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Catholic Family of Parishes



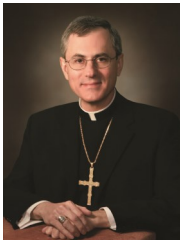
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PARISH BULLETIN

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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



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IN SUPPORT OF ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL SERVICES FOODBANK &
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2024 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



**MOST
NEEDED
ITEMS:**

CEREAL | MAC & CHEESE (KRAFT DINNER)
SPAGHETTI SAUCE | PASTA NOODLES
CANNED FISH AND MEAT | PEANUT BUTTER
TEA BAGS AND COFFEE

CASH & GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS
TO BUY SUPPLIES ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.

MARCH 2/3

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 9/10

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- PLEASE ENSURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES.
- PUT DONATIONS IN A REUSABLE BAG.
- PLACE ENVELOPE MARKED "FOOD DRIVE" IN THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF AT LNCCFP PARISH OFFICE.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

AT BOTH PARISHES AT MASS
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**St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass—
This Sunday!**

The monthly Mass of St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community will take place this Sunday, **February 25th at 2:30 PM** (St. Michael's Parish). Please come and bring along your family and friends.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada:

Last chance to sign the Stand for the Land petition

February 25th is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace–Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.

Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro



sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at devp.org/act. Thank you for your solidarity!

For more information, please contact parish representative Michael Loebach at michaelfloebach@gmail.com 519-671-6670 or Deanery representative Gord Smith gosmit@execulink.com 519-672-2497.

Pope Francis Fund—Application Process Closes on Wednesday, February 28th

The Pope Francis Fund application process is open for grants that will be distributed in 2024. Last year, ten organizations received a total of \$48,000 in funding. The process, criteria and past recipients are at www.dol.ca/pff. Parishioners are asked to share this with any groups who could benefit from this funding and use it to help the poor in our communities.



The application process closes on Wednesday, Feb 28th.

Sacrament of Confirmation—Registrations Now Open!

Our Family of Parishes is now accepting Confirmation registrations for Spring 2024 (March–May). This program is open to Grades 8–12 young people baptized Roman Catholic. All sessions will be held every Tuesday at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside Street). The first session for parents will take place on Saturday, **March 23, 2024**.

If you wish to sign up your child, please visit our website: www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation for more information.

Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth lduckworth@dol.ca, for any further inquiries.

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



Catholic Women's League

St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches—Ongoing until March 20th.

St. Peter's CWL is hosting Lenten Lunch after the noon Mass every Wednesday throughout the Lent season. Soup and sandwiches are served in the Fellowship Centre at St. Paul's Cathedral, entrance off the Clarence Street door. All are welcome. Cost is free-will offering.

St. Michael's Lenten Cross Initiative—Ongoing until March 22nd.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate by taking a prayer request card and/or leaving one in the baskets provided at both entrances to the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to support one another in prayer and to build a sense of community as we journey through this season of Lent.

World Day of Prayer at Two Locations—March 1st

Downtown Hub—St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Peter's CWL and St. Paul's are co-hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st at **1:00 pm** in the St. David's Chapel at St. Paul's Cathedral. Light refreshments following the service. All are welcome to attend! Please contact Marian Strom at mstrom55@gmail.com if you have any questions.

St. Michael's Parish. St. Michael's CWL is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer, which will be celebrated at St. Michael's Parish on Friday, March 1st at **2:00 p.m.** Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, the theme is *I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love*, found in Ephesians 4:1-3. The celebration will be followed by a reception in the parish hall and all members of our parishes are encouraged to attend this special service along with members of our local Christian churches. For any questions, please contact Maggie McGee at maggie71150@hotmail.com.

CWL General Meetings

St. Michael's CWL—March 4 at 7 pm St. Michael's JP II room. All women of the parish are invited for an evening of friendship and socializing.

St. Peter's Cathedral CWL—March 9 at 11 am St. Michael's JP II room. Please plan to attend as we will finalize the distribution of our discretionary funds. Don't forget to 'lug a mug' and a snack plate. Reminder to bring info regarding Human Trafficking. Please direct any questions to Marian Strom at 519-872-5502 or mstrom55@gmail.com.

Anova Collection—Diocesan CWL Convention

The London Diocesan Convention will be held April 22-24. We are collecting items for donation to Anova as part of the charitable efforts of the convention and all parishioners are invited to participate. Anova provides shelter, support, counselling, and resources for abused women and their children. Donations can be brought to all Masses at St. Michael's on **April 6-7**. Requested items include:

Food and kitchen: ground coffee, coffee mate, school snacks, juice boxes, cereal, crackers, jam. **Shelter needs:** garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, size 5 and 6 diapers, baby wipes, tampons.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

A Different Kind of Fasting in Lent

FAST from anger and hatred.

