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Catholic Family of Parishes

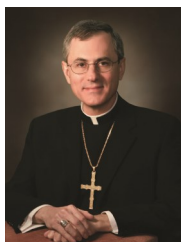
PARISH BULLETIN

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

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023



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Living the Scriptures

"In his letter to the Romans, Paul reminds us of the powerful message of love. The commandments are easy to follow if we love our neighbors. Paul says: Love does no evil to the neighbor, hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. One interpretation of this wisdom that has been helpful to me is a slight reframe to say: love your neighbor as you would want to be loved. Reflecting upon how I would want to experience love from another takes me out of a space of focusing on myself and helps me focus on others with empathy and compassion.

Today let us ask God for the grace to view our neighbors with empathy and compassion. Let us listen carefully for the voice of God with open hearts. May we ask God for the gift of self-love so we can generously share that love with others, especially with those we find difficult to love. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Excerpt from Daily Reflection, Mary Lee Brock, Creighton University's Online Ministries
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/091023.html>

Love

DOES NO
WRONG TO
OTHERS

ROMANS 13:10

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Friday, September 15, 2023

In 2016, all parishes across the Diocese held the first Masses for victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The Masses, especially in that first year, became a way to recognise the scourge that has been a part of our history and as a way to support victims and survivors with our prayers.

As we continue this tradition, Mass will be celebrated throughout the Diocese on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15th for the Intentions of all victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse and healing in our communities. Masses at the LNNCFOP will be celebrated:

**St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. and
St. Peter's: Noon**

Prayer for Healing for Victims of Abuse

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
source of all consolation and hope.

By your Son's dying and rising
He remains our light in every darkness,
our strength in every weakness.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer
from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their
wounds of body, soul and spirit.

Rescue them from bitterness and shame and
refresh them with your love.

Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse
and revive the spirits of all
who lament this sin.

Help us to follow Jesus In drawing good from
evil, life from death.

Make us one with you in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of
every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.

Amen.

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St. Michael's CWL Welcome Back Social

All women of our parishes are invited to the Catholic Women's League Welcome Back Social and General Membership Meeting on Monday, **September 11 at 7 pm** in the St. John Paul II Room. Come and share in special refreshments provided by the CWL executive, hear about plans for the upcoming months, and enjoy the opportunity to socialize after the summer break. First-time members are especially encouraged to attend this start to the fall season. *September Prayer Intentions: For those who are experiencing loneliness, in particular the elderly.*



St. Peter's SSVP Updates

Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has had a busy summer; the needs of the disadvantaged within our community have been considerable.

During the months of June, July and August, 18 teams have made calls to 145 households, helping 214 individuals. In addition, when we are able, we have begun to distribute grocery gift cards to the increasing number of people who are truly homeless. In total, \$9,920.00 in grocery cards have been given out, along with 63 vouchers for clothing and furniture.

Our volunteers bring friendship and true concern to each household they visit, in the belief that material help is only part of our delivery. In order for us to do any of this, we rely on your support—both through your financial contributions, but also through your prayers on behalf of the poor in our midst.



St. Michael's K of C Parish Breakfast

The St. Michael's Knights of Columbus will be hosting their first parish breakfast of this fraternal year on Sunday **September 17 after the 8 am and 10 am Masses**. All are welcome, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donation will be collected at the door. All profits from these breakfasts are used to support local charities, so please help us to help others.



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 a.m. Sunday Mass & for Diocesan celebrations.
Rehearsals: Thursdays 7 p.m. & Sundays 10:15 a.m.
Ages 14 & up.

St. Peter's Children's Choir sing occasionally at Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:15 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.
Ages 7 - 13

For both choirs, please contact Gloria Gassi
519-641-1384 / stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com
See our parish website for more information:
www.lncc.dol.ca/liturgical-min



Backpack Drive—Next Weekend!

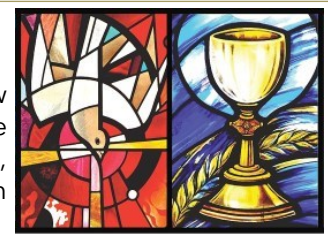
As announced last week, our Family is holding our *Back-to-School Backpack Drive* to benefit students in JK to Grade 8 within our parish community.

We will be accepting backpacks filled with supplies (such as pencils, pencil case, eraser, lined paper, ruler, highlighters, pencil sharpener, lunch bag) at all Masses next weekend, **Sept. 16 & 17** in the narthex of both parish locations.

We kindly ask that you keep in mind our goal of providing complete backpacks with supplies, rather than individual items. Your generosity and thoughtfulness in providing these complete packages will truly make a difference. We thank you in advance for your unwavering support to this cause!

Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, at lduckworth@dol.ca or call 519-433-6689 should you have any questions or seek more information about this initiative.

Sacramental Preparations 2023–2024



Our Family of Parishes is now accepting registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation for 2023–2024.

First Reconciliation / First Communion

If your child is in **Grade 2 or up** and has been baptized, please sign up online by clicking [here](#) or visiting our parish website at www.lncc.dol.ca/firstreconciliationandeucharist.

Confirmation

If your child is in **Grade 8** and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, two sessions are available to open this year. Please select one of the sessions:

Fall (October–December 2023) or Spring (March–May 2024)

Registrations for the Fall session close on the first Friday of October. Please sign up *no later than October 6th*.

Classes for all sessions will take place in St. Michael's Parish at 511 Cheapside Street N5Y 3X5.

To register online, visit www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation.

If you have further inquiries about registrations, please reach out to our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, 519-433-6689 or lduckworth@dol.ca.

