



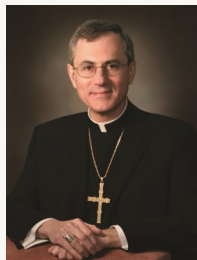
PARISH BULLETIN

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The Epiphany of The Lord

January 5, 2025



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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday through Friday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 5:00pm (livestreamed) | Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm | Wednesday & Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm | Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

St. Josephine Bakhita Community (at St. Michael's):

4th Sunday of the month: 2:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturday: 9:00am to 10:00am

WELCOME!

St. Michael's Parish

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St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community

Located at St. Michael's
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To register with our parishes, visit us online at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family
or ask our parish volunteers for a registration form.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Or by appointment.

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PARKING

St. Michael's Parish

Weekend and weekday parking is available on the street and behind the parish. Weekday parking behind the parish is restricted to along the fence, as parking against the school is teacher and parent parking only.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Weekend parking is available on the street and in the parking lots next to the Cathedral. Parking north of the former school is restricted to Sunday mornings. Weekday parking is available on the street and in the small, ungated lot next to the Cathedral.

Dear Friends,

Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, our London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes prepared our hearts and homes to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Together, we embraced once again the greatest and most perfect gift God has ever given. Through the lighting of candles, decorating our sanctuary and church, singing carols, and all the other preparations, we reminded ourselves that the true gift of Christmas came in the person of Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

This year, we will conclude the Christmas Season on Sunday, January 12th with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, offering us a final opportunity to reflect on the abundant graces this Holy season has brought into our lives.

On behalf of Fathers Felix and James, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who made this season so special. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff, the volunteers who decorated, the choirs who filled our hearts with beautiful music, the liturgical ministers, hospitality ministers, collection counters, and everyone who shared their time and talents. Your efforts truly brought the spirit of Christmas to life within our faith community.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, Bishop Fabbro launched the 2025 Jubilee year at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. The Jubilee years is centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee began on December 24th, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, and runs to January 6th, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.

May the joy, peace, love, and hope of Christ remain with you throughout the Jubilee Year.

(Rev.) Daniel Bombardier

Rev. Daniel Bombardier



2024 Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for donations and contributions made in 2024 will be mailed out by the end of February 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 519-433-6689.

Offertory Envelopes

There are still several box sets of offertory envelopes for both parishes waiting to be picked up. If you donate each year using envelopes, there will be a box set with your name and address on it in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 519-433-6689.

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All is Revealed

"Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that is celebrated in many cultures and often more prominently than Christmas itself! In the gospel of Luke, it is the shepherds who are the first to visit the new born child and parents. In the gospel today, written by Matthew, it is the strange and colourful visitors from the east who are now coming to see the child Jesus and his parents, and they come bearing gifts. The Wise Men, the Magi are not from the Jewish People; they represent the whole world. Jesus is not just for the Jewish Nation; Jesus has come as the Saviour of the entire world and the whole universe!

The word 'Epiphany' actually means to show, to reveal or to make known. Today's feast is about God fully, openly and clearly revealing Jesus Christ to the whole world, the entire universe, all nations and all peoples for all time. We call them 'wise' because they set out on their pilgrimage in faith. They did not just rely on their own strength and efforts. They felt called by God to set out and find the Messiah. They followed the star that led them to Jesus.

As we enter in to these early days of this New Year, to whom are we listening and who are following? Can we be like these 'wise' visitors who put their faith, hope, and trust in God and follow where we are called and led. If we stay close to God, we will not go astray or get lost; we too will be led to meet and experience the love of God in the voice, face and actions of Jesus Christ. As we enter into these early days of the New Year, may we let ourselves be led by God. May we too trust that God is indeed leading and guiding us in all that we say and do."

Excerpt from Weekly Gospel Reflections, Feast of the Epiphany, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Br Michael Moore OMI, 2019; [Source](#)

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.





CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS - *Thank you!*

Thank you to all who made donations for the purchase of our Christmas Flowers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
We pray for all of these intentions throughout the Christmas Season.

We remember and pray for those who have died:

All Souls in Purgatory; The Almida Family; Nancy & Andy Bisson; Adolphus Guelmo; Barbara Guelmo; Isabel Guelmo; John Guelmo; Petra Guelmo; Jason, The Stewart Family, and The Bokor Family; Anderson Lashley; Ruthven Lashley; Monique, Honni, Alice, & Harry; Esther, Leo & Mark Ramjug; Fred, Jean & Nancy Shepherd; Stephanie E. Wheaton; Tony Zou.

