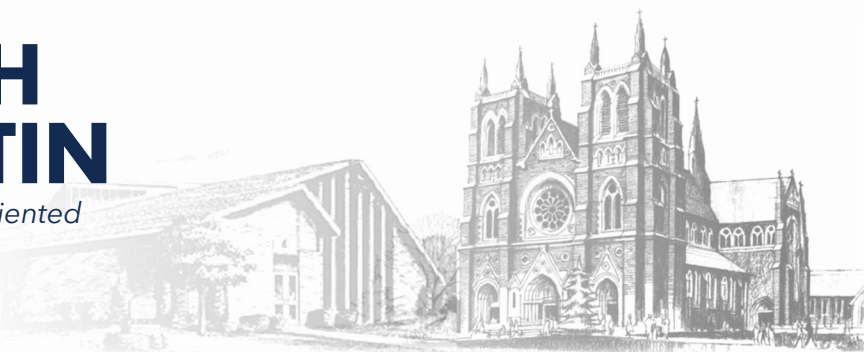




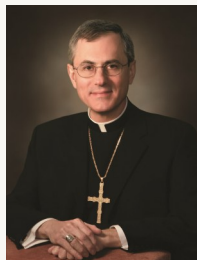
PARISH BULLETIN

"Being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus."



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025



Bishop of London

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The Place of Silence in the Liturgy

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Fabbro has asked us, as a diocese, to reexamine the way we celebrate Mass so this week and next, we will take a look at a couple important issues that the Church reemphasized when the Roman Missal was revised in 2011: silence in the Liturgy and liturgical posture- when to sit, stand and kneel and why it is important that we are doing the same things.

The Church gives us silence in liturgy to train our hearts and minds in silent prayer. As we cultivate silence, we will begin, more frequently, to hear the voice of the Lord. Silence amplifies the reality of what we experience. Silence is a proper response to a reality which words cannot express—in the case of the Mass, to the reality of God's presence.

We are invited to silence several times during the Mass:

Penitential Act: There should be a brief pause after, "let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries" to allow us to recall the attitudes, actions, and omissions that separate us from God and our dependence on God's mercy.

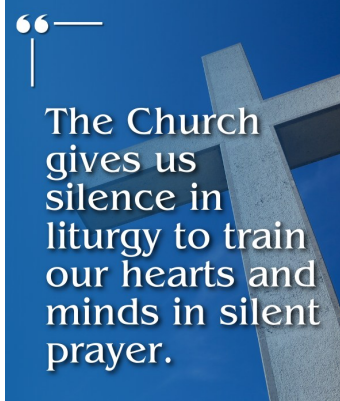
Opening Collect: A period of silence follows the invitation, "Let us pray" giving us the opportunity to gather ourselves, what we bring to the liturgy, and to offer our silent intentions that we have discerned in the silence before Mass began.

Liturgy of the Word: After the first and second reading, the Gospel, and the homily, silence allows us to grasp the sense of what was proclaimed and internalize it so as to better respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The period of silence is a time when the Lord can make alive the word proclaimed.

After Communion: The Church says that sacred silence be observed for some time after all have received communion before the Prayer after Communion to meditate and contemplate what we have received in the Eucharist.

Silence is an opportunity for greater participation for all of us to actively offer our prayers and more deeply absorb the word of God.

To read the full directive on silence prepared by Dcn Peter André, Liturgy Consultant for the Diocese of London, click [here](#).



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Or by appointment.

Land Acknowledgment in the Diocese of London

"A Land Acknowledgement can be a recognition of the unique, enduring, historical and ancestral relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories; a relationship involving the land, the climate and the creatures upon it. It can be an expression of appreciation to those on whose ancestral territory we reside; and a way of honouring those who have cared for the land from ancient times, not as owners but as good stewards. It reminds us that all are connected to one another, to nature and to the Creator who fashioned us all.

A Land Acknowledgement can also be a means for expressing our desire for peace among all peoples, and a starting point in our efforts to gain a richer and deeper understanding of Indigenous history and culture. It can be an expression of our willingness to overcome the systemic injustices that have occurred in our country, and a clear statement that we wish to know the truth that will ultimately lead to reconciliation." *Bishop Fabbro, Sept. 3, 2025*

The Diocese of London, in consultation with the Truth & Reconciliation Committee has created a common Land

Acknowledgement that will now be used through the Diocese. This will be used at four particular weekend Masses through the year and the opening meeting of the pastoral year for groups and committees.

To read Bishop Fabbro's letter, click [here](#).

