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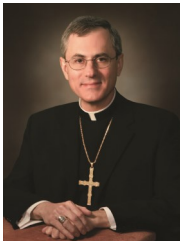
"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023



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## Shaping Ourselves in the Image and Likeness of God

"Today's Gospel reminds us of how people can change their minds, or their way of life, for good or for evil. There are many such accounts in the Gospel: from Joseph who had decided to divorce Mary informally, to Mary Magdalene; from the woman caught in adultery to Peter the anointed leader who denied Jesus three times; from the doubting Thomas who declared he would not believe unless...to Judas Iscariot, one of the chosen twelve. In today's Gospel we find the two sons, each doing the opposite to what they declare; while Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes paid attention to John the Baptist and they changed too.

There is plenty of common ground between those bible figures and our own fickle behaviour. One day we can be full of fervour and keen to profess our Christian faith, come what may. The next we can't pray. We ask where is the God of yesterday? Does he exist at all? Is all our time wasted? Those who reject belief, faith, Church, religion and moral responsibility continue life as contented, apparently, as everyone else. Many of them were our classmates with whom we received our First Holy Communion and Confirmation. They don't darken the door of the Church anymore. They changed their minds!

Of all the gifts given to us by God, the freedom of choice is perhaps the greatest. We're not pre-determined beings; our choices are sacred and are literally our making, our doing and un-doing. When we respond positively to God's grace as also reflected in the best and noblest inspirations and aspirations of our environment, we're shaping ourselves more firmly in the image and likeness of God our Creator.

Part of the challenge of our day is to ignore the choices made by others and content ourselves with our own good choices which uplift and determine a better tomorrow for ourselves and society.

Let us pray for those who have changed their minds or way of life and turned away from God. May they experience afresh the fervour of their early faith and experience anew God's gifts of peace and joy."

Edited from a Reflection of Fr Maurice Henry, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, 2020.  
<https://sma.ie/sunday-homilies-homily-for-the-26th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/>



Source: [https://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/special/rosary/documents/misteri_en.html)

## October is Marian Month.

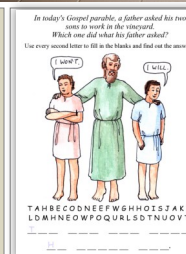
Express love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray the [Holy Rosary](#).

"Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (cf. Acts 12:5)



## Hallowed Highlights

- October 2 Memorial of the Guardian Angels
- October 4 Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
- October 5 Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska
- October 6 Memorial of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- October 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary



## The Kids' Bulletin and other resources

can be found in the narthex or at [lcc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lcc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).

### Bible Study—This Week!

The Bible Study of Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance will begin on Tuesday evening, October 3 at St. Michael's Parish Hall (7pm), or by Zoom (2pm) on Thursday, Oct 5.

Digital participants will receive the Zoom link from your on-line leader, Connie Cote. The workbooks have been ordered and we cannot accept any more participants, unless you wish to order the book yourself. If you have any questions please contact Gerarda Smith-Hillier. [gjmsh3@gmail.com](mailto:gjmsh3@gmail.com)



### St. Peter's CWL Membership Drive

Come to St. Peter's Cathedral narthex or in front of the church (weather permitting) this weekend through **October 7/8, 2023 at all Masses**, to support our CWL 2024 membership drive. Discover how our Parish Council fosters faith growth and shares God's love through ministry. We hope to see you!

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### St. Michael's CWL Updates

St. Michael's CWL will meet on Monday, **October 2nd**, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. All women of our parishes are invited to come and share faith, conversation and a special self-defence demonstration by Tammy Bernardo from Bernardo Karate and Cardio Kickboxing. You don't need to be a member to come and enjoy the evening.

### Confirmation Registrations—Final Reminder!

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation—fall session will close on Friday, **October 6th**. Please sign up [online](#). Classes will be every Tuesday at 7 p.m. beginning Oct. 10th and will take place at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside Street N5Y 3X5).

If you would like to register your child for the spring session (March–May 2024), please head to our parish website at [www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation) to know more information.

Please contact Leigh Duckworth [lduckworth@dol.ca](mailto:lduckworth@dol.ca), Family & Youth Minister, for any inquiries.

*We send our prayers to the parents/guardians and those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

**St. Michael's Rosary Guild** is welcoming new members! Come, join in the fun of making Rosaries for Our Lady. Contact Monica at 519.666.0509.



### A Message from Bishop Fabbro about the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Bishop Fabbro has recorded a video for the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. It can be accessed on the diocesan website, [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca), or [YouTube](#) channel, and social media pages.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, 25 children will have backpacks and the supplies needed to make the most of their school year!!



### 2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our Family's Thanksgiving Food Drive begins this weekend **(Sept 30/Oct 1)** and continues next weekend **Oct 7/8**. All proceeds go to support St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank and Fellowship Centre.

*Food items most needed:*

*Tuna, Mayonnaise, Hot or Cold Cereal, Mac and Cheese (KD)  
Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Canned Meat, Peanut Butter  
Tea Bags and Coffee, Onions, and Potatoes*

Cash and grocery store gift cards are gratefully accepted.

Food Donations can be dropped off in the narthex at both parishes. Gift card and financial donations can be placed in the collection baskets marked Food Drive.

Thank you for your support for our brothers and sisters in need in our community.



### 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: [ourladyofrock@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofrock@gmail.com) c/o LNCCFP Legion of Mary.



### Answer the Call: Be a Prayer Warrior

Prayer Warriors provide spiritual support to those in need of intercessory prayer. Prayer requests are submitted on the link, and the coordinator receives and shares these needs once a week with the ministry volunteers. Each individual or family chooses the prayer and time that best suits them. It is suggested that Prayer Warriors remember the intention by name for about two weeks, yet there is flexibility and each one decides on their own.