Instead learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins." Give your family an extra dose of love each day. (1 Peter 4:8)

FAST from judging others.

Before making any judgements, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults. Instead concentrate on people's best points. We all have faults. (Luke 6:37-42)

FAST from discouragement.

Hold onto Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient. (Matthew 6:26-34)

FAST from complaining and grumbling.

When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy that Jesus has given you. Instead of complaining, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is okay, however moaning, groaning, and complaining are not Christian disciplines. (Philippians 2:14)

FAST from resentment and bitterness.

Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you. (Matthew 6:14)

FAST from spending too much money.

Try to reduce your spending by 10%, and give those savings to the poor. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Anonymous

Our Journey in Lent

Our Lenten journey has begun. We once again take on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent

St. Michael's: 7:00 pm St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:45 pm

Daily Mass during the Season of Lent

St. Michael's: Monday & Tuesday 7:00 pm,
Wednesday-Friday, 8:00 am

St. Peter's Cathedral: Tuesday -Friday: 12:00 pm

LNCCFP Lenten Food Drive

March 2/3, March 9/10

Lenten Day of Confessions: Wednesday March 20

St. Michael's: 8:30 am–12:30 pm, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:30 am–11:30 am, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross for Vocations

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, one of the practices our Family of Parishes participates in is the Stations of the Cross. As this year has been designated as a Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, you are invited to consider including the options of praying the *Stations of the Cross in particular for Vocations*. There are two resources available, the first option is a resource crafted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which can be accessed [here](#). Alternatively, you may also explore the Stations of the Cross for Vocations provided by Serra International, available at this [link](#). May this Lenten season, marked by the Year of Prayer, be a time of deep spiritual reflection and abundant blessings for all. (Invitation from Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Diocese of London)

Journey Through Lent, 2024—CCCB Series



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Lenten video series, Journey through Lent continues this week. This year's presenters are the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, and the Most Reverend Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon.

On this Second Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hero provides a reflection on the Transfiguration.

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

Important Notice: Beware of Spam Emails

There have been reports of fraudulent activity targeting members of our Family of Parishes. Please be vigilant and exercise caution when receiving emails or messages claiming to be from the Bishop, our Clergy, parish staff or fellow parishioners requesting money, gift cards, or sensitive information. These are likely phishing attempts by individuals seeking to exploit our community's generosity and trust. One quick way to validate the authenticity of an email is to check the sender's email address. Be cautious if it looks unusual, misspelled, or contains random characters.

If you receive any suspicious communications from our parish, we urge you to disregard and delete them.

Additionally, please report any suspicious emails to the parish office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Annual Financial Report 2023 will be in the Spring issue of *Holy Matters* publication available on March 22nd.

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REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, February 26

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Joe Snyder; Gary Nuyten; Patrice Nsekuye

Tuesday, February 27

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Ruben de Jesus; Angela Lang;
Theresa Haggarty

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Oswaldo Salazar; Irena Potol;
Intentions of Syrrel Mae

Wednesday, February 28

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Elisabetta Vecchio; Teresa Pamlieri;
Carmen Gigante

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Lolita Caalim; Marie Burns;
Intentions of Massimo Ciotti

Thursday, February 29

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Nathan Walter Lee; Carmen Gigante;
Ghislaine Delia Renaud

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Sylvanus Odobi; Anne Gallery-O'Brien;
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 1

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Mike & Salvina Said; Living & Deceased Family/Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family;
Deceased Members of the Prendergast Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Mary Kay Butler; Lloyd Thomas Pedwell;
Pat Lucas

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Dagmar (Simanek) Kausky; and Deborah Rastin; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Pio D'Oria; Deacon Steve Cartier; Ministers to Refugees in the Diocese of London; Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister; Deacon Larry Lamphier

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 3, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Exodus 20.1-7
Responsorial - Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 10 (R. Jn 6.68)
R. Lord, you have the words of eternal life.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel - John 2.13-25

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays During Lent

St. Michael's: Monday & Tuesday 7 pm

Wednesday–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.

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: February 18, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 6,409.95	\$ 4,217.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,630.95	\$ 1,600.65
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,825.66	\$ 3,018.75
TOTAL	\$ 11,866.56	\$ 8,836.40

Thank you for your support and generosity!
To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/donate.

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