We remember and pray for the intentions of those living:

Fr. John; Deb and Michael Menear.

A Christmas Message from the CCCB



"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A Saviour has been born for us; a Son has been given to us. Christ, who in his birth and in becoming human has allowed us to share in the glory of his immortal nature. He has freed us from death, and the power of sin and darkness. This promise of salvation is ours and thus we rejoice in the knowledge that God is with us.

In our world overshadowed by war, injustice, oppression, division and selfish concerns the Good News proclaimed by Christ continues to offer us a message of salvation and hope. His words speak to us today, they reassure us, and fill us with hope: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. I am the way, and the truth and the life. I am the good shepherd. I am the bread of life.

On 29 December 2024 the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place in the cathedrals across Canada. In announcing the Jubilee year Pope Francis wrote: "The Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."

May the light of hope illuminated by the Holy Spirit burn within our hearts this Christmas. May the light of God's love shine through us, and may our witness of faith be an invitation for others to believe in the gift of salvation that Christ offers to all, and most especially in this upcoming Jubilee year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2025!"

The Most Rev. William McGrattan

Bishop of Calgary

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Masses

Saturday, January 11th & Sunday, January 12th

Join us for Mass at St. Michael's Parish and St. Peter's Cathedral as our Family of Parishes celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

St. Michael's Parish

Saturday, January 11th: 5:00pm

Sunday, January 12th: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

St. Peter's Cathedral

Saturday, January 11th: 5:00pm (livestreamed)

Sunday, January 12th: 9:00am, 11:00am

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Students' Christmas Poster Contest



Congratulations to the following students who won prizes from the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #12820 "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest:

Grades 1 and 2

First Place - Liliana M. - St. Kateri

Second Place - Elise M. - St. Catherine of Siena

Grades 3 and 4

First place - Claire M. - St. Kateri

Second Place - Theresa R. - St. Kateri

Grades 5 and 6

First Place - Beckett M. - St. Mark

Second Place - Dylan P. - St. Mark

Grades 7 and 8

First Place - Gaby C. - St. Catherine of Siena

Second Place - Christeena P. - St. Catherine of Siena

Thank you to all who submitted a Christmas poster this year!

Parish Breakfast - Sunday, January 19th

The St. Michaels Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish breakfast on **Sunday, January 19th** after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses in the parish hall. Due to the rising cost of supplies, there will need to be a modest increase in admission; \$7 per person and \$25 per family. Please come and join us, all are welcome!

Confirmation Registration: Grade 8

Registration for our spring session will remain open until **Friday, March 21st**. Click [here](#) to view our website for more information or email Leigh at lduckworth@dol.ca.



REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, January 7

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Rosa Castrilli
August Gorski
Pat Burns

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Ruth Cowan
Brenda Adeline Burnett
Larry Mellen

Wednesday, January 8

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Lorne & Dorothy Williams
Harvey Wilbur

Romeo, Lucille, Robert, & Denis Haspeck

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Souls in Purgatory
Sergio Barbon
Dora Dannecker

Thursday, January 9

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Norbit Patrao
Isabelle Gonzales
Amy Ley-McIntosh

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Suzanne Priestner
Intentions of Sheila Craig
Wilma Hotlkuile-Poppe

Friday, January 10

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Clément Messenger
Gérard Messenger
Georgette Baudoint

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Massimo Ciotti
Intentions of Josephine Mallari
Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Rosie Baertsoen, sister-in-law of Josephine Cassar; Michael Egan, husband of Mary Egan; John Kirwin; Joseph Nash; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Dcn. Gaston Mabaya; Dcn. Gary Flewelling; Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants; Sharon Hunt, Pastoral Minister for Bereavement; Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Josef Denys; Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.

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 JANUARY 12, 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading - Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7
Responsorial - 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 (R.11b)
R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Second Reading - Acts 10.34-38
Gospel - Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, January 6

4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)

7:00 PM - St. Michael's CWL General Meeting (JP11)

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 PM - St. Michael's Knight's General Meeting (JP11)

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

10:30 AM - St. Peter Secular Franciscan Order (St. Anthony)

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

6:00 PM - Rosary Guild (St. Josemaria)

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

Friday, January 10

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Saturday, January 11

10:00 AM - Yarning With Love (St. Josemaria)

Sunday, January 12

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PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 22, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,007.05	\$12,457.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,148.80	\$1,471.29
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,899.54	\$ 3,255.00
TOTAL	\$10,055.39	\$17,183.29

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