Diocese of London Land Acknowledgement

Out of deep respect for those who have cared
for these lands since ancient times,
and those who guard and care for them still,
we are committed to tread lightly on the land,
respect water and all living things as gifts of the
Creator, and affirm our desire for right relations
with all peoples, especially the Indigenous
peoples, who share our common home.



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SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Laudato Si': Chapter Three— The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

As we continue to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, we examine The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis. This month's *Laudato Si'* Action Plan offered a summary of the 'globalization of the technocratic paradigm.' We live in a culture deeply characterized and shaped by technology which has its pros and cons. This month's summary examines this technological paradigm.

The summary and other *Laudato Si'* Action Plans can be found at this link: <https://dol.ca/laudato-si>



Exploring the Catholic Faith

Are you an adult, not baptised, looking to explore the faith of the Catholic Church? Are you a baptised adult from a different denomination looking to further your relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church?

Our church has a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Initiation being the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Through weekly gatherings we pray, share, reflect, and explore various themes and teachings of the Catholic church.

We will be holding an **RCIA Information Night:**
Thursday September 18, 7:00–8:30 PM

St. Michael's Parish Hall at St. Michael's Parish
511 Cheapside Street

All are welcome to attend as you continue to explore your journey of faith.

Save the Date - The Bishop's 75th Birthday

Join us in celebrating Bishop Fabbro's 75th birthday with a special evening of joy, gratitude, and shared mission. In honour of this milestone, this event will replace the annual Windsor Bishop's Dinner for this year only, and will support ministries close to Bishop Fabbro's heart.

Thursday, October 30, 2025 at the Ciociaro Club, Windsor

Ticket and sponsorship information is coming soon. Visit www.dol.ca/bishop75 for updates.

Sacramental Preparation Registrations

Our Family of Parishes is now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 Sacramental Preparation programs:

✚ **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion** - for baptised Catholic children in Grade 2 or above.

🌐 www.lncc.dol.ca/firstreccandcomm

✚ **Confirmation** - for baptised Catholic students entering Grade 8 or above in September 2025.

🌐 www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation

For full details and registration forms, on our parish website. We look forward to journeying with your family!



Catholic Central High School 75th Anniversary

Join us in celebrating 75 years of faith, excellence, and tradition on **Saturday, September 20** at 450 Dundas Street.

✚ Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:00-1:00 PM

Visit these websites for more info: cch.ldcsb.ca or ldcsb.ca.

Welcome, Father Patrick Bénéteau!

In July we welcomed Fr. Patrick Bénéteau as a priest in residence in our rectory. Many of you have had an opportunity to meet him over the summer. He will continue to be present at Mass on weekends in our Family.



We asked Fr. Patrick to share a bit about himself:

"I grew up not far from Windsor, Ontario, in the village of River Canard (Rivière-aux-Canards); the oldest of three children, our family was actively involved in the life of Paroisse St. Joseph Parish. After high school, I completed an apprenticeship program in the tool and mold industry as a machinist and moldmaker; during that time, I began to grow in my faith and began discerning a call to the priesthood.

Following studies at St. Peter's Seminary, I was ordained to the priesthood in April, 2010. Since that time I have had the privilege of being Associate Pastor at St. Michael Parish, Leamington (2010-2015), Director of Vocations & Seminarians for the Diocese of London (2015-2019), and Pastor of the Windsor-Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes from 2019-2023. For the past two years, I studied Canon Law at St. Paul's University, Ottawa, obtaining a licentiate degree in order to now serve the Diocese of London as Vice-Chancellor, Assistant Judge, and to help teach Canon Law at our Seminary.

I am very grateful to be welcomed as a priest in residence in the London North Central Catholic Family Parishes. Be assured of my prayers for all of you, and I hope we have a chance to meet one another in the coming weeks!"

Welcome to the Family, Father Patrick.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is returning at the **10:00 AM Sunday Mass** at St. Michael's, and we need your help! We're looking for **adults and high school students** to lead or assist. With enough volunteers, the commitment is just **once a month**. If you'd like to help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith, please reach out to our Family and Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth at lduckworth@dol.ca.

Cathedral Choirs Welcome New Members!

Members will have an aptitude for music reading, aural skills, commitment and an openness to learning. Choirs sing from September to June.



St. Peter's Cathedral Singers - sing weekly at the 11 AM Sunday Mass and for Diocesan celebrations.

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7 PM & Sundays 10:15 AM. Ages 14 and up.

St. Peter's Children's Choir - sing monthly at the 11 AM Sunday Mass. Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:15 PM - 6:55 PM. Ages 7 - 13.

