

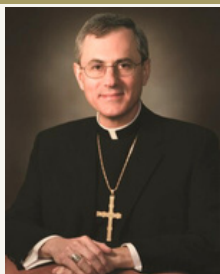


# PARISH BULLETIN

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Bishop of London*

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## WELCOME!

We warmly welcome all parishioners, new and longtime alike. If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please do so at [lccc.dol.ca/join-our-family](https://lccc.dol.ca/join-our-family) or ask for a registration form.

If you are looking to celebrate a sacrament at our parish, visit [lccc.dol.ca](https://lccc.dol.ca) for details. Don't have access online? Call the parish office to speak with a member of the Pastoral Team.

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

### St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Thursday 7:00 PM  
Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday 12:00 PM  
Friday 12:00 PM  
Saturday (livestreamed) 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community

(at St. Michael's)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month

2:30 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

(at both parishes)

Saturday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

### St. Michael's Parish

(St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community)

511 Cheapside Street, London, ON N5Y 3X5

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

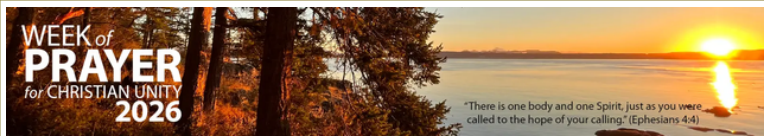
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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Or by appointment.

Please direct all mail for our three parishes to St. Michael's Parish mailing address (also the location of our parish office).

Visit us online!  
[www.lccc.dol.ca](https://www.lccc.dol.ca)





The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated from **January 18-25, 2026**. For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

"Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose. As the Apostle Paul asserts in his letter to the Ephesians, "there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (4:4). This Bible verse, chosen for this year, encapsulates the theological depth of Christian unity." (*Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2026*)

*How can you, as an individual, family, or parish group, participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?*

*Eight Days of Prayer, found [here](#), provides biblical reflections and prayers for the 8 days to guide you in your prayer for the week.*



## St. Michael's SSVP Updates

### Angel Tree - Thank you!

We are deeply grateful to our supporters of the SSVP Angel Tree Program. Your generous donations totalling \$15,521.00 made it possible for us to provide FreshCo and Walmart gift cards to 65 Families including 171 children.

A special thank you to the CWL and the Legacy Foundation for your donations. Your support is a powerful reminder to families that they are not alone.

For the children, your kindness meant waking up on Christmas morning with a gift under the tree. For parents, it's a renewed hope during a challenging season.

**Thank you for making this Christmas unforgettable!**

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### Treasurer Urgently Needed!

Our SSVP Conference is seeking a volunteer Treasurer to help support our mission of serving those in need within our Parish community. The Treasurer maintains financial records, prepares a monthly report for our meeting, assists in other duties and works closely with the conference leadership. Training and support will be provided. If you have a heart for service with finances, please prayerfully consider this opportunity. For more information, please contact Theresa O'Leary at [Theresaoleary62@gmail.com](mailto:Theresaoleary62@gmail.com) at your earliest opportunity.



## St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Hospitality Weekend: January 17/18

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Hospitality Weekend on January 17/18 following all Masses. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy refreshments, snacks, and friendly conversation as we take a moment to connect and celebrate our parish community.

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### A Knight to Remember - Speakers' Night: January 28

St. Peter's KofC cordially invites you, your family, and friends to "A Knight to Remember" - Speaker's Night on **Wednesday, January 28** from 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

#### Topics include:

- New tax rules for 2025 filing (including UHT updates and rate & income bracket changes)
- Funeral planning and family care
- Pre-planning options
- Life insurance and Catholic investing

#### Guest Speakers:

- James Vollmer – Tax Accountant
- John & Patrick Donohue – Donohue Funeral Home
- John Noonan – Knights of Columbus Field Agent

## Tax Receipts for Donations Made in 2025

We're making it simpler and more convenient to receive your charitable tax receipts. Beginning with the 2025 tax season, parishioners with an email account will receive your tax receipt by email. The email will be sent from your parish (**St. Peter's Basilica - Do Not Reply** or **St. Michael's Parish - Do Not Reply**) with a subject line that reads: *Parish Official Tax Receipt for 2025*. Your 2025 tax receipt will be attached to the email as a PDF doc. This transition from regular mail to email offers substantial cost savings for the parish and a timely and secure delivery for our parishioners.

