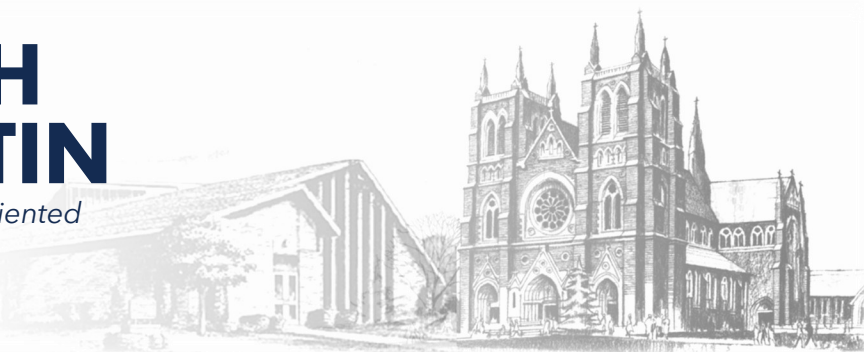




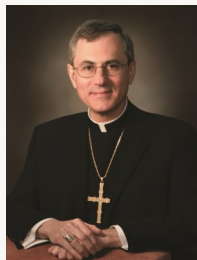
PARISH BULLETIN

"Being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus."



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



Bishop of London

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Posture in the Liturgy

Body language can convey feelings and states of mind, and liturgical postures are a way to express internal responses to God's love and truth. The unified postures and gestures of the congregation express our collective participation in the Body of Christ and help to engage the entire person—body, mind, and spirit—in prayer and worship.

The normal postures in Catholic liturgy are **standing, sitting, and kneeling**.

Standing is a posture of respect, honor, and readiness to receive Jesus, the Word of God. When we stand, we assume our full stature before God as a redeemed person, risen with Christ.

Sitting is a posture of attentive listening and meditation.

Kneeling expresses humble adoration and reverence, especially for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In its origins, kneeling represented penitence, but it now signifies homage and adoration before God.

Three postures that need specific highlighting are during the Communion Rite:

1. Our practice is to kneel at the end of the Lamb of God. The Priest then genuflects, holds the Host above the paten or chalice, and says Behold the Lamb of God to which the Priest and assembly respond Lord, I am not worthy. **At the end of this prayer, the assembly stands**, after which the Priest will receive Communion. **We remain standing, as one is able, during the Communion Procession until everyone has received Communion.**



Our focus is on the **Holy Communion received, and not on the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.**

2. **Holy Communion is to be received standing**, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When standing before the minister to receive Holy Communion, the faithful should make a simple bow of the head. When receiving Holy Communion in the hand, they reverently open their hands placing one beneath the other. When receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, they reverently join their hands. **All should respond Amen before they receive the Host and then consume it immediately upon receiving it.**

3. The Communion Procession begins when the priest receives Communion and concludes when the last person has received Communion at which time we sit or kneel. We do not wait to be seated until the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle. **Our focus is on the Holy Communion received and not on the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.**

Our unified posture during our liturgy reflects we are united as a Family of Parishes, as a Diocese and as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church when we celebrate the Eucharist.

To read the full directive on posture prepared by Dcn Peter André, Liturgy Consultant for the Diocese of London, click [here](#) (or see poster on the bulletin board in the narthex).

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Please direct all mail to St. Michael's mailing address.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Or by appointment.



The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

Statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) regarding the urgent humanitarian crisis in Gaza, issued in August 2025, can be found at this [link](https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/cccb-issues-statement-on-humanitarian-crisis-in-gaza/) or <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/cccb-issues-statement-on-humanitarian-crisis-in-gaza/>

Walking Together on the Path of Truth & Reconciliation

For over 100 years, the Catholic Church partnered with the federal government in operating residential schools and shared responsibility for their impact on Indigenous Peoples.

Since 2021, Bishop Fabbro's Truth and Reconciliation Committee has led this important work: engaging local Indigenous communities, supporting education ([A Path to Solidarity](#)), and distributing over \$270,000 to 12 projects supporting language revitalization, mental health, shelters, and family spaces.

Next weekend, **September 27-28**, we will hold a special collection for the Truth and Reconciliation Fund at all Masses. Envelopes are in the narthex of the church, or you can donate online at the Diocese of London website (<https://dol.ca/indigenous-peoples>)

Please give what you can.
Your prayers and support
help bring healing and hope.

TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION



Raising Hope–October 1-3

Join fellow Catholics around the globe for the Raising Hope Conference, livestreamed October 1st to 3rd. This conference celebrates 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudate Si, Care of our Common Home" which provides strong leadership to Catholics and all global citizens in celebrating, protecting and praying for the health of our planet. Pope Leo XIV will lead us in a global celebration of hope for the climate. This is a great opportunity to pray on a global scale and learn what is being done worldwide, in the realms of faith, science and policy, to nurture and protect our common home.

