



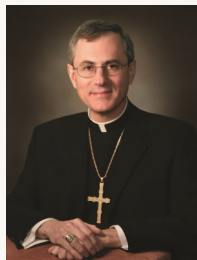
# PARISH BULLETIN

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



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 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

Monday: 7:00pm, during Lent  
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

🏠 511 Cheapside Street  
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### St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community

Located at St. Michael's Parish

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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To register with our parishes, visit us online at [www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family](http://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!

## PARISH OFFICE

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Parish Office Mailing Address

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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.



## Our Lenten Journey

Most Rev. R.P. Fabbro has released a message for Lent to the Faithful of the Diocese of London:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, our Lenten journey will be an important part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year -Pilgrims of Hope. We journey together as pilgrims seeking to encounter Jesus and to return to right relationships with God, with others and with all of creation."

To read Bishop Fabbro's full Lenten letter, [click here](#). If you require a paper copy, please contact the parish office.

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## Luke Through Lent

Using the Sunday scripture and imagery from The Saint John's Bible you are invited to sit and reflect on what God is saying to you in His Sacred Revelation and also what God is showing you in the beauty of the illumination. Each week you will find the Sunday Gospel and a paired illumination for your reflection. Though geared to teens, this resource can be used for individuals and families. [Click here](#) to begin your prayer.

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## Journey Through Lent 2025 Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its annual Lenten video series, Journey through Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be available on the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Geared to individuals, families, and communities, this series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season.

This year's presenter is Most Reverend Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul, Alberta. On this Second Sunday of Lent, Bishop Franken provides a reflection on the Transfiguration and our journey together to heaven. [Click here](#) to view.

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## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is prayed each Friday during Lent at both parishes. Various parish groups and Pastoral Team will be leading our prayer each week:

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



## Lenten Spiritual Workshop

*My Sheep Hear My Voice, And They Follow Me*

Finding it difficult to discern God's Voice?

This Lenten workshop will teach you how to discern between the 3 voices we hear: the voice of God, the voice of the evil one, or our own inner voice. Am I being led astray or is this where God is leading me? Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, Debbie Craven BA, M. Div. will lead the workshop that helps you determine if you are being lead astray or to where God is leading you.

All are welcome! The workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 5th**, 9:30am to 1:30pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Free-will offering for lunch.

To register, email [CWLstmichlon@gmail.com](mailto:CWLstmichlon@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 519-433-6689. Registration closes on March 31st.



## Turn Debt Into Hope: Sign the Petition!

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt Into Hope campaign to, "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations
4. Please sign the petition in church or online at [www.dev.org/deb](http://www.dev.org/deb).



## Catholic Women's League Updates St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League is delighted to be holding their Lenten Lunches at St. Paul's again this year. The big change is that the lunches will be held **each Tuesday** after Mass, offering the usual soup and sandwich fare. Cost is by free-will offering.

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## St. Michael's CWL Lenten Prayer Cards

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the CWL Lenten Prayer card initiative 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!



## St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Updates

Congratulations to the following students from St. Michael Council #12820 who won in their age category at the District free throw competition held Saturday, February 22nd at St. Teresa school, London:

Boys, Age 9: Bronson Fliss, St. Mark  
Girls, Age 10: Cybil Asfaha, St. Catherine of Siena  
Boys, Age 11: Jason Scheidemann, St. Catherine of Siena  
Boys, Age 13: Simon Cano Valcarcel, St. Michael  
Girls, Age 13: Alexia Letsos, St. Catherine of Siena

Congratulations to the following students from St. Michael Council #12820 who won in their age category at the Regional free throw competition held Saturday, March 1st at Catholic Central High School, London:

Boys, Age 9: Bronson Fliss, St. Mark  
Girls, Age 10: Cybil Asfaha, St. Catherine of Siena  
Boys, Age 11: Jason Scheidemann, St. Catherine of Siena

## Laudato Si': Fasting

The Lenten Season is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we care for the earth and care for those who are poor, we can approach fasting as a way of fostering healthier relationships, compassion, charity, and a sense of unity and solidarity among believers. To learn more please read the March Laudato Si' Action Plan at this [link](#).

## In Him we Live! Choral Reflections for Lent

*Featuring the St. Peter's Cathedral Singers & Children's Choir*  
Join us for prayer with song and Scripture as we reflect on the love of Christ and his sacrifice for us. **Sunday, March 30th** at 2:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.



## LNCCFP Annual Financials - 2024

	St. Michael's Parish	St. Peter's Cathedral
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>		
Offertory	\$642,122	\$519,565
Donations	\$93,433	\$143,308
Christmas	\$54,370	\$46,841
Easter	\$37,446	\$29,440
Thanksgiving	\$27,692	\$54,087
Stipends	\$16,109	\$22,410
Parish Social Activities	\$2,726	\$2,410
Ministry Revenue	\$6,831	\$5,578
Rental Income from Parking Lot	---	\$83,250
Sales of Religious Articles	\$16,797	\$18,440
Special Collections	\$14,361	\$31,258
	<b>\$911,886</b>	<b>\$956,588</b>
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>		
Parish	\$51,075	\$30,745
Office	\$3,897	\$3,110
Rectory	\$6,223	\$5,594
Compensation	\$360,599	\$362,961
Land Maintenance	\$10,913	\$20,521
Utilities	\$28,270	\$54,255
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$5,664	\$72,434
Liturgy & Ministry	\$53,447	\$41,279
Parish Social Activities	\$4,438	\$1,113
Stipends Paid	\$4,060	\$4,705
Special Collections Paid	\$8,282	\$19,701
Diocesan Assessment	\$95,107	\$98,315
Donations Paid	\$39,995	\$56,550
	<b>\$671,970</b>	<b>\$771,280</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$239,916</b>	<b>\$185,307</b>
<b>SAVINGS (LOAN FUND)</b>	<b>\$535,958</b>	<b>\$1,437,946</b>

**Thank you** to our many parishioners for their generous financial support! Your support allows us to continue our ministry, serve those in need, and be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

Our challenge continues to be the percentage of parishioners who donate.