We are fulfilling the call of Jesus to "Ask the Father in my name and He will give you whatever you need." (Jn 16:23) Each week we will also send a prayer that may be used.

Do you have a desire to pray for others? Contact the coordinator at [praylncc@gmail.com](mailto:praylncc@gmail.com). Blessings all around.



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) St. Michael's

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul collection for the needy within our parish boundary is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.

Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVP on the memo line, or select SSVP from the drop-down list on Pllenty. [www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels)

### Young at Heart—Bridge Players Wanted!

St. Michael's Parish - every Thursday 1-3 pm  
No partner needed! Casual & fun!  
Just drop in! Bring 1 loonie  
Tea & coffee provided  
For more info: call Jean 519-660-0193 or Mary 519-433-3763



## Why is it Important to donate to your Parish?

The parishes require donations to maintain and operate the buildings, pay the bills, purchase supplies, and compensate staff.

### Do you know what it costs your parish for each Mass?

#### St. Michael's Parish

Total Weekday Masses = 4  
Total Weekend Masses = 4 } **Cost per Mass = \$1,800**

#### St. Peter's Cathedral

Total Weekday Masses = 4  
Total Weekend Masses = 3 } **Cost per Mass = \$2,600**



### Parish Thanksgiving Appeal

Every year, each parish within our Diocese takes part in the annual Thanksgiving Appeal. The funds raised during this campaign stay within the parish, helping us fulfill our financial obligations and support numerous activities in ministry, liturgy, outreach, and special projects. Your generous contributions will enable us to continue maintaining our buildings, sustaining our ministry efforts amidst rising costs, meeting the growing needs of our community outreach, and realizing our pastoral goals for the future. We sincerely appreciate all donations, and you can contribute until the end of October.

To make a donation, envelopes marked 'Thanksgiving Appeal' may be used and placed in the collection basket at Mass. You may also do so electronically by setting up **stmichlon@dol.ca** or **basilica@dol.ca** as the recipient and indicating "Thanksgiving" in the memo box.

For any inquiries about this appeal, please contact the office at 519-433-6689 or 519-432-3475.

Thank you for your support!

## Financial Update: YTD August 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
Offertory	\$399,928	\$325,924
Donations	\$20,408	\$86,773
Christmas	\$1,912	\$1,135
Easter	\$31,097	\$24,133
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$2,106	\$15,385
Stipends	\$3,490	\$17,979
Parish Social Activities	\$4,120	\$1,592
Ministry Revenue	\$8,708	\$4,090
Rental Income	\$280	\$108,205
Sales of Religious Articles	\$8,142	\$10,697
Miscellaneous	\$8,919	\$10,526
Special Collections Received	\$8,468	\$20,381
	<b>\$497,578</b>	<b>\$626,820</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries	\$249,313	\$323,417
Stipends Paid	\$6,410	\$4,330
Parish	\$15,304	\$27,152
Rectory	\$7,091	\$6,454
Office	\$3,150	\$12,660
Land Maintenance	\$599	\$32,820
Utilities	\$27,766	\$67,634
Insurance	\$3,854	\$33,395
Property Taxes	\$1,800	\$1,800
Liturgy	\$35,010	\$14,311
Ministry & Education	\$24,678	\$21,704
Diocesan Assessment	\$66,080	\$65,547
Donations Paid	\$15,778	\$36,892
Miscellaneous Fees	\$15,340	\$136
	<b>\$472,173</b>	<b>\$648,252</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$25,405</b>	<b>(\$21,432)</b>

## SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 24, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 3,840.60	\$ 3,964.30
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 2,139.15	\$ 1,659.44
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 4,028.00	\$ 3,097.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,007.75</b>	<b>\$ 8,721.24</b>

If you have any questions for the Finance Committee, please email [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca) / [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca).  
THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support.

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, October 3

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

John Whelton  
Dorothy McGuire  
Intentions of Steven

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Valerie Cox and Deceased Family Members  
Olga Dias  
Intentions of Anna and Lad Toth and Family

### Wednesday, October 4

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Ernesto Castrilli  
Deceased Members of the Maitino Family  
Steve Morgan

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine  
Anthony and Mary Pinto  
Intentions of the Thomson Family

### Thursday, October 5

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Dorothy Kennedy  
Cecil Smith  
Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Intentions of Matthew Salton  
Intentions of Dale Fehrenbach  
Intentions of Carmen and Milan Marek and Family

### Friday, October 6

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Fr. Stephen Bodnar  
Marco Mazariegos  
Intentions of Marg & Tom Prosser (50th Wedding Anniversary)

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Joe Murphy  
Gina McIntosh  
Frances Dittrich

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick including Patricia Garrett, sister of Irene Kennedy. We also pray for those who have died including Ireneo Aquino, father of Sylvia; and Joan Ryan, mother of Cindy Pape; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Deacon John White; Deacon Cap Van Au; Rev. Ivica Majstorovic, O.F.M.; Rev. Stephen Marsh; Rev. Richard Tremblay; Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary; Rev. Nelson Cabral

**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 OCTOBER 8, 2023

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Isaiah 5.1-7  
Responsorial - Ps 80.8+11, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (R. Isa 5.7)  
*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*  
Second Reading - Philippians 4.6-9  
Gospel - Matthew 21.33-43

## 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](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family) or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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ST. PETER'S QR CODE

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ST. MICHAEL'S QR CODE

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- Interac E-Transfer
- 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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### St. Josephine Bakhita

#### African & Caribbean Catholic Community

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