex and placed in this week's collection baskets.



Catholic Women's League Updates

St. Michael's CWL Lenten Cross initiative concludes on Friday, **March 22**. Thank you to those who participated in this wonderful opportunity to support one another in prayer.

St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches will wrap up on Wednesday, **March 20**, after the noon Mass. Soup and sandwiches are served in the Fellowship Centre at St. Paul's Cathedral, entrance off the Clarence Street door. Join us in our final Lenten Lunch this year. All are welcome. Cost is free-will offering.

Lenten Encounter Webinar. St. Peter's CWL invites all members to attend the Lenten Encounter Webinar on Tuesday, **March 19** at 6:00 pm on Zoom. It will be a time of prayer and reflection led by Shari Guinta, National President, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, National Spiritual Advisor, and Rolande Chernichan, National Chairperson of Faith. Please register here to join: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8995919802650035551>

CWL 104th Annual Diocesan Convention is being held on **April 22 - April 24, 2024** at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London.

Reminder to all St. Peter's CWL members: Please provide your registration form and payment(s) to Janice Vollmer no later than Wednesday, March 20, 2024. If you have any questions or need help completing your registration, contact Janice at 519-690-0802 or Marian at 519-872-5502.



SJB Community Mass—Next Weekend!

St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community Mass will take place next Sunday, **March 24** at 2:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish. All are welcome!

COMING SOON!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st! Stay tuned for more details.



Solemnity of Saint Joseph—March 19, 2024

On Tuesday, March 19th, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada and Patron of the Universal Church.

Two Masses will be offered at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes:

12:00 p.m.—St. Peter's Cathedral

7:00 p.m.—St. Michael's

A Prayer to St. Joseph

*O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer,
Jesus Christ, protector
of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God,
I choose thee this day to
be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to
honor thee all the days of my life.
Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy
client, to instruct me in every doubt,
to comfort me in every affliction,
to obtain for me and for all the knowledge
and love of the Heart of Jesus,
and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death.
Amen.*

Mass of Chrism—Monday, March 25th

7:00 p.m., St. Peter's Cathedral

Bishop Fabbro joins with the priests and people from every parish of the Diocese of London for the annual Mass of Chrism to bless and consecrate the oils to be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. The priests of the diocese will also renew their priestly commitment. All are welcome. This celebration will be live streamed on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@londonnorthcentralcatholicfop



Note: There will not be a Monday evening Mass at St. Michael's Parish.

Lenten Food Drive—THANK YOU!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

A big 'thank you' to you, our parishioners, for your generous response to our Lenten Food Drive. As we know during these challenging times, food insecurity is a terrible reality to so many of our brothers and sisters. But thanks to your generosity, hundreds of pounds of food were donated and delivered to St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank and Fellowship Centre. Cash and voucher donations amounted to in excess of \$2,425 were donated.

As well, this event would not have been possible without the selfless service of our volunteers from St. Michael's Social Justice Committee, St. Peter's Knights of Columbus and others.

Well done, Good and Faithful Servants!





Journey Through Holy Week, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, March 23/24

St. Michael's Parish:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.*; Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

St. Josephine Bakhita African Caribbean Catholic Community:

2:30 p.m. (St. Michael's)

MASS OF CHRISM, Monday March 25

St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00 p.m.*

DAILY MASS

Tuesday March 26:

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

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

Wednesday March 27:

St. Michael's Parish: 9:30 a.m.,

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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday, March 28; Thursday of the Lord's Supper

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m.,

St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00 p.m.*

Friday, March 29; Friday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Michael's Parish:

Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross: 10:00 a.m.

Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral:

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m.

Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.*

Saturday, March 30; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Vigil

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m.,

St. Peter's Cathedral: 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.*, 1:00 p.m.

*Live streamed at www.Incc.dol.ca or click [here](#).



Journey Through Lent, 2024-CCCB Series

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on rejoicing on God's call to us all to care for one another.

Click [here](#) to view this week's reflection.

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Sacrament of Confirmation- Final Call!

Registration for our Family's Confirmation program in the spring (March-May) will close on **March 22nd**. If your child is in Grade 8-12, baptized Roman Catholic, and you wish to sign them up, please visit our website: www.Incc.dol.ca/confirmation.



All sessions will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside Street).

For any inquiries, please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth lduckworth@dol.ca.

We keep in our prayers the parents/guardians and those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

The blessing of food baskets on Easter Sunday holds a special tradition for our community at St. Michael's Parish. Parishioners from our Family of Parishes who observe this cherished custom are welcome to join us on **Holy Saturday, March 30th at 10 AM** at St. Michael's Parish. Bring your beautifully adorned baskets and let's rejoice in the blessings of Easter!



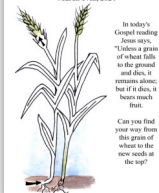
Flowers for Easter



We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Easter 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 Easter Season.

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 basilica@dol.ca or stmichlon@dol.ca, memo line- *Flowers for Easter*. Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

The Kids' Bulletin



"Our Lord was telling his friends that he had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life!"



The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at Incc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin.



Grief Support Group. The London South Catholic Family of Parishes is offering a [GriefShare](#) support group at St. Justin's Parish on Tuesday evenings from **April 2 to July 2**. More information is on this [poster](#). Open to all.



Lent Meditation with Br. Francis: A Time When Jesus Gave the Devil the Boot.

Jesus had been praying in the desert for 40 days when the devil tried to tempt him but failed. Jesus stood strong in obedience to his Father. He was in a fight for you and me. No matter what we give up for Lent, it's little compared to what Jesus did for us. Join Br. Francis in this 3-minute Lenten meditation video. Watch here: watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis/season:1/videos/day-10-jesus-gave-the-devil-the-boot

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, March 18

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Janet Denise Padovan Tetreault; Souls in Purgatory;
Intentions of Fr. Felix Odobi

Tuesday, March 19

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Steve Mogan; Norm Bordage; Sylvanus Odobi

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari; Patrick Cowan;
Intentions of Josephine Mallari

Wednesday, March 20

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Rosa Castrilli; Tope Banjo; Intentions of Fr. Eugene Roy

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Mary Harmer;
Dagmar Kausky

Thursday, March 21

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Tim Garden; Fr. George Pokkathayil;
Intentions of Fr. John Comiskey

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Philomena Chand; Dr. James Cummin;
Intentions of Henry P. Naudi

Friday, March 22

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Joyce Cyr

Intentions of Margy & Gerry Kupferschmidt & Family
For Health, Safety & Peace

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Stanley & Rita Clement; Gwendolyn Camacho;
Justin DesRochers

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Gerie Voordenhout; John Kazak; and Colleen "Kelli" Rundle; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Anthony Eboh; Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski; Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada; Deacon David Cummings; Deacon James Panchaud; Rev. Murray Sample; Brothers and Sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order

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



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

Profile info change? Connect with us!

READINGS FOR MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading - Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial - Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading - Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel - Mark 14.1-15.47

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Monday (Lent), Tuesday & Thursday 7 pm
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 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.

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 10, 2024

| | St. Michael's | St. Peter's |
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| Regular Offertory (Envelopes) | \$ 4,143.00 | \$ 3,742.00 |
| Regular Offertory (Loose) | \$ 1,673.65 | \$ 1,508.80 |
| Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 3,030.54 | \$ 2,415.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 8,847.19 | \$ 7,665.80 |

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