Contact: Gloria Gassi- stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com

More information on our website: lccc.dol.ca/liturgical-min

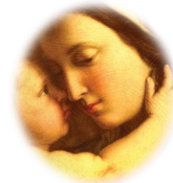
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[Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#) - (30-min discussion video)

[Pier Giorgio Frassati: If I Didn't Have Love](#) - (2-hour film)

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Journey through Mary's life in this extraordinary study filmed in the Holy Land. Discover her joys, sorrows, and her powerful role in God's kingdom, and in our lives today.



Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Michael's Parish in the Hall for 8 sessions (in person) beginning **Wednesday, September 24 until November 12** from 7:00 to 8:45 PM. A Zoom session is also available on Thursday afternoons beginning September 25 at 1:00 PM.

Option to purchase a workbook or access it online. Workbook cost is \$35. Registration cut off is Sept 16/25.

For more information or to register: contact Gerarda at gjmsh3@gmail.com, call the parish 519-433-6689, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex at church.



Catholic Women's League Updates Diocesan Council: Meet & Greet

St. Michael's and St. Peter's CWL councils are hosting this *Meet & Greet* in the parish hall on **Tuesday, September 16** at 7:00 PM. Door opens at 6:30 PM for refreshments and visiting. The meeting offers fun quizzes, table discussion and a Q & A session. **RSVP by Thursday, September 11** to Dorothy at 519 204-2931 / dorothysolomon41@gmail.com.

Pie Lovers Rejoice!

St. Peter's CWL's Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale features:

8¾" Apple or Pumpkin Pies - \$12 | 4½" Apple Pies - \$8
Pumpkin Loaf - \$10

Order Sept. 14-28; Pick up Sat., Oct. 11, 9 AM-12 PM
at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

To order, contact Marian Strom (519-872-5502 | mstrom55@gmail.com). Pay by cash, cheque, or e-transfer (stpeterslondoncwl@gmail.com).

Proceeds support CWL's charitable work, including food programs for the needy with St. Paul's.

St. Peter's CWL New Clothing Sale

Big News! St. Peter's CWL is hosting a Clothing Sale at St. Michael's Parish Hall on **Saturday, October 11** from **9 AM to 3 PM**. Shop new ladies' clothing from a local boutique plus a curated selection of like-new pieces in excellent condition. All items are available by free-will donation—an easy way to shop sustainably and stylishly while supporting CWL's charitable work, including making blankets for the homeless.

Come browse, try on, and take home something special!

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14th, 2025



The Holy Cross. This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross where Christ transformed an instrument of torture into a sign of love and salvation by offering His life for the sins of the world.

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

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, September 16

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Joe Snyder

Intentions of Sharon & Denis

Intentions of Hunter & Rose

Intentions of the Sisters of the Precious Blood

Wednesday, September 17

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar

Christine Boco Kablansi

Azumdi Akunne and Intentions of Amamchukwu Akunne

For the Souls of the Castrilli's Families

Thursday, September 18

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Frank & Ursula Percic

Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari

Intentions of Frances Murphy

Intentions of Paul Harris

Friday, September 19

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Orangel Mata

Cruz del Valle Lopez de Mata

Rick Baker

Intentions of Stefanie & Adrian

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Leo Dodds; and Mary Quigley.

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

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

Rev. Robert Remark; Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker;

Rev. Daniel Vere; Rev. Michael Michon; Rev. Mr. David F.S.

Basil, CSB; Rev. Wacław Chudy, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Anthony Bae

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

Let's Stay Connected!

Register or update your contact information here:

www.tinyurl.com/LNCC-UpdateMyInfo

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Michael's

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

St. Josephine Bakhita Community

4th Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Confessions at Both Parishes

Saturday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, September 15

5:30 PM—Hospitality North (Hall)

7:00 PM—You Are Not Alone (JP II)

Tuesday, September 16

6:15 PM—StM SSVF (JP II)

6:30 PM—CWL Diocesan Council Meet & Greet (Parish Hall)

7:00 PM—StM K of C Executive Meeting (St. Josemaria)

Wednesday, September 17

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

7:00 PM—StM Choir Practice (St. Cecilia)

Thursday, September 18

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

6:15 PM—StP Children's Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)

7:00 PM—StP Adult Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)

7:00 PM—Prayer Shawl (St. Josemaria)

7:30 PM—StM Choir Practice for 10 AM Mass (St. Cecilia)

Saturday, September 19

9:00 AM—Pastoral Care Training (Parish Hall)

12:00 PM—CCH Anniversary Mass (St. Peter's Cathedral)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 7, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$3,707.00	\$5,164.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,115.10	\$2,546.15
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,560.67	\$3,105.00
TOTAL	\$9,382.77	\$10,815.15

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