For parishioners who do not have an email account, we will continue to send a paper copy of your tax receipt by regular mail.

2025 tax receipts are being sent out starting the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>

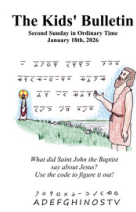
*Thank you to our parishioners for your generosity – our parishes are blessed by you and your faithful giving. Your offerings help us implement our mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in our midst.*

## 2026 Offertory Envelopes for Pick Up

For anyone who has not picked up their envelopes, please pick-up this weekend when you attend Mass.

To make alternate arrangements, please email or call the office at [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca), [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca), or 519-433-6689.

Thank you for your continued support.



## John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?

John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptised.

**What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?**

The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at [www.lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin)



**Let's build the future of our parish family together!**

This month, our parish will hold Listening Sessions — simple, prayerful gatherings where we can share our experiences of parish life and reflect together on where the Holy Spirit may be leading us. These sessions are part of our parish's review of the Parish Pastoral Plan.

These conversations are about listening with the heart, listening to one another, and listening for God's voice in our community.

- Your presence matters.
- Your voice matters.
- Your hopes for our parish matter.

Everyone is invited. Please consider coming to one of our Listening Sessions, to be held at St. Michael's Parish Hall on:

- **Wednesday, January 21, from 7-9 PM**
- **Saturday, January 24, from 10 am – 12 PM**

Let's continue to walk together, with open hearts, trusting that the Spirit is guiding us as we shape the future of our parish family.

To view our current Pastoral Plan, "Disciples in Action" [click here](#). For a brief guide to the Listening Session process, [click here](#).

To register, click on the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/lncc-listeningsessions>

or scan the QR code here using your smartphone.



### Women of Grace **OREMUS: Reinvigorate your prayer life** **January 27 - March 24**

*Get ready for Holy Week, live a meaningful Lent*

*Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond?*

For most of us, the answer is no, and we struggle to find even a few minutes every day to pray. The good news is that you can overcome these difficulties. Oremus teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over eight weeks, you will learn the simple steps of Catholic prayer. Following Church Tradition and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn to talk to God and hear his voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments. You will become more aware of his presence, will learn to overcome distractions and dryness, and will recognize desolation and consolation as normal prayer experiences. As you grow closer to God, you will also grow in your relationship with those around you.

**January 27 to March 24, Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**  
**John Paul II Room at St Michael's Parish**

There is no cost to join; however, registration is required. Contact Veronica Solis 519-488-6265, [versolis@hotmail.com](mailto:versolis@hotmail.com).



### **Laudato Si': Chapter 6**

### **Ecological Education & Spirituality**

Laudato Si' Chapter 6, the final chapter, is a call to read the signs of the times, to discern and to act. It is an invitation to embrace simplicity, peacefulness, the common good, mutual belonging, cooperation, selflessness and gratitude. This new way of being is built upon ecological education and spirituality.

To explore what Pope Francis presents in chapter six, click [here](#). To see all previous chapter summaries and for more information about *Laudato Si'*, follow this [link](https://dol.ca/laudato-si) - <https://dol.ca/laudato-si>.



### **The Vatican Indigenous Repatriation: A Dialogue**

On **Friday, February 9**, King's is hosting a timely and meaningful dialogue, moderated by Dr. Robert Ventresca and featuring Dr. Cody Groat, Assistant Professor in the Department of History and the Indigenous Studies Program at Western University, on the repatriation of Indigenous artifacts released from Vatican collections. *Additional speakers to be announced.*

Please **RSVP by February 6**.

Location: Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre, 266 Epworth Ave.  
Contact: [president@kings.uwo.ca](mailto:president@kings.uwo.ca).

### **This week on *formed***

This week, we share two short videos that reflect the theme: to *listen and respond*.



**Watch the 40-min video [here](#).**

**Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls** features St. Francis de Sales, whose memorial we celebrate on January 24. Known for his gentle wisdom and deep spirituality, he reminds us that holiness is lived out in everyday life through attentiveness to God's call.

**Why Stories Matter: Telling Stories to Kids** explores how storytelling helps pass on the Catholic faith, especially within families. Through meaningful stories, hearts are opened, imagination is formed, and faith is shared across generations.



