



London North Central  
Catholic Family of Parishes



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

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023



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Bishop of London



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**To: The Parishioners of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have just passed the one-year anniversary of the activation of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes. I would like to provide an update regarding the plans for St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. It is a member of this Family, but it is also the Cathedral of the Diocese, the home of the bishop. As such, the Cathedral is central to the liturgical life of our Diocese. It is the sacred space to celebrate the liturgies that require the bishop, namely, the ordination of bishops, priests, and deacons, the Mass of Chrism and the Rite of Election for catechumens journeying toward the Easter sacraments. Over 138 years ago at the dedication of the Cathedral in 1885, Bishop Walsh wrote:

*"The Cathedral is the expression in stone of the great zeal and love for the religion of the noble clergy and generous laity of the whole Diocese; and of their cordial union and co-operation with their bishop, and it will stand for ages an eloquent and enduring monument of their faith, hope and charity."*

In December 2022, it was announced that the Diocese of London would begin the process to demolish the school next to the Cathedral that has been home to the Cathedral's parish centre for the last 17 years. The decision for the demolition of the school was a necessary one and has my full support in order to move forward into the future. The plans for the entire property of the school and the north parking lot owned by the Diocese of London have yet to be determined. Cathedral parishioners will be part of the discussions.

St. Peter's Cathedral is always in need of repair and upkeep to protect this unique and beautiful building. There are several necessary projects planned for this year and next including replacement of the roof of the east and west towers and the refurbishment of the interior spaces including painting of the walls of the nave, sanctuary, apse, and transept. This is exciting news as we continue to uphold Bishop Walsh's vision of the Cathedral as "an eloquent and enduring monument of faith, hope, and charity". None of this is possible without the continued financial and spiritual support of our parishioners.

I want to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's Cathedral for their continued support of our parish home. A church building and a parish can only be vibrant and flourish with the ongoing presence and support of its people.

I have encouraged all of our parishes to have "mission" at the heart of what they do – the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us of forming disciples and sending them out to proclaim the Gospel to the world. Across the Diocese and here at the London North Central Family, all of us have a role to play by reaching out to young people, to Catholics not coming to church, to those who do not know Christ and welcoming them to our communities. A missionary parish forms its members in the faith, helps adults and children to celebrate the sacraments fruitfully and supports those who undertake works of service in the community. A parish that is "missionary-oriented" is one where witness of word is matched by witness of life and in deed. To get involved, please contact the parish team.

I assure you that I keep all the parishioners of the London North Central Catholic Family in my prayers. St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Peter and St. Michael, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald Fabbro, CSB*

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### Backpack Drive—*This Weekend!*

This weekend of **Sept. 16 & 17** we are thrilled to accept backpack donations at Masses in both St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Michael's Parish. If you are able to participate, please hand in your donations to one of our hospitality volunteers or drop them off in the designated donation box.

As announced previously, our Family is holding our *Back-to-School Backpack Drive* to benefit students in JK to Grade 8 within our parish community. It is our goal to provide complete backpacks with school supplies such as pencils, ruler, lunch bag, highlighters, eraser, lined paper, etc. Thank you for your generous support!

Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, at [lduckworth@dol.ca](mailto:lduckworth@dol.ca) or call 519-433-6689 for any questions or more information about this initiative.



### Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel—*Next Weekend!*

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 in 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.

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass—Sept. 24th

Join us as we gather for the monthly celebration of Mass of the St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community **next week** at **2:30 pm**. It will be held at St. Michael's Parish. All are welcome. See you then!



### St. Peter's CWL Membership Drive

Have you found your ministry? St. Peter's CWL members will be at the front of the Cathedral or in the narthex (weather depending) to start the 2024 membership drive, at all the Masses, **this weekend and up to the weekend of October 7/8, 2023**. Our membership drive will run for four weekends, please come and speak with us to understand the role and valuable work the CWL Parish Council performs. There are roles for all women within the League both active and more contemplative. The League's mission calls "*members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry.*"

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### St. Michael's CWL—Baking & Craft Sale

**SAVE the Date: Sat and Sun Nov 25-26 after every Mass**

Calling all crafters and artisans! The CWL will be hosting a Christmas Baking and Craft sale. Money raised will go toward Hospitality North, the SVDP building fund as well as our other CWL charities. We accept donations of Baking, Preserves, Crafts and New items. Sign the Board in the foyer of St. Michael's to donate.

