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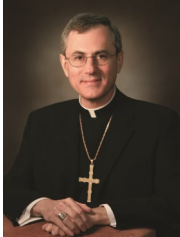


Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



London North Central
Catholic Family of Parishes



Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Our Advent Space

"During this time of the year, every television commercial, every department store, and even most of our conversations focus our attention on Christmas plans. We begin to turn our attention to whom to invite over for dinner and what gifts to give family and friends. For some, Christmas represents loneliness, loss, and unbearable anxiety. For them, Advent becomes a painful waiting period before the reopening of a wound, and a reminder of their aloneness in this world. Sometimes we forget to stay in the moment of Advent a bit longer and more intentionally, even though it might seem easier to just look ahead.

I, just like most people, enjoy preparing my home with festive decorations, planning delicious meals and family time, as I anticipate Christmas. So, I have often found myself either rushing through Advent or looking right over it to Christmas. As the glitz, excitement, and maybe even a little anxiety of Christmas grabs our attention, John the Baptist also grabs our attention and prompts us to prepare in a deeper way. John the Baptist, a man who lived what he preached, did not hold back when he informed everyone present for baptism that their task was to announce Christ by the way they lived; it was not enough to say that they were baptized. This is a prompt I sit with quite often because my excuse for not being very intentional with Advent has been that I work in Church and do ministry every day, so I have convinced myself that I have done enough. However, I find myself becoming complacent and overly comfortable with the flow of the Church calendar. So much so that I move right through each week to the next thing or season. I find that preparing my heart to be a welcoming place for Jesus becomes an afterthought in the rushing around. I have found myself increasingly more uncomfortable with Advent because it feels like just another period of waiting, which mirrors most of my life. I become tired of preparing myself to wait and find myself creating numerous lists for future tasks. In the process, I miss Advent, which is the announcement of love that is and love to come.

So, today I am quite drawn to the prompt of John the Baptist to prepare in a deeper way to experience God and to do God's work, to repent, forgive, and bear good fruit. As we prepare our hearts, we prepare a way for God to enliven and transform us. Preparing a way for God, preparing a welcoming place for Jesus in my heart, demands that I live a life that shows a spirit of understanding, wisdom, endurance, courage, harmony, truthfulness, authenticity, and reconciliation. Preparing a way for the Lord and making the way straight also means listening to God intentionally and removing the blockages and obstacles which prevent God from coming close to me. Advent might also be a good time for me to intentionally look into the parts of my life that need straightening out and then maybe in the process even find the courage to stay a little while longer in the discomfort of waiting and preparation which could sometimes fill the Advent space."

Vivian Amu, Daily Reflection, Creighton Universities Online Ministries, Dec. 4, 2022

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul–St. Michael's

Angel Tree 2022. Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree. *Your generous donations are so very much appreciated to lift the spirits of our children in need during this Christmas season.*

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 SSSP on the memo line, or select SSSP from the drop-down list on Pllenty, <https://www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels>



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.



"Prelude to Christmas" Concert at St. Michael's

The choirs at St. Michael's are all coming together for a concert on Sunday, **December 11th** at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join in an evening of joyous carols to celebrate the season. *Admission by donation.*



St. Josephine Bakhita Community December Mass

The St. Josephine Bakhita African & Carribean Catholic Community will hold its monthly Mass on **December 18th** at 2:30 PM at St. Michael's Parish. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!



St. Michaels' Parish Remembrance Tree

Our annual Remembrance Tree will be decorated again this year with beautiful symbols remembering those who are no longer able to be with us at Christmas. Envelopes to have an ornament made with the name of your loved one are available in the narthex of the church and can be put into the offertory bowl. Proceeds assist us in the purchase of the Christmas flowers. Please submit names by Tuesday, **December 20, 2022**. Ornaments will be available for pick up the weekend of Jan 14-15, 2023.

REMINDER

London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes Office Update

As was announced last month, the office for the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes is now located at St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside Street, N5Y 3X5, effective December 1.

The current phone numbers for both St. Michael's and St. Peter's Cathedral remain unchanged and can still be used to contact the office. Updated extension lists can be found when you call to contact any member of our Pastoral and Administrative Team. All staff can still be contacted via their email addresses.

The mailing address for both parishes will now be 511 Cheapside St. In the interim, any mail addressed to St. Peter's office address will be forwarded to the new office.

Office hours will be Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Our dedicated staff and ministry leaders are available to answer your questions.

Please pray for our Pastoral and Administrative Team as we transition to serve you better.



Children's Choir–St. Peter's

The St. Peter's Children's Choir is beginning this week with 6 registered members. We are hoping to extend the membership to 10 or more. If you want your child to serve in music ministry and learn to sing in a choir do consider joining. Ages 7-13 are welcome.

Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Children will sing occasionally at the 11a.m. Sunday Mass.

