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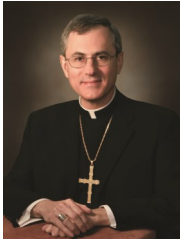
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PARISH BULLETIN

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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2023



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All Hail to Christ Our King!

"Our Lord Jesus was heralded as the Newborn King in the Incarnation, in the line of the Great King David, and was adored by Magi from the East. He was also feared as a threat by King Herod, who tried to have Him killed. When He was preaching, He spoke of a Kingdom that was at hand and in our midst if we dare follow his ways. In the Our Father that he taught to his disciples, he speaks of a Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven! At his trial before his crucifixion, he says that his Kingdom is not of this world, but of the Kingdom of Heaven. And today, on this Feast, we claim Jesus Christ as Our King and King of the Universe!

Our Gospel puts it quite simply: We will be judged by how we treat others, by how much we care for the least of our brothers and sisters, by how closely we follow the example of Jesus our Good Shepherd and Servant Leader! This is Christ Our King!

And how is Christ to be the King of our lives? Instead of attempting to control others, we might do better serving them and praying for them like the Good Shepherd! We might wash the feet of others - a sign of welcome and hospitality. We might heal the sick, bind up their injuries, and welcome back those who have gone astray. We might feed the hungry, clothe the poor, care for the sick, visit the prisoner, welcome the stranger, and give water to those who thirst, not only for clean water, but for justice.

The lesson here is that we should never let the world convince us that small acts of sacrifice, service and kindness aren't of importance. Indeed, they are! And Jesus Christ Our King reminds us: As often as you do these things for the least little ones, so you do it for me! In doing these small and seemingly insignificant acts, we help build the Kingdom of God on Earth!

So today, let us remember Christ Our King who is the Good Shepherd and our Servant Leader. Let us remember that the Last Judgment is one where we will be judged by how well we chose to live the Golden Rule: Do unto others, as you would have done unto you! This is the message of Christ Our King: The Lord of History who has won the final victory over sin and death by redeeming the world and subjecting it to His Father so that God may be All in All! Let's let him be the Lord of our Lives, the King of our Hearts, Thoughts and Deeds! Amen!"

Excerpt from Reflection on Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A; Bernard C. Scianna, O.S.A.
www.augustinian.org/homilies/solemnity-of-christ-the-king-year-a



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Hallowed Highlight

ST. ANDREW
APOSTLE
November 30th

Image source:
https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/andrew-the-apostle/70995

The Kids' Bulletin
Feast of Christ the King
November 26th, 2023

What does God say about His people in the first reading?
Use the code to find out some of what He said.

Whatever you do to others...

The Kids' Bulletin can be found in the narthex or at lcc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin. For inquiries, connect with us through the parish office.



St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass

St. Josephine Bakhita Community monthly Mass is taking place this Sunday, **November 26th** at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish. All are welcome!



SSVP Angel Tree 2023 at LNCC FP

Join us in spreading the joy of giving this Christmas season! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)'s Angel Tree is coming to our Family of Parishes and taking place at both locations. We invite you to be part of this wonderful tradition of sharing and caring.

St. Peter's SSVP

Every year early in December, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Peter's makes special deliveries of food and gifts to our poor and marginalized friends in the downtown area. Often, our visit with these gifts is the only real connection many have with the Christmas Season. These gifts all come from you - it is your generosity of financial donations that enables us to assist over 200 families and friends.

After each Mass on **November 25-26** and **December 2-3**, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP) will be at the doors of the church to receive your financial donations. Donations can be made through cash or cheque (envelopes are available in the narthex), online options through etransfer to basilica@dol.ca or credit card through Pllenty on our parish website, www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-peters. Please indicate in the message/comment box, "**St. VdeP Angel Tree.**"

On **December 16th**, 20 volunteers will hit the downtown streets to deliver your good cheer to the over 200 families and friends who live within our downtown parish area. Please be as generous as you are able.

May you all have a blessed Christmas.