**Watch the 50-min video [here](#).**

For free access to more resources on Formed, go to [www.Formed.org/parishes](http://www.Formed.org/parishes), click 'Find your parish', then type in *London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes*.

### **Teen Lenten Retreat: March 7 - 8** **Holy Family Retreat House, Oxley, ON**

This Lent, the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Office is inviting high school teens from across the Diocese to step away from the noise and make space for what truly matters. High school teens are invited to a meaningful retreat experience to encounter God, grow in faith, and be reminded that they are seen, known, and deeply loved.

Registration is now open at this [link](#) or visit [dol.ca/teen-lenten-retreat-2026](https://dol.ca/teen-lenten-retreat-2026) or scan the QR code here. ➡



## PRAYER REQUESTS & MASS INTENTIONS



**Tuesday, January 20**  
St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Joe Snyder  
 Dinali Mari Anne Batagalla  
 Anna & Stephan Link

**Wednesday, January 21**  
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Antonietta & Ernesto Castrilli  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Lindenblatt Family  
 Intentions of Adam, Marek, & Lucas Beaulieu  
 Intentions of Petra & Nick Beaulieu

**Thursday, January 22**  
St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Bert Killian  
 Norbert Patrao  
 Deceased Members of the Kirk Family

**Friday, January 23**  
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 PM

John Corso  
 Intentions of Peter & Olga Marek  
 intentions of Jana, Dusan, Jana, & Petra Zemanek  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Caldwell & MacKenzie Families

***We remember in prayer*** all those who are sick including  
 Mary Quigley, Leo Dodds, Richard Dwyer,  
 and Dr. Patrick Connor.

We also pray for those who have died including Kay Delaney;  
 and comfort those who mourn.

**We pray for those serving in the pastoral ministry  
 throughout the diocese:**

Deacon Reginald Quesnel; Deacon Mark Castanier;  
 Rev. Sebastian Pakiyanathan, C.R.; Rev. John Comiskey;  
 Rev. Paul Kim; Rev. Paul Nicholson; Deacon Richard Heath

***Offer a Mass*** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving.

Contact the parish office or visit

[www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests).

**Readings for January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading – Isaiah 9.1-4  
 Responsorial - Ps. 27.1, 4, 13-14 (R.1a)  
*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*  
 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18  
 Gospel - Matthew 4.12-23 (longer) or  
 Matthew 4.12-17 (shorter)

## PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

**Monday, January 19**

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Parish Hall)  
 1:00 PM - StM School Mass Rehearsal (St M Church)  
 5:30 PM - Hospitality North (Parish Hall/Kitchen)  
 7:00 PM - Y.A.N.A. You Are Not Alone (JP II)

**Tuesday, January 20**

7:00 PM - StM KofC Executive Meeting (St Josemaria)  
 7:00 PM - StM Choir Practice for 5PM & 8AM (St Cecilia)

**Wednesday, January 21**

9:30 AM - StM School Mass (St M Church)  
 9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Parish Hall)  
 6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St Andre Bessette)  
 7:00 PM - Sacramental Preparation (JP II)  
 7:00 PM - Disciples in Action: Listening Session (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, January 22**

1:00 PM - Young at Heart (St Josemaria)  
 5:30 PM - Refugee Committee (JP II)  
 6:15 PM - StP Children's Choir (St Peter's Our Lady Chapel)  
 6:30 PM - Rosary Guild (St Josemaria)  
 7:00 PM - StP Adult Choir (St Peter's Our Lady Chapel)  
 7:00 PM - Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)  
 7:30 PM - StM Choir Practice for 10AM Mass (St M Church)

**Friday, January 23**

10:00 AM - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (St M Chapel)

**Saturday, January 24**

10:00 AM - Disciples In Action: Listening Session (Parish Hall)  
 10:00 AM - Yarning with Love (St Josemaria)  
 12:30 PM - StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)

**Sunday, January 25**

3:30 PM - StJB Social (Parish Hall)

**PARISH** *Support*

**Sunday Collection: January 11, 2026**

	<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
Weekly Collection	\$ 5,806.05	\$ 5,364.10
Weekly Donations	\$ 3,496.00	\$ 1,477.00

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