For more information and to register for the livestreams, follow the link: [Raising Hope Conference](https://raisinghope.earth) (raisinghope.earth)



Save A Family Plan Appeal

Now celebrating its 60th year, Save A Family Plan has launched its "Health, Hope & Hygiene" campaign, with the goal of building 60 sanitary toilets for impoverished families in India. Thanks to the generous support of two long-time donors in Kingston, Ontario, all donations **before October 9** will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$20,000. More information can be found at this link: safp.org/health-hope-hygiene/

The Bishop's 75th Birthday

Thursday, October 30, 2025 at the Ciociaro Club, Windsor
Visit www.dol.ca/bishop75 for tickets and updates.



Welcome to our Seminarians

This year in our Family of Parishes, we will welcome three Seminarians from St. Peter's Seminary.

They will be present at our weekend Masses twice a month over the course of the school year.

St. Michael Parish: **Benjamin Afelski** is in his first year of philosophical studies (Arts I) at St. Peter's Seminary. Benjamin is studying for the Diocese of Pembroke.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica: **Aaron Murphy** is returning to St. Peter's Seminary after completing his Pastoral Year with the Kent Lambton Catholic Family of Parishes. He served at St. Peter's Cathedral prior to his Pastoral Year and is studying for the Diocese of London..

Michael Okafor is new to St. Peter's Seminary and is in First Theology. Michael is in formation with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Fathers in Toronto.

Welcome and welcome back Benjamin, Aaron, and Michael as they continue their discernment and formation for the priesthood.



Veritas Lecture Series–This Monday!

The Veritas Lecture Series is returning for the 2025-2026 Academic Year at King's University College. The first presentation is *"Not the Right Thing To Do, the Only Thing To Do: How Indigenous Education Will Save the World"* by Dr. Nigaan Sinclair on Monday, **September 22**. This is the President's Lecture and is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. More information is available at this [link](https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series) (<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series>).



Jeremiah Day–October 4

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us. 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, lunch, time for prayer and an indoor sports activity in the afternoon.

You can find both the registration and poster at <https://dolpriest.ca/discernwithothers>.

Social Justice Committee: Gathering on Homelessness

You are warmly invited to an evening on the urgent issue of homelessness in our community.



Monday, September 29 from 7:00-9:00 PM

St. Michael's Parish Hall at 511 Cheapside Street

Guest Speaker: Dr. Abram Oudshoorn (Western University), expert in housing solutions and supportive care, will share personal stories, systemic insights, and local responses, followed by Q&A. (See more details [here.](#))

Donations will support the St. Vincent de Paul London Particular Council Affordable Housing Project. All are welcome. Please invite others to join this important evening of learning and discussion.



Catholic Women's League Updates

Pie Lovers Rejoice!

St. Peter's CWL's Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale features:

8¾" Apple or Pumpkin Pies - \$12 | 4½" Apple Pies - \$8
Pumpkin Loaf - \$10

Order Sept. 14-28; Pick up Sat., Oct. 11, 9 AM-12 PM
at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

To order, contact Marian Strom (519-872-5502 |
mstrom55@gmail.com). Pay by cash, cheque, or e-transfer
(stpeterslondoncwl@gmail.com).

*Proceeds support CWL's charitable work, including food
programs for the needy with St. Paul's.*

St. Peter's CWL New Clothing Sale. Big News! We are
hosting a Clothing Sale at St. Michael's Parish Hall on
Saturday, October 11 from **9 AM to 3 PM**. Shop new ladies'
clothing from a local boutique plus a curated selection of like-
new pieces in excellent condition.

All items available by free-will donation – supporting CWL's
charitable work, including making blankets for the homeless.

COME ONE COME ALL

CWL Christmas Market
St. Michael's Parish Hall

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00am-3:00pm

Featuring UNIQUE GIFTS by Parish Crafters including: handcrafted Wooden
items & Yarn crafts, handsewn items & Clothing; handmade Cards,
Bookmarks & Decorations; homemade Preserves, Baked Goods & Candy;
ready-go-give Gifts and new & repurposed items perfect for
Christmas giving.



We will also be hosting a **DRAW TABLE & SILENT AUCTION**
offering wonderful gifts and prizes for all ages.

Enjoy beverages and light **LUNCH** at our Christmas Café
☕ **CASH ONLY FOR ALL PURCHASES** ☕

Proceeds support St. Vincent de Paul Affordable Housing, Hospitality North
& other CWL charities & initiatives.

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 AM
Sunday Mass and for Diocesan celebrations.

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7 PM & Sundays 10:15 AM. Ages 14
and up.

St. Peter's Children's Choir - sing monthly at the 11 AM
Sunday Mass. Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:15 PM - 6:55 PM. Ages
7 - 13.

Contact: Gloria Gassi– stpetersmusicdirector@gmail.com

More information on our website: lccc.dol.ca/liturgical-min



London Public Square Rosary Rally–October 11

Come pray with us to celebrate the anniversary of
the Miracle at Fatima.