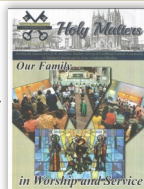


### St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl monthly meetings will start again on **September 21, 2023** at 7pm until 8:30pm at St. Michael's Parish in the St. Josemaria room. Open to all knitters and crocheters. Please come and join this group. We prayerfully make shawls to comfort those who need consoling. Please call Janice 519-690-0802 with any questions or inquiries. Thank you.

### Holy Matters Fall Edition—*Now Available!*

The Fall edition of *Holy Matters*, our publication for the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes, is available at all entrances of the church. Thank you to the committee members and many contributors for their work to make this publication possible. The electronic version can be found [here](#).



### 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:

**Oct. 2nd & 3rd—St. Peter's Cathedral**

**Oct. 10th & 11th—St. Michael's**

Vigil location: Victoria Hospital  
(Wellington Rd. & Commissioners Rd. East)  
800 Commissioners Rd E London

You can sign up for a slot at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/londonca](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/londonca) or by contacting London Right to Life at 519-659-3334 or via email at [info@right2life.ca](mailto:info@right2life.ca).

### London Public Square Rosary Rally (PSRR)

Come, pray the Rosary with us in honour of our Holy Mother's apparitions and requests at Fatima. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Rally in London.

**Venue: Victoria Park Bandshell London**  
**Time: Saturday, October 14 at 11:55 AM**

If you have to sit, please bring a chair!  
For more information, please email us at [ourladyofrock@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofrock@gmail.com) care of LNCCFP Legion of Mary.



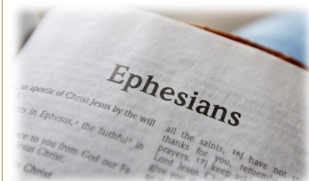
### Aid to Morocco— D&P—Caritas Canada

Development and Peace Caritas Canada is collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco, after the country was hit by the most powerful earthquake in a century on 8 September 2023. Pope Francis has sent a telegram expressing solidarity with the victims. Development and Peace—Caritas Canada is establishing contact with organizations in the region, including Caritas Morocco. It is also helping to mobilize the Caritas International network to seek aid as necessary. There will be great and urgent immediate needs, along with investment in longer term recovery. To donate or find out more, please visit <https://devp.org/en/morocco-earthquake-help-needed-right-now/>





## LNCCFP Bible Study



An 8-week Bible Study is being offered Tuesday evenings from **October 3 to November 28** from **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** at St. Michael's Parish. It is also being offered by Zoom Thursday afternoons from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm starting on October 5th (link will be provided soon). We will be studying "*Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.*"

The cost of the workbook is \$40. Payment can be made by E-transfer (please indicate "Bible Study" in the memo box), by Cheque (made payable to St. Michael's Parish) or by Cash. Cheque and cash payments may be placed in a properly labeled envelope and dropped in the collection basket at Mass. To sign up or if you require financial support to purchase the workbook or have questions, please email Gerarda Smith-Hillier [gjmsh3@gmail.com](mailto:gjmsh3@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**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: every Thu 7pm & Sun 10:15am. Ages 14 & up. *St. Peter's Children's Choir* sing occasionally at Sunday Mass 11am. Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:15 p.m. - 6:55 p.m. Ages 7-13.

For inquiries, contact Gloria Gassi 519-641-1384 / [stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com)

**What's happening at the Cathedral.** A 'boom lift'-and-crew was at the Cathedral this week working to replace the cracked Apse window and for downspout and gutter repairs. More 'makeover' updates will be available as they happen so stay tuned!

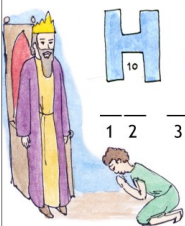


**Acorn Alert!** Please be careful when walking along the sidewalk or the circular drive at St. Michael's Parish. The acorns from the oak tree have started to fall and they can be a slipping hazard.