For more information on the Angel Tree, click [here](#) for last week's bulletin insert.

St. Michael's SSVP

Please find it in your hearts to make a monetary donation for an 'Angel Tree' child this Christmas. St. Vincent de Paul members will then purchase food and gift cards to distribute to families in need within our parish boundary. Cash or cheques may be placed in the envelope and dropped off in the SSVP baskets at both entrances of the church before and after each weekend Mass or at the parish office weekdays, or donate electronically through Pllenty by **December 3**. Tax receipts will be issued for cheque and electronic donations.

Your generous donations are so very much appreciated to lift the spirits of our children in need during this Christmas season.

Sunday Missals & Advent Reflection Books

The 2023-2024 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year is now available. Cost \$5.00 each.

Advent Reflection Booklets are available at all entrances of the church to guide you in your Advent Journey. No cost for the reflection books.



Grieving through the Holidays

Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes Bereavement Ministry is hosting a Christmas Luncheon for those who are grieving during the holiday season. Join us on Sunday **Dec. 3rd** from 12pm - 2pm in St. George Parish Hall. Seating is limited. Registration accepted online: springbankcatholic.ca

First Reconciliation/Communion Registrations Final Call!

The last day of registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion is on **Thursday, Nov. 30th**. If your child is in Grade 2 or up and has been baptized (Roman Catholic), please sign up online by clicking [here](#) or visiting lncc.dol.ca/firstreconciliationandeucharist. For inquiries, please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, at lduckworth@dol.ca.



We keep in our prayers the parents/guardians and the candidates preparing to receive the sacrament.



St. Michael's KofC Updates

Christmas Cards. St. Michael's Knights of Columbus are selling religious themed Christmas cards in the narthex this weekend, **Nov. 26th** (at all Sunday Masses). Supplies are limited so don't miss out. Please bring cash! Thank you in advance for your support. Contact Marty mfmcallister63@gmail.com for inquiries.

General Meeting. Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, **Dec. 5th at 7pm**. This will be our pre-Christmas kickoff with food and drinks available for all attending. The SVDP will be making a special presentation by Larry McKenzie regarding the progress and support of the Affordable Housing Project on the site of the St. Andrew the Apostle Church on Huron St. All are welcome to join us, see what we are about and maybe consider being a part of the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus.



St. Michael's CWL Events

Christmas Baking and Craft Sale: **This Weekend!**

Baking, candy, toonie table, preserves, silent auction and more! We are looking for your support through donations and purchases of baking and crafts. Funds raised will be used to help the many organizations that have come to count on the Catholic Women's League for support. Craft donations may be dropped off this Saturday between 9am and 12pm. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church hall before each Mass this Saturday 4 pm - 5 pm; Sunday 7:30 am - 12 pm. Shoppers, come early to Mass to take a look and remember to bring cash!

Christmas Social. A daytime celebration! All women of the parish are invited to the CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower, Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy holiday treats, carolling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit).

Members, please bring a baby gift for our Birthright Shower.

St. Peter's CWL Christmas Treat Trays

Last call for a great Christmas hostess or staff appreciation gift!

St. Peter's CWL Treat Trays are being offered, minimum 35 pieces for \$30. Place your order by contacting Marian Strom at 519-872-5502 or email mstrom55@gmail.com.

ORDER DEADLINE **Nov. 26th**. PICK UP: **Dec. 9th** from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. at St. Michael's St Josemaria Room.



**World Day of Youth—"Rejoicing in Hope"
Sunday November 26, 2023**

Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with the 1st World Youth Day gathering the following year, this observance took place on Palm Sunday. In 2020, Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

In Pope Francis' message to the youth of the world this year he says:

"Dear young people, do not be afraid to share with others the hope and joy of the risen Christ! Nurture the spark that has been kindled in you, but at the same time share it. You will come to realize that it grows by being given away! We cannot keep our Christian hope to ourselves, like a warm

feeling, because it is meant for everyone. Stay close in particular to your friends who may be smiling on the outside but are weeping within, for lack of hope. Do not let yourselves be infected by indifference and individualism. Remain open, like canals in which the hope of Jesus can flow and spread in all the areas where you live."