To join, interested parents should contact Gloria Gassi 519-641-1384 stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com



Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville

The Diocese of London has purchased a one-year subscription with the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville that will allow anyone within the Diocese to participate in any of the available workshops free of charge. The Catechetical Institute offers over 150 online workshops designed to serve those who form others in faith. The workshops touch upon almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology to basic practical evangelization skills, public speaking, and vocational discernment. There are also specific Diocesan Tracks that will support those who form others in faith. For more information go to <https://dol.ca/formation>.



Sunday Missals. The 2022/2023 Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are now available. Cost is \$5.00.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

"In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to




Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill." *Catholic News Agency*

The Immaculate Conception is the principal Patron of the Diocese of London. We will offer three Masses this day;

8:00 a.m. - St. Michael's

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

Bishop Fabbro will preside at the evening Mass. The 7:00 p.m. Mass will be [livestreamed](#). 



Journey Through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's video series "Journey Through Advent" continues this weekend.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Dabrowski provides concrete ways in which we can prepare our lives for Jesus. To view the 1st & 2nd Sundays of Advent reflections click [here](#).



Family Faith Fun Kits–Advent Edition

Second Week of Advent: LOVE!

This week, let's learn: *Storge, Philia, Eros* and *Agape*. Create the 'Gift of Love' ornament and do fun Advent-themed activities with your family and friends! Find a compilation of these fun activities in our Family Faith Fun Kits–Advent Edition. The electronic copy can be accessed [here](#) and a paper copy can be obtained by connecting with our Family & Youth Minister, [Leigh Duckworth](#). If you are online, share your creations on Facebook and Instagram by using the hashtag, #FamilyFaithFunKits. Don't forget to tag us, @Incc_dol!

Remember, Advent is more than just a delicious chocolate calendar that helps us count down to Christmas Day. Advent is a four-week season, and should be a time of preparation for Christmas, the day that we celebrate Jesus' coming into our world!

Retrouvaille: January 20-22, 2023

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Advent Mission

Our parish is offering a mission during the season of Advent themed "Change & Mission." The three wise men knew they had to journey to find a savior, and this journey changed them. They did not return home the same way they came. Such is the case in our relationship with Christ. Advent is a time to look at where we are, and examine what might need to change when we encounter Christ.

Please join us for this Advent Mission given by Father Christopher Pietraszko. There is no registration required, it is free, and the location is at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside St. London, ON).

Wednesday, December 14th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Moving From Christendom to an Apostolic Era

Thursday, December 15th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Evangelization & the Family

Friday, December 16th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Night of Worship and Penance (Confession Available)

A social will follow in the hall on Dec. 16, thanks to the CWL's of St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Michael's Parishes.



Development and Peace Membership Campaign

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REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 6

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Fr. Stephen Bodnar requested by the Bodnar family
For Peace requested by Anna Kovacic
Victoria Szewczuk requested by William & Mary Nother

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Lolita Albornoz Caalim
Baby Caalim Ellone

In Thanksgiving & Intentions of Robert Krauskopf

Wednesday, December 7

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Deceased Members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Family
requested by Chris VanderVloet
Intentions of Oliver Kupferschmidt requested by Kaitlyn Mathieson
Intentions of Rocco & Brittney D'Oria requested by Kaitlyn Mathieson

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine
Anthony & Mary Pinto
Nick Castrilli

Thursday, December 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Deceased Members of the Morgan Family requested by
Marilyn Morgan
Gail MacKay requested by Natalie, Ian and Lauren MacKay
Ernesto Castrilli requested by the Castrilli Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Valerie Cox & Deceased Family Members
Deceased Members of the Flynn & Daly Families
Deceased Members of the Black & McNorgan Families

Friday, December 9

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Beatrice Kinahan
Souls in Purgatory requested by Xuan Nguyen
Alex Gatej requested by Marilyn Morgan

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Olga Dias
Geneper Oledan
Living & Deceased Members of the CWL St. Peter's

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray
for those who have died including Rogelio Bautista; and
Joanne Merner; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/ Director of Music; Rev.
Dwayne Adam; Rev. Robert Weaver; Deacon Lyle Lalonge;
Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister; Volunteer Catechists in the
Diocese of London

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
Responsorial - Ps 146.6-7, 8-9, 9-10
R. Lord, come and save us.
Second Reading - James 5.7-10
Gospel - Matthew 11.2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

MASS TIMES

Weekdays

St. Michael's Parish:

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica:

Tuesday-Friday: Noon

Weekends

St. Michael's Parish:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

St. Josephine Bakhita:

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 p.m. (St. Michael's)



Livestreamed Mass: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.,
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Michael's: Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Cathedral: Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Or contact one of our priests for an appointment.

CONTACT US

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St. Josephine Bakhita

African Caribbean Catholic Community

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- 2 Place request in an envelope marked for Mass intentions during collection.
- 3 Mail in your request or drop by the LNCC Office at 511 Cheapside Street.
- 4 Email or call your parish.

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