We send our prayers to the parents and those preparing to receive these sacraments.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

September 29th is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels. In commemoration, all are invited to join us on **September 23rd and 24th** after each Mass for a social gathering at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

Mass times at St. Michael's are: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am, and 12 noon.

We thank the Social Committee for organizing this event.






Donate to support Healing and Reconciliation

On **September 23 and 24**, the Diocese of London will begin a new special collection for our Truth and Reconciliation Fund. The goal of the campaign is to help our local Indigenous communities heal from the traumas of the past, preserve and promote their culture and build for the future.

More information is provided in a recent letter from Bishop Fabbro. A copy of the letter is available at the entrances of the church, on the bulletin board, and [online \(https://dol.ca/news\)](https://dol.ca/news).

If you wish to make a donation now, please go online through the Diocese of London's giving link (<https://dol.pllenty.com>). Select "Truth and Reconciliation Fund" from the menu options or indicate it in the comment section.

Thank you for your support.



40 Days For Life 2023

London Right to Life is inviting parishioners to sign up for an hour or two for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil that is beginning on September 27. Each hour of prayer is offered for the preborn, their mothers and the most vulnerable, as well as those who perform or support abortions. Each parish is asked to cover two days: **St. Peter's Oct. 2nd & 3rd**, and **St. Michael's Oct. 10th & 11th**. You can sign up for a slot at www.40daysforlife.com/en/londonca or by contacting London Right to Life at 519-659-3334 or via email at info@right2life.ca.



Holy Family Retreat House Advisory Committee

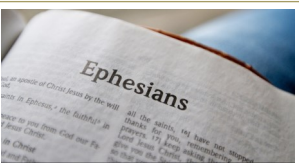
Holy Family Retreat House Advisory Committee is seeking new members. The Advisory Committee serves as a consultative body to support the work of the Director of the Retreat House. They meet in-person four times annually in the Windsor-Essex area. Committee members fulfill a variety of profiles, and we are currently seeking lay members that are diocesan employees or volunteers in parish ministry, members of religious associations, and young adults (18-35). If you are interested in becoming a member, please email David Ducharme (dducharme@dol.ca) by **Monday, September 18**.

Faithcation Retreat 2023 "Priest, Prophet, King"

This retreat is a time to rest, relax, and encounter Jesus as "Priest, Prophet and King". When we truly experience the love, peace and joy of Christ, our lives are totally transformed. This retreat will be led by Fr. John Jasica and is open to the faithful from any parish in the diocese. The weekend runs **from 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 29 to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1**. Registration fee: \$275 (includes two nights' accommodation, meals, and retreat materials). Detailed info and registration are available at this [link](#).



LNCC Bible Study




An 8-week Bible Study is being offered Tuesday evenings from **October 3rd to November 28th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at St. Michael's Parish Hall. It is also being offered by Zoom Thursday afternoons from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm starting on October 5th. We will be studying ***Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance***. "Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. The Study examines many important themes that are still relevant in today's Christian culture and society - the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the prominence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare."

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance shows us the treasures that await us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God." This study includes: reading the Bible, answering workbook questions, discussion with a table group or on-line Zoom group, followed by a 20 to 30 minute video hosted by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins.

To sign up or if you have questions, please email Gerarda Smith-Hillier at gimish3@gmail.com. The cost of the workbook is \$40.00. If you require support to purchase the workbook please contact Gerarda. We would never want the cost to be a factor in your decision to join us. All are most sincerely welcome!

"Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."
-Ephesians 4:29

Jeremiah Day



The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

On Saturday, **September 30, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, this is a day for young men (grades 8 to 12) to grow closer to God and to visit our Seminary. The activities include a tour of St. Peter's Seminary, Mass of Ministries, lunch, and a soccer game in the afternoon. See the poster at this [link](#) for more details. Please contact Father Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca to register.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 3, 2023

| | St. Michael's | St. Peter's |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Regular Offertory (Envelopes) | \$ 4,789.00 | \$ 4,154.00 |
| Regular Offertory (Loose) | \$ 2,984.00 | \$ 1,820.65 |
| Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 4,028.00 | \$ 3,097.50 |

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

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, September 12

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ernesto and Antonietta Castrilli
Joe and Lidia Favaro
Benjamin and Lea Salvatore

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Larry Paquet
Walter McManus
In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, September 13

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Francisco Furtado

Deceased Members of the VanderVloet and Meeuwssen Families
Intentions of the Jardine Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Intentions of Lisa and Peter Cuddy
Intentions of Sherry and Mike Bedard
Intentions of Marek, Adam, Lucas, Beaulieu

Thursday, September 14

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Intentions of Sharon and Steve Hunt
Intentions of Nazreen and Bernie Scheid
Intentions of Ashby Mary Collinson

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Olga Dias
Joe Murphy
Jenny Korpan

Friday, September 15—Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

For the Intentions of Victims/Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse
and Healing in our Communities

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

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We remember in prayer all those who are sick.

We also pray for those who have died including

Silvana Molinari, mother of Erica, Maureen Murphy Ficker,
daughter of Al & Louise Murphy; Giuseppe Facciolo, brother
of Rosina Galati; and James McInnes;
and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Innocent Ebeh; Rev. Denis Grecco; Deacon Art Williams;
Rev. Mr. James Prins; Rev. Robert Remark;
Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker; Rev. Daniel Vere

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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Sirach 27.30-28.7

Responsorial - Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R. 8)

R. *The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and abounding
in steadfast love.*

Second Reading - Romans 14.7-9

Gospel - Matthew 18.21-35

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.



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registration form from our volunteers.

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- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

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