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PARISH BULLETIN

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



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Our Journey in Lent

Our Lenten journey begins soon. We once again take on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join us on Ash Wednesday to begin the annual journey.

Ash Wednesday Masses, Wednesday February 14, 2024

St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral Catholic Women's League Lenten Luncheons

Wednesdays during Lent following the Noon Mass

Location: St. Paul's Cathedral

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent

St. Michael's: 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:45 p.m.

Daily Mass during the Season of Lent

St. Michael's: Monday & Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.

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

London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes Lenten Food Drive

March 2/3, March 9/10

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday March 20

St. Michael's: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Share Lent Solidarity Sunday

Annual Share Lent Collection

5th Sunday of Lent, March 16/17



Lenten Reflection Books are available at all entrances of the church. This year we offer two books: *'Lifted Up in Love'* by Henri Nouwen and *'The Season for Healing Hearts'* by Fr. Joe Sica.

Please take one to aid you in your Lenten reflection.





Knights of Columbus

St. Peter's KofC Membership Drive *Final Call!*

Catholic men! Feeling the call to live out your Catholic Faith in service to the Church and your community? Come find out about the Knights of Columbus! As a Knight you would be part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values---and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. Being a Knight lets you get support from Catholic men in your own neighbourhood.

Additionally, as a Knight you will have the opportunity to engage in Charitable activities, faith formation activities and social activities within the parish community.

An information table is in the Narthex following each Mass on this weekend, **Feb 10-11**. Stop by for a chat!



Catholic Women's League

St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches. St. Peter's CWL will host Lenten Lunch *after the noon Mass on Wednesdays beginning Ash Wednesday*. Soup and sandwiches will be served in the Hospitality Centre at St. Paul's Cathedral, entrance off the Clarence Street door. All are welcome. Cost is free-will offering.

St. Michael's CWL General Meeting. St. Michael's CWL will meet on Monday, **March 4** at 7pm in Saint John Paul II Room. All women of the parish are invited to attend for an evening of friendship and socializing.

World Day of Prayer. St. Michael's CWL is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer, which will be celebrated here on Friday, **March 1** 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.

Celebrating Black History Month

The Chapel Project Film | Museum London
Sunday February 18th from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

The Documentary by filmmaker Anthony Sherwood, is a moving story of the perseverance of the African Canadians that built the Chapel, and the diverse group of people that worked for almost fifteen years to stop its demolition and to preserve and restore the Chapel to its original glory.

For information on local events taking place in London, see the Tourism London website: www.londontourism.ca/events/



St. Michael's
Parish

St. Peter's
Cathedral Basilica



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13th from 5 pm – 7 pm
St. Michael's Parish Hall
(511 Cheapside Street)

This is a joint event, all parishioners at the LNCC Family of Parishes are invited!



**St. Michael's & St. Peter's Cathedral
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
February 13th from 5-7pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall

All are welcome! Thank you for your continuing support!

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2024

Earlier this month, the Vatican released Pope Francis' Message for Lent, "*Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom.*" The full message can be found at this [link](#).



If you wish to obtain a paper copy, contact the parish office.

Development and Peace 2024 Share Lent campaign *This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights*

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Create Hope: *Reaping our Rights* campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

- Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on **March 17**, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
- Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
- Meeting our solidarity visitors and participating in the campaign launch webinar on **February 17** at 1:30 p.m. ET.

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

See this week's bulletin insert for the [Letter of Support](#) from the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the [Solidarity Calendar](#) found on the reverse side.

FORMED Lent Resources. This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute.

[Sign up](#) (at daily.formed.org/lent) to receive an email each day with a *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture* video. Throughout Lent and Easter, you'll also receive 10 new episodes of *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids*.

Jesus the Healer

"On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Lent, we hear more about the life of Jesus as he heals a leper. To give us context for the story, the first reading from Leviticus shares details about the response to leprosy. The actions to be taken by both the priest and the individual are outlined to clarify when a person is unclean.



Image Source: aleteia.org/2018/02/10/jesus-heals-the-lepers-and-restores-our-relationships

And in today's second reading we hear Paul tell the Corinthians that everything we do should be for the glory of God. Paul says, "just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved." Jesus certainly embodied these words.

In today's Gospel from Mark, we hear the story of Jesus taking pity on a man with leprosy and healing him from the disease. Jesus tells the man to follow the law of the day and go to the priest to be declared clean. Jesus also asks the man to tell no one else about his being healed. Filled with faith and

overcome by gratitude, the man cannot help but share the news of the miracle he has experienced.

Seeing Jesus as a healer to all who have faith has always come easily to me, but I struggle to understand why Jesus would compel the man to not tell anyone about his being healed by Jesus. Jesus is living in that tension of wanting to be

available to all who express their faith while also feeling the human limits of exhaustion. It is no wonder he asked the man he healed of leprosy to stay quiet.

As I anticipate the beginning of my Lenten journey this week, I pray with these questions: How can I support those who are excluded based on rules and laws? When have I been too afraid to ask for and accept God's mercy? How can I help disrupt systems of oppression in the way of Jesus? And I pray for the grace to know how best to give glory to God."

Excerpt from Mary Lou Brock, Daily Reflection, Creighton University's Online Ministries, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2024
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/021124.html>

World Day of the Sick—February 11, 2024

"It is not good that man should be alone"

Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships

"Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers – , with creation and with themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be done and all of us are called to ensure that it happens. Let us look to the icon of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), to his ability to slow down and draw near to another person, to the tender love with which he cares for the wounds of a suffering brother.

Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live.

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves."

Excerpt from the Message of Pope Francis on the World Day of the Sick, 2024.

To read Pope Francis' full message, please click [here](#).

Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media

The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has released a Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: "Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious." The letter was released two weeks ago in time with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers. The [letter](#) can be found on the CCCB website: ccc.ca/announcement/



Pope Francis Fund—Application Process is Open

The Pope Francis Fund application process is now 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 **February 28**.



SUNDAY COLLECTION: February 4, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 5,474.75	\$ 4,698.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 2,093.75	\$ 2,136.60
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,825.66	\$ 3,018.75
TOTAL	\$ 11,394.16	\$ 9,853.35

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The Kids' Bulletin and other resources can be found in the narthex or at lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin. Grab your copy today! Contact us for inquiries.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, February 13

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

George Po

Renato Gasparotto

Intentions of Olga Gasparotto

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Paul Pustai

Teresa Palmieri

Maria de Trindade Furtado

Wednesday, February 14—ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Michael's

8:00 AM—Nathan Walter Lee; Kevin Munn; Susanne Dykes

7:00 PM—Norbet Patrao; Deceased Members of the Grandy & Lewis Families; Intentions of Stefan Nichol

St. Peter's Cathedral

12 Noon—George Brunton; Intentions of Massimo Ciotti; Intentions of Camille Riggs

7:00 PM—Mercy Jose; Sebastian Chukkananil; Intentions of the Thomson Family

Thursday, February 15

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Allison Twohey

Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family
Paul Miguel Takinan

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Lucia Mazzotta

Louillen White

Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Catholic Women's League

Friday, February 16

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Oliverio Fonseca

Albert Koikaran

Louise Murphy

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar

Terry Valeriote

Bill Ladouceur

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. 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. Mr. Matthew Sawyer; Christine Toffolon, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Glen Ball; Rev. Philip Joseph; Rev. Clare Coleman; Lynne Tibor, Youth Minister

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 FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading -Genesis 9.8-15

Responsorial - Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.10)

R. Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel - Mark 1.12-15

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–Friday 8 am

Beginning February 20, 2024 Tuesday Mass will be at 7 pm.

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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