Pope Francis image source: <https://wyddonbosco23.pt/en/news/pope-francis-releases-message-for-world-youth-day-all-together-in-lisbon/>

The full message of Pope Francis to the youth can be found [here](#).



Flowers for Christmas

We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Christmas celebrations. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Season of Christmas.

To make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your *name, address and phone number* as well as the *name of the person you are honouring* and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail in to the office.

Donations can also be made by e-transfer to either parish at stmichlon@dol.ca or basilica@dol.ca, memo line—**Flowers for Christmas**. Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office. Thank you for your generosity.



2024 Offertory Envelopes

St. Michael's and St. Peter's Cathedral offertory envelopes are now available for pickup in the narthex. We ask parishioners who use assigned boxed offertory envelopes to pick up their set to help offset the cost of mailing them. If you are unable to locate a box assigned to you and would like offertory envelopes, please call the parish office or contact Jolanda, jsquire@dol.ca for St. Michael's or RoseMary, rclarey@dol.ca for St. Peter's.

There is no envelope number assigned to parishioners who utilize Preauthorized Giving (PAG) or other donation methods. We appreciate your support!

2023-24 Development and Peace Action Campaign

Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

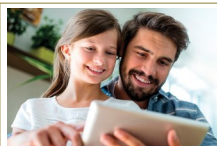


"The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment." - Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC-Radio Progreso

Act now!

Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (devp.org/act).

To get involved in the parish, contact parish representative for D&P Michael Loebach michaelfloebach@gmail.com / 519 671 6670 or SW Ontario Deanery representative Gord Smith gosmit@execulink.com / 519 672 2497.



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1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter "London North Central Catholic..."
3. Enter your name & email. Enjoy!



**One-Time Screening of "Nefarious"
Sunday, Nov. 26**

Full of Grace Productions presents a one-time screening of the Hollywood 2023 film Nefarious at the Hyland Cinema, (240 Wharnclyffe Road South), on Sunday, November 26th at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 and available online at hylandcinema.com/movie/nefarious. Nefarious is highly endorsed by church leaders such as Cardinal Raymond Burke and Exorcist, Father Carlos Martin from the Order of the Companions of the Cross. Get your tickets ASAP before they sell out. Suitable for 14 years of age and older. For further information contact: 519-702-2678

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 19 , 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 5,082.00	\$ 3,580.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,894.00	\$ 1,806.45
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,914.00	\$ 3,115.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,890.00	\$ 8,501.45

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.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, November 28

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ilene Moir
Owen Davey
Intentions of Stephanie

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Leda Stefanko
Veronica Abrook
Intentions of Joe Herriot

Wednesday, November 29

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Tom Leckie
Deceased Members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families
Intentions of March Htoo

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Nathan Lee
Silvana Molinari

Thursday, November 30

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Robert Moir
Ilene Moir
Ruth Ducharme

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Joe and Kay Dewan
Jeffrey Baldwin

Friday, December 1

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Alphons VanTol
Ilene Moir
Tom Leckie

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine
Anthony and Mary Pinto
Valerie Cox and Deceased Family Members

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including John Meren, husband of Marie & father of David & Laura; Walter Ostafijczuk; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Catherine Eberhardt, Coordinator of Outreach and Ministries;
Deacon Paul Bezaire; Erwin Fung, Coordinator of Parish Ministries; Deacon Fred Truchon;
Rev. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.; Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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 DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Responsorial - Ps 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)
R. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel - Mark 13.33-37

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–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.



Are you new in the community? Register at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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ST. MICHAEL'S QR CODE

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- Scan the QR Code & follow the prompts
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Plan
- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

Your donations support the activities which enrich and nourish the spiritual life of the parish. The donations you give go to the collections of the specific parish that you select. Charitable tax receipts are issued in the new year following.

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