**St. Michael's:** 1 in 3 parishioners donate.

**St. Peter's:** 1 in 4 parishioners donate.

Please prayerfully consider donating if you do not currently donate. Contact our parish office for details.



### Truth and Reconciliation

**March 22nd** is World Water Day. We know that water is essential for life, so why do so many First Nations communities still have long term Drinking Water Advisories? Some of these communities have been forced to boil all their drinking water for almost thirty years. Entire generations have grown up without access to safe tap water.

To learn more and how you can take action on the right to clean water for Indigenous peoples, [see March's Step on a Path to Solidarity](#) - Water (step 9).



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### *This Week on Formed*

#### Almsgiving | How To Lent

Almsgiving may seem as simple as giving money away, but what are the deeper roots of this Christian practice?



In Scripture, we hear about the benefits of giving away our money and possessions. But what does it look like for us in the 21st century? In this episode, we'll explore how almsgiving helps us to trust God more and increases our love of our neighbor. What better time to start giving than in Lent, a season of renewal and repentance?

[Click here](#) to watch the 14-minute video.

#### St. Joseph | Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. His role as protector of families in the difficulties of life and Patron of the universal Church has never been more clearly needed. Now, the Church is seeking to deepen its understanding of the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family. Featuring interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful first-hand testimonials – *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history – a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.



[Click here](#) to watch the 58-minute video. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Canada, celebrated on **March 19th**.

#### Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life—that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies. What's more, Patrick would have to conquer himself. So he turned to God. With new strength and inner freedom, he began an incredible saga of faith against which no enemy would ever prevail.



Blending historical facts with beloved traditions, Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle brings to life a long-lost world of Druids, warriors, and kings. One that brave Patrick illuminated forever.

[Click here](#) to watch the 30-minute video. St. Patrick is the Secondary Patron of the Diocese of London, celebrated on **March 17th**.

#### Confirmation Registration: CLOSING Friday, March 21st

Registration for our spring session Confirmation closes on **Friday, March 21st**. Click [here](#) to view our website for more information or email Leigh at [lduckworth@dol.ca](mailto:lduckworth@dol.ca).



## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, March 17

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM  
Rose Heir  
Ed Blackmore  
For the Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, March 18

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM  
David Smith  
Celso & Manuel Pitol  
Ming Mah

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon  
Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari  
Peter Neary  
Fr. Stephen Bodnar

### Wednesday, March 19

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM  
Steve Morgan  
Joe Snyder  
Intentions of Stephanie Gasparotto  
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon  
Fr. Joseph Hardy  
Patrick & Ruth Cowan  
Intentions of Josephine Mallari

### Thursday, March 20

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM  
Nancy Douglas  
Helen Villas  
Kameron Delta Faith R. Pelisigas  
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon  
Terez  
Kadosa Kadar  
Intentions of Abigail Gonzalez

### Friday, March 21

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM  
Mary Moir  
Dorothy McClelland  
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon  
Philomena Chand  
Intentions of Henry P. Naudi  
Evelyn Mullaney

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Ed Blackmore, husband of Irene, father of Michelle & Michael Specht; Sister Mary Jude, Sisters of Charity of St. Paul, sister of Anne Timmons; Magdalena Trumpp; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Mr. Felipe Da Silva, Pastoral Minister for Faith Formation; Dcn. Daniel O'Connor; Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski; Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada; Dcn. David Cummings; Dcn. James Panchaud; Rev. Murray Sample.

**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 MARCH 23, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15  
Responsorial - Ps. 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11 (R. 8a)  
*R. The Lord is merciful and gracious.*  
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12  
Gospel - Luke 13.1-9

## PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Monday, March 17

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)  
7:00 PM - You Are Not Alone (JP11)

### Tuesday, March 18

9:30 AM - Women of Grace Study Program (JP11)  
7:00 PM - St. Peter's Knights' Come & See Night (Hall)  
7:00 PM - St. Michael's SSVF Meeting (JP11)

### Wednesday, March 19

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

### Thursday, March 20

1:00 PM - Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)  
6:30 PM - St. Peter's Prayer Shawl (St. Josemaria)

### Friday, March 21

12:45 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Peter's Cathedral Nave)  
7:00 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Michael's Parish Nave)

### Saturday, March 22

10:00 AM - St. Michael's Yarning with Love (St. Josemaria)

### Sunday, March 23

2:30 PM - St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass (Nave)  
3:30 PM - St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass (Hall)

## PARISH Support

### SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 9, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$4,813.50	\$3,197.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$1,901.05	\$1,452.00
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,885.53	\$2,412.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,600.08</b>	<b>\$7,061.00</b>

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