The **Kids' Bulletin** is also found in the narthex or at [lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).

■ *St. Thomas of Villanova* (Sept 22)

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness? Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



10 11 12

THOMAS WAS BORN TO A RICH BUT GENEROUS FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1488. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS 15.

SOON HE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH THAT HE WAS MADE A PROFESSOR.

WELCOME TO OUR CLASS, SON!

BUT HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK AND A PRIEST.

HE WAS MADE PRIOR AND LATER THE ARCH-BISHOP, AT HIS SUPERIORS' ORDERS.

THE MONEY HE GOT IN THIS POSITION WAS GIVEN TO THE POOR.

Here, buy some potatoes for your family!

ST. THOMAS STARTED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE WELL.

ST. THOMAS LIVED SIMPLY, WEARING AN OLD HAT HE MENDED HIMSELF. WHEN HE WAS DYING HE GAVE HIS BED TO A POOR MAN. HE DIED AT AGE 77.

PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.



## King's Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

The Veritas Lecture Series engages speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore the depth of human experience and to articulate the truth - the fullness of humanity - to which we each aspire. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition welcomes and embraces this exploration as a means of participation in the common good that enhances this world we share. This year's theme will be "*Reconciliation: From Head to Heart.*" All lectures will take place in the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre (in the Student Life Centre). Parking and admission free.

Our next speaker is Summer Bressette, whose lecture is entitled, "*Dibaajimowin: Kinship, Healing and Storytelling.*" This will take place on Thursday **September 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.** in the Kenny Theatre. Please find a poster for this lecture at this [link](#) (see bulletin board). Visit [www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas) for future lectures dates and more information.



## Truth & Reconciliation Fund Collection

Next weekend, **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.plenty.com>). Select "Truth and Reconciliation Fund" from the menu options or indicate it in the comment section. Thank you.



## Seminarian Prayer Calendar

As a new semester begins at St. Peter's Seminary, we are invited to pray for each seminarian by name for a particular day of the week they are assigned.

- Monday: *Jeremy Chisholm*
- Tuesday: *Francisco Castillo*
- Wednesday: *Aaron Murphy*
- Thursday: *Deacon James Prins*
- Friday: *Adam Rivard*
- Saturday: *Deacon Matthew Sawyer*
- Sunday: *Deacon TJ Vandermeer*

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS BY NAME.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 10, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 5,064.00	\$ 3,478.30
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,071.33
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](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/donate).

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, September 19

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Richard Zientara  
Linda Douglas  
Vernon Pederson

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon  
Intentions of Father Chris Pietraszko  
Intentions of Dorothy Schurter  
Intentions of Rosemary Carouan

### Wednesday, September 20

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Emily and Anthony Sawicki  
Ellen Hardy  
Eillen and Tom Sloan

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar  
Fernando Silva  
Intentions of Gina Welch

### Thursday, September 21

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ernesto Castrilli  
Intentions of the Jardin Family  
Intentions of the Simpson Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Roz Thomas

Deceased Members of the Harvey Gleason Family

### Friday, September 22

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Margaret Sgariglia  
Welly Garber  
Catherine Neelamkavil

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Nick Castrilli  
Intentions of Jan Harrison  
Intentions of Petra and Nick Beaulieu

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick.

We also pray for those who have died including Henry "Harry" Hodson, husband of Carol Ann; Claude Pensa; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Michael Michon; Deacon Henry Kling;  
Rev. Waclaw Chudy, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Anthony Bae;  
Rev. Msgr. Kevin Beach; Rev. Olivet Okoro;  
Rev. Daniel Morand

**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 SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Isaiah 55.6-9  
Responsorial - Ps 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (R. 18)  
*R. The Lord is near to those who call on him.*  
Second Reading - Philippians 1.20-24, 27  
Gospel - Matthew 20.1-16

## 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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ST. PETER'S QR CODE

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- Scan the QR Code & follow the prompts
- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Plan
- Canada Helps [canadahelps.org](http://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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#### African & Caribbean Catholic Community

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