Saturday, October 11 at 11:55 AM

Victoria Park Bandshell, London

Please bring your own chair if you require seating! Freewill
donations accepted. Contact ourladyofrock@gmail.com.

The Kids' Bulletin



Being a Good Steward. We show God
we're His friends when we use money
wisely and share it with others. If
we're faithful in small things, He can
trust us with bigger ones.

The Kids' Bulletin is available in the
narthex or at lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin.

Children's Church (Sunday School) Begins Oct. 5!

We're excited to welcome children ages 3-6 (must
be potty trained) to our newly named **Children's
Church**, which serves as our Sunday School
program, starting **Sunday, October 5** during the 10
AM Mass at St. Michael's Parish. Join us in the **St. Josemaria
Room** for engaging faith-based activities designed especially
for our youngest parishioners.

For inquiries, contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh
Duckworth, at lduckworth@dol.ca.



Mass on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

September 29 is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael, the Archangels. In commemoration, all
are invited to join us on **Monday, September 29** for
a Mass at St. Michael's Parish at 7:00 PM

Help Us Reach You Online this Thanksgiving!

Share or confirm your **email** so you receive Father Daniel's
Thanksgiving message and parish updates. Here are ways:

- Update your info [here](#). • Join our [Mailing List](#)
- Call or email the parish office.

Important: Add basilica@dol.ca to your contact list.

No email? Don't worry! We'll reach you through print!

Parish Financials

Ytd July 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Operating Revenues		
Offertory	\$318,199	\$282,002
Donations	\$49,689	\$83,667
Easter	\$44,724	\$26,141
Thanksgiving	\$3,325	\$9,101
Christmas	\$1,925	\$1,655
Stipends	\$13,289	\$16,034
Ministry Revenue	\$796	\$3,415
Rental Income	\$0	\$76,950
Sales of Religious Articles	\$12,539	\$12,187
Special Collections Received	<u>\$11,182</u>	<u>\$24,383</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$455,667	\$535,536
Operating Expenses		
Parish, Rectory, Office	\$39,620	\$24,859
Land / Grounds Maintenance	\$16,193	\$40,409
Utilities	\$13,574	\$45,360
Insurance	\$0	\$17,486
Property Taxes	\$1,567	\$1,567
Liturgical & Ministry	\$51,806	\$29,093
Compensation & Training	\$229,155	\$253,201
Parish Social Activities	\$837	\$754
Diocesan Assessment	\$49,125	\$45,205
Stipends & Special Collections	<u>\$10,237</u>	<u>\$24,889</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$412,113	\$482,822
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$43,555	\$52,714

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, September 23

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Well Garber
Maria Mendonca
Ed Blackmore
Tony Zou

Wednesday, September 24

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Dora Dannecker
Ruth Cowan
Antonietta & Ernesto Castrilli
Ligia Moniz (Correia)

Thursday, September 25

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Steve Morgan
Theresa Bombardier
Julius Van Den Bossche
Intentions of Lincoln & Anita Charles

Friday, September 26

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar
Nick Castrilli
Deceased Members of the Caranci Families
Living & Deceased Members of St. Peter's CWL

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Leo Dodds; and Mary Quigley. We also pray for those who have died including Tom Kearns, husband of Margaret; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Seminarians of the Diocese of London; Daniela Krizanova, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Daniel Morand; Deacon Brian Hanley; Alaina Thachuk, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Rev. Paul Duplessie, O.F.M. Cap.; Deacon Matt Sutton

Offer a Mass for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests.

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Michael's

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

St. Josephine Bakhita Community

4th Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Confessions at Both Parishes

Saturday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, September 22

5:30 PM—Hospitality North (Hall)
7:00 PM—StM CWL Ukelele (JP II)

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 PM—StM CWL: "Gifts to Go" (St. Anthony)
6:15 PM—StM SSVF (JP II)
7:30 PM—StP K of C Executive Meeting (JP II)

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 PM—Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)
7:00 PM—StM Choir Practice (St. Cecilia)
7:00 PM—PPC Meeting (JP II)
7:00 PM—Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 25

1:00 PM—Young at Heart Cards - Bridge (St. Josemaria)
6:15 PM—StP Children's Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)
6:30 PM—RCIA Info Night (Parish Hall)
6:30 PM—Rosary Guild (St. Josemaria)
7:00 PM—StP Adult Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)
7:30 PM—StM Choir Practice for 10 AM Mass (St. Cecilia)

Friday, September 26

10:00 AM—Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Michael's Chapel)

Saturday, September 27

10:00 AM—Yarning with Love (St. Josemaria)
6:00 PM—Coffee: Feast of St. Michael Archangel (StM Church)

Sunday, September 28

9:00, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM—Coffee Sunday (StM Church)
2:30 PM—St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass (StM Church)
3:30 PM—St. Josephine Bakhita Social (Parish Hall)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 14, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,313.25	\$3,759.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$1,813.70	\$1,906.75
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,560.67	\$3,105.00
TOTAL	\$10,687.62